

October 5, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Regents
From: William A. Sederburg
SUBJECT: Report on Participation Task Force

Issue

At the July 2009 Regents' meeting, the Board charged the Office of the Commissioner's Outreach and Access unit and USHE Presidents to begin working together to establish meaningful participation goals and strategies to enhance or create new programs and/or partnerships for the populations they serve. In the August 2009 Council of Presidents meeting it was determined that a working team must be identified. Since that date, each President has designated a high-level member of his/her administration as the point of contact with the Commissioner's Office to represent their respective institutions on this working team. This working group will convene for the first time on November 5, 2009 and is comprised of the following members:

- University Of Utah: Vice President Barbara Snyder
- Utah State University: Vice President James Morales
- Weber State University: Provost Michael Vaughan
- Southern Utah University: Vice President Donna Eddleman
- Snow College: Director of Admissions, Greg Dart
- Dixie State College: Vice President Frank Lojko
- College of Eastern Utah: Vice President Brad King
- Utah Valley University: Assistant to the President, Kyle Reyes
- Salt Lake Community College: Vice President Deneece Huftalin
- Office of the Commissioner: Associate Commissioner David Buhler and Assistant Commissioner for Outreach and Access, Melissa Miller Kincart.

Over the next year the team will:

- a. Review, collect and analyze demographic, public opinion, socio-economic and education data.
- b. Gather institutional recruitment goals.

- c. Map existing outreach and access strategies, programs, services and the populations they serve and complete a "gaps in service" analysis.
- d. Develop goals and potential collaborations and support to enhance existing programs/strategies or new efforts to maximize statewide needs and impact should be determined.

The working team's conclusions and recommendations will be reported to the Council of Presidents and the Board of Regents.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no formal action by the Board is required. However, the Board is encouraged to read and take note of the information in this memorandum, and note that further follow-up will be handled by the Commissioner's Office as part of the Board's Participation strategic objective.

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Attachment