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# Post-Secondary Quality Education Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### January 26, 2009

**Members Present:** Mary Spilde (co-chair), Morgan Anderson, Roger Bassett, Jerry Berger, Ryan Deckert, Frank McNamara, Gretchen Pierce, Richard Schwarz, Tony Van Vliet, Larry Wolf

**Others Present:** Brian Collins, Nancy Heiligman, Bob Kieran, Joe Johnson, Margie Lowe, Ann McLaughlin, and others

Co-chair Mary Spilde opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda. After review of the agenda, Spilde asked for a motion to approve the November 24, 2008, meeting minutes. The request for approval of the minutes was motioned and seconded. The Commission unanimously approved the meeting minutes for November 24, 2008.

Mary Spilde asked each of the subcommittee chairs to present their report to the Commission. Gretchen Pierce gave an update for the Quality Education Goals Subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed their charge with regard to the definition of quality and defining metrics. The subcommittee agreed that quality should be measured by gap improvements, persistence, retention, and production. She stated the subcommittee would need to conduct research to evaluate the best practices of other states when defining quality and the associated metrics. The other area of focus for the subcommittee include meeting the needs of the workforce with regard to hire ability, quality of graduates, and the speed in which graduates are hired. Pierce indicated the subcommittee would be challenged in assessing the definition of the middle 40% and requested assistance from the Commission.

Roger Bassett stated once the model design is complete it will anticipate and invite inquiry regarding gaps in the postsecondary system for the present and future performance necessary to meet the goals for 2025. He commented it would take assistance from the full Commission to prioritize the gaps in the postsecondary system. Bassett stated the demonstration model does not include Oregon data, but it will should help to generate a conversation about system gaps. Larry Wolf asked if private institutions are included in the model. Bassett indicated the private institutions are not included in the model, but a discussion will occur regarding current capacity and how they see it changing. Morgan Anderson asked if the gains and losses for migration are included in the model. Bob Kieran indicated that only production is taken into consideration in the model. The Commission also discussed the variables associated with the design of the model including capacity, understanding the gaps, and costs. Bassett stated the subcommittee would continue to work with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) to develop the model.

Mary Spilde asked the Commission to review the handout outlining the potential Commission work through summer 2010. The Commission discussed how to connect the model with quality and whether the model will include quality measurements.

Frank McNamara asked what the Governor would like from the Commission in the short term. Margie Lowe stated the Governor would like to see a long-range vision that captures the average Oregonian. Larry Wolf asked where the funding stands for the Commission's work. Lowe indicated the Governor has included an investment for the Commission in his budget. Mary Spilde encouraged the Commission members to recruit expertise to assist subcommittee work and broad participation in the process. Lowe stated the student appointments to the Commission were underway.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.