President’s Council

Meeting notice: Wednesday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Activity Center Conference Room

Attendees:
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1. Updates

Washington D.C. Visit and Contacts – Tony Fernández
During a visit to Washington DC last week, President Fernandez met with Idaho’s delegation, Senator Rische, Senator Crapo and Representative Labrador, to discuss federal higher education issues and specific issues related to the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AASCU) public policy agenda.

President Fernandez also attended AASCU State Representatives spring meeting at which the agenda focused on federal legislative and policy topics. AASCU identified the following issues as those most important to the White House: affordability, student debt, and completion.

AASCU has developed and is proposing an alternative to the federal graduation rate, which is limited to reporting the completion of first-time, full-time students at on institution and underreports student achievements. The Student Achievement Measure (SAM) offers a comprehensive and realistic picture of student progress and completion within the higher education system.

PAY IT FORWARD proposals to eliminate public-sector tuition in exchange for a percentage of students’ future incomes have proliferated after Oregon passed legislation to study the concept. AASCU has joined a coalition of interested stakeholders in opposing PAY IT FORWARD funding schemes.
Higher Education Presidents’ Council – Tony Fernández
The Idaho Higher Education Presidents’ Council agenda focused on FY2016 budget guidelines and processes. LCSC will develop a budget request for Complete College Idaho positions, employee compensation, deferred maintenance, and enrollment workload adjustments (or a new formula to replace the existing EWA).

The HEPC also focused on legislative strategies and establishment of uniform policies for guns on campus. The State Board of Education is drafting a policy with explicit guidelines for the institutions to incorporate into their own policies.

Ellucian Report – Tony Fernandez
Ellucian representatives met with the President’s Cabinet and Chief Technology Officer to discuss the findings of the campus survey of how LCSC utilizes Ellucian products. The findings indicate weaknesses in the use of software products that are already owned by the college. It is estimated that Colleague usage is approximately 40% of capacity.

Fall Enrollment – Andrew Hanson
Fall 2014 application numbers look extremely good. We have to remember that applications numbers are going to be inflated due to the fact that we no longer charge an application fee. However, we did have a record number of completed applications (transcripts and test scores) by our March 1 deadline suggesting that more people are at least testing the waters with LCSC to see what kind of financial aid/scholarship package we can provide. We have offered approximately $200K more in-state merit scholarships this year vs. last. Housing applications are also up.

Our goal now is to convert the applications into registrations. Timely advising is going to be key in making the conversion happen as will our ability to provide a competitive financial aid packages.

Factors working against us: Guns on campus legislation, population centers of traditional students outside of our geographic area, and a lack of name recognition.

Factors working for us: We are slowly beginning to realign course schedules and other programs to cater to the non-traditional student, we are developing new programs (e.g., on-line interdisciplinary studies) to appeal to community college students, and we have more recruiters offering one-on-one attention to prospective students.

Strategic Plan Update – President’s Cabinet and Mary Flores
Updates to the strategic plan goals and objectives were discussed. A written update will be distributed to the President’s council and to campus in the near future.

2. Other announcements
Today: LCSC Workforce Training-Student Project Showcase and Manufacturer Mentor Program funded by the Nation Science Foundation grant.

Friday, March 14: Gen Ed meeting in Coeur d’Alene
Friday, March 14: Reception and book signing for Marion Shinn’s 94th birthday at the Center for Arts and History.
Monday, March 17: Reception honoring Sam Atkin, who won the 3000 meters at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field national championship.

March 17-21: Native American Awareness Week.

Women’s History Month is celebrated with many campus events during March.

3. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room.

Adjournment