Call to Order

The meeting of the Joint Boards of Education Working Group was called to order at 2:00 p.m., October 21, 2002, by Jill Kirk, president of the Oregon State Board of Education.

Roll Call

On roll call the following answered present:

State Board of Education
Jill Kirk, Chair
Judy Stiegler

State Board of Higher Education
Roger Bassett

Introductions

Because there were some participants new to the Working Group, introductions were made around the table.

Joint Boards Meeting Cancelled

A meeting of the Joint Boards was originally scheduled for November 15, 2002. After discussion, it was agreed by the group that, because of a major conflict with the Oregon School Boards Association’s annual conference, the meeting would be cancelled and re-scheduled for spring of 2003. Randy Hamisch indicated that he would review the Governor’s Executive Order regarding required meetings per year. There was a general sense that the requirement would be satisfied by productive Working Group Meetings and a meeting of the Joint Boards to be scheduled in early spring, 2003.
Suggested Agenda Format for Joint Boards Meetings

Mr. Bassett presented a suggested format for Joint Boards Meetings which would also assist in formulating the agendas for the Working Group. The Joint Boards are a decision-making body that should be primarily concerned about policy decisions. His suggestion was that each strategic item would be processed through the following stages (NOTE: Attached is a more detailed outline provided by Mr. Bassett on each element).

- The State of Partnership – this would be a less structured conversation around the key elements of a particular topic and the context for the discussions with an indication of the policy and leadership roles the Boards might play;
- Strategic Issue Moving Toward Joint Decision – staff would present analysis, concepts, and proposals for narrowing the discussion toward a possible policy decision; and
- Strategic Issue Ready for Action – discuss and debate recommendations and, when ready, ask staff to prepare a final report and recommendation for the full Joint Boards to take action.

Two topics were presented as beginning areas of focus: affordability and access. During a discussion on these issues, a question was raised about the budget integration of the agencies. It was generally agreed that the two topics suggested here are more salient for the agendas of the Boards. Access includes K-12, persistence to graduation, seamlessness among the various sectors, and so forth.

Ms. Kirk expressed a desire to map out the work underway in both Boards as a way of keeping an eye toward the broader policy framework within which decisions might be set.

Suggested Agenda Items for Next Working Group Meeting

If the above format were accepted as a means for advancing the agenda of the Working Group, the following suggestions were made for the various categories.

A. The State of Partnerships
   1. Information System Planning (CIM/CAM/PASS)
   2. Transfer Activities (Community college to higher education institutions)
   3. GEAR-UP Grant
   4. Workforce Development – such as nursing. The question was raised if the Boards would want to assume an advocacy position on nursing. The question was raised as to whether any action had been taken by the Boards at the last meeting.
5. Affordability would be the first major topic to be started at the next meeting of the Joint Boards.

B. Strategic Issues Moving Toward Joint Decision
   1. Access
   2. Affordability

C. Strategic Issues Ready for Action
   1. Proposed Postsecondary Options Legislation
   2. 2015 Budgeting System

Agreements on Meeting Times/Dates and Frequency

A data question was raised by Ms. Kirk relating to state assessments of students and PASS proficiencies. Shirley Clark and Christine Tell indicated that they would prepare a response.

Mr. Bassett expressed the desire for monthly meetings of the Joint Boards Working Group. There was general agreement that the next meeting would be December 4, 2002. The agenda would include the major issue of access and postsecondary options and relevant reports.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.