AGENDA

Monday, September 28

12.00 – 1.00 pm  Networking Lunch

1.00 – 1.15 pm  Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of the Legislative Advisory Committee

   Speaker:
   Senator Dave Nething, North Dakota

1.15 – 2.30 pm  Getting What You Pay For: A Primer on Aligning Higher Education Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid Policy
   Decisions about higher education appropriations, tuition, and financial aid too often are made by separate entities without consideration of how action related to one might affect the others. This session will focus on strategies for aligning these policies to maximize access, participation, and success for all students.

   Moderator:
   Demarée K. Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

   Speakers:
   Vincent Badolato, policy specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures
   Julie Davis Bell, education program director, National Conference of State Legislatures
   Dennis Jones, president, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems

2.30 – 2.45 pm  Break
2.45 – 4.00 pm What’s Your Return on Investment? The Legislative Role in Higher Education Productivity
With most states facing unprecedented budgetary challenges and a national call to increase degree attainment, state legislatures must grapple with tough issues in new ways and find strategies for improving outcomes in higher education. This session will examine relevant data and explore the legislative role in higher education productivity.

Speaker:
Dennis Jones, president, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems

4.00 – 5.15 pm The State-Federal Partnership: The West’s Response to Federal Action
States and the federal government are engaged in a unique partnership in providing postsecondary education. As key decision makers, state legislators need to be aware of and understand federal policy in order to ensure that their state’s policies are aligned efficiently. This session will highlight recent federal action, including stabilization funds, the stimulus package, and other higher education legislation.

Speakers:
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

6.00 pm DINNER: An Update on Activities in WICHE’s Mental Health Unit
WICHE will provide transportation to the Boulder Chop House located off Pearl Street. Enjoy dinner and hear an update from WICHE’s Mental Health unit.

Speaker:
Mimi McFaul, associate director, mental health program, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Tuesday, September 29

7.00 – 8.00 am Networking Breakfast
Please enjoy the complimentary breakfast at the Residence Inn.

8.00 – 8.45 am What’s Up At WICHE? An Update on WICHE Projects, Activities, and Resources
While the Legislative Advisory Committee primarily focuses on state policy issues affecting the West, WICHE is engaged in many other projects and activities that benefit the region. Learn about these exciting projects, activities, and resources.

Speakers:
Jere Mock, vice president for programs and services, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Margo Schultz, student exchange program coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
8.45 – 9.45 am  It’s Never Too Late to Learn: The Necessity of Serving Adult Students
With President Obama’s call for the nation to return to its position as world leader in degree attainment, states and institutions are under increased pressure to produce more graduates at all levels. This necessitates a hard look at students who historically have not been served very well, adult learners. This session will provide background and focus on some of the policy challenges associated with reaching out to adults and ensuring their success.

Speaker:
Demarée K. Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

9.45 – 10.15 am  Break and Hotel Check-Out

10.15 – 11.45 am  State Financial Aid Programs: Strategies for Student Success
With increased demand for student financial aid, states are in a unique position to rethink how they might develop or adjust their programs. This session will highlight some different state-level models, including blended aid and shared responsibility.

Speakers:
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
James Purcell, director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

11.45 – 1.45 pm  LUNCH: A Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste
This closing session will feature a facilitated discussion about how state legislators can leverage the current fiscal crisis to think strategically and creatively about higher education, its role in the state, and its future.

Facilitator:
David Skaggs, former executive director, Colorado Department of Higher Education and former Congressman, Colorado’s second congressional district

1.45 – 2.00 pm  Closing Remarks

Speaker:
Senator Dave Nething, North Dakota
ALASKA
Representative Paul Seaton [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Bettye Davis [APPOINTED 2009]

ARIZONA
Representative David Schapira [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Bob Burns [APPOINTED 2008]

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COLORADO
Representative Tom Massey [APPOINTED 2008]
Senator John Morse [APPOINTED 2008]

HAWAII
Representative Jerry Chang [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Jill Tokuda [APPOINTED 2009]

IDAHO
Representative Mack Shirley [APPOINTED 2008]
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MONTANA
Representative Wanda Grinde [APPOINTED 2009]
Representative Bob Lake [APPOINTED 2009]

NEVADA
Assembly Member Bonnie Parnell [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Steven Horsford [APPOINTED 2009]

NEW MEXICO
Representative Gail Chasey [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Tim Keller [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Dede Feldman [APPOINTED 2003]

NORTH DAKOTA
Representative Bob Martinson [APPOINTED 2008]
Senator Ray Holmberg [APPOINTED 2008]
Senator Dave Nething [APPOINTED 1999]

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SOUTH DAKOTA
Representative Jim Putnam [APPOINTED 2008]
Senator Jeff Haverly [APPOINTED 2009]

UTAH
Representative Kory Holdaway [APPOINTED 2009]
Senator Peter Knudson [APPOINTED 2006]
Senator John Valentine [APPOINTED 2009]

WASHINGTON
Representative Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney [APPOINTED 2005]
Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles [APPOINTED 2005]
Senator Derek Kilmer [APPOINTED 2009]

WYOMING
Representative Debbie Hammons [APPOINTED 2008]
Senator Kathryn Sessions [APPOINTED 2009]
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