

LC State President's Council Summary of April 25, 2022 Meeting

PRESIDENT PEMBERTON: Info Items & Updates

- As the semester wraps up and we move into summer, be sure to communicate with your units about end-of-year events; i.e., commencement, research symposium.
- Continue your efforts towards enrollment, conversion and retention—don't let up!
- Stay informed and aware by reading the Monday messages throughout the summer.

Guests:

Soo Lee Bruce-Smith, Director of Admissions and Laura Hughes, Director of Financial Aid

Soo Lee described the application process for a new student and gave a demonstration of what a new student sees in Colleague when he/she has been accepted. She also provided an example of the letter mailed to students that includes their student ID# and directions on how to log in, how to set up their LCmail account, and where to login to the student portal.

There are opportunities to help students financially. Laura outlined the scholarship timelines that students need to follow. Application deadline for financial aid is March 1 of every year. Federal financial aid offers (Pell grants, loans, work study) comes out in February; merit-based scholarships are out mid-March; and Foundation scholarships are out in early April. Notification for the Opportunity Scholarship from the State of Idaho is mid-to-late May. Students who took 10 or more dual credits from an Idaho institution are eligible for a post-secondary scholarship from the State. They must have a matching scholarship from an off-campus donor that is approved by the State Board.

PRESENTATIONS regarding Recruitment, Conversion, and Retention

The remaining two groups gave presentations on the sections of the Student Survey as follows:

- Elm group presented on the campus climate and reasons for choosing LC State: Student respondents indicated that the campus climate of LC State is friendly, respectful, caring, neither racist nor homophobic nor sexist. Quality of education was the main factor in choosing LC State, followed by quality of instructors and cost of attendance. Most respondents indicated that they heard about LC State from friends and word-of-mouth, followed closely by family.
- Tulip group presented on student engagement and life beyond college: Students want to be involved at LC State and in the community. 62% of respondents had been involved or were interested in becoming involved in a student club or organization, and 59% were interested in attending intercollegiate athletic events. While 56% responded that it was important to get involved outside of class, academic workload was the main factor in limiting engagement outside of class. Over 50% of student respondents were interested in community events and activities such as voting in national/local elections, volunteer work, fundraising for charity or contributing to solve a community problem.