

Draft Minutes

Higher Education Coordinating Council

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Legislative Office Building, Room 1A

Hartford, CT

Members Present:

- Deputy Secretary Karen Buffkin, Office of Policy and Management
- Interim President Philip Austin, Board of Regents for Higher Education
- Vice President Elsa Núñez, Board of Regents for Higher Education

Members Participating via Teleconference:

- President Susan Herbst, University of Connecticut
- Chairman Lewis Robinson, Jr., Board of Regents for Higher Education
- Vice President David Levinson, Board of Regents for Higher Education

Members Absent:

- Commissioner Stefan Pryor, State Department of Education
- Chairman Lawrence McHugh, University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Invited Participant

- Dr. Braden Hosch, Director of Policy and Research, Board of Regents for Higher Education

Deputy Secretary Buffkin convened the meeting at 3:05 pm.

The Council reviewed the draft minutes of the September 12, 2012 Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC), and adopted them unanimously.

Dr. Braden Hosch reported on additional metrics suggested by the council at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. He recommended adding three additional indicators:

- With a goal of innovation and economic development in the area of on-line education include:
  - Percent of students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses;
  - Percent of student enrolled in some but not all distance education courses.
- With a goal of affordability and sustainability in the area of financial aid, include:

- Percent of undergraduates receiving federal loan aid.
- With the goal of affordability and sustainability in the area of resources spent on instruction include:
  - Instructional expenditures as a percent of Education and Related spending

Dr. Hosch recommended against adopting indicators related to graduation rates, those related to transfer students from out of state institutions.

Deputy Secretary Buffkin inquired if there was a way to relate transfer students into completions.

Dr. Hosch indicated that it would be captured under student success.

Vice President Núñez indicated that she was pleased with the inclusion of the three recommended indicators, but stated that graduation rates should be included as well, citing that it is a measure widely used when talking about higher education.

Vice President Levinson expressed concern about using graduation rates when discussing community colleges, and advocated for completion rates. He stated that graduation it is a limited measure and inquired if it was worth segmenting the two.

Vice President Núñez agreed with Vice President Levinson, and stated that completion rates are part of the report. She stated that it is important to look at both completions and graduation.

Dr. Hosch suggested that for community colleges, including transfer out rates would be regarded as a measure of student success.

Deputy Secretary Buffkin sought clarification of the proposal.

Dr. Hosch clarified the motion to adopt the three recommended indicators and a 150% graduation rate for all institutions with a transfer out rate for two year institutions.

The motion was, moved, seconded and adopted unanimously by the council.

Deputy Secretary Buffkin reviewed the statutory reporting deadlines. Dr. Hosch stated that institutions would have the opportunity to review the institution level data he assembled for the report, and that he hoped to have a report submitted to the General Assembly's committee of cognizance by mid-January.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

Minutes prepared by Office of Policy and Management staff, Kerry A. Kelley.