



**Update to the Strategic Initiatives Committee from the
Student Participation and Completion Subcommittee**
August 9, 2007

Chair: Dalton Miller-Jones

- To-date, the Subcommittee on Student Participation and Completion has met 5 times in venues at PSU, in Salem at the State Library, and at U of O.
- The focus of each meeting has generally been twofold: (1) bring in experts on particular student populations in Oregon who face significant barriers to postsecondary education; and (2) to have “break out” meetings of 4 Task Force Teams, made of up of subcommittee members, resource experts and staff, to further delve into issues related to student barriers to participation and completion in 4 areas: Financial/Economic; Preparation & Academics; Campus Climate; and Family Dynamics. The meetings have also spent some time on organizing attendees and speakers for the October 11 Symposium sponsored by the Subcommittee.
- Below is a listing of the expert panel members who have contributed at each meeting to-date. Each meeting has been incredibly rich, sometimes emotional, and always enlightening in terms of what experts and subcommittee members and other participants have shared in terms of the significant barriers facing Oregon students. While there are many overlaps in terms of the barriers that all students face, these expert panelists have pointed out the specific and sometimes unrecognized barriers facing particular populations.
- Once all of the panels and task team meetings are completed, all the notes on barriers, best practices, recommendations, etc. will be compiled and shared during break out sessions at the October 11 symposium. Additional information will be gathered during symposium panels and in the afternoon breakouts and further compiled. This information will aid the Subcommittee Chair in making his suggestions about Committee action related to student participation and completion at the November 2007 meeting of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives.

Subcommittee Panel Meetings

June 13 Meeting:

- Venue: PSU, 1-4pm, Browsing Lounge
- General overview meeting; first meeting of the Subcommittee
- **What the data tell us about participation and completion:**
 - **Susan Weeks, Vice Chancellor, Strategic Programs and Planning, OUS**

- **Cam Preus Braley, Commissioner, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development**

June 28 Meeting:

- Venue: PSU, 1-4pm, Browsing Lounge
- **First Generation Student barriers to postsecondary education** and best practices:
 - **Pete Collier, Assoc. Professor of Sociology, PSU**

July 11 Meeting:

- Venue: Salem, 9-12, Oregon State Library, 250 Winter Street, Room 103
- **Panel on Native American Student barriers to postsecondary education:**
 - **Jackie Grant, Chair, Indian Higher Education Coalition;**
 - **Morey Jimenez, retired educator, Founder, Indian Higher Education Coalition;**
 - **Bob Tom, Vice Chair, Indian Higher Education Coalition**
- Brief presentation on **workforce issues tie-ins to postsecondary participation and completion:**
 - **Lita Colligan, Workforce Policy Coordinator, Office of the Governor**

July 26 Meeting:

- Venue: Portland State University (Native American Center)
- **African-American Student barriers to postsecondary education:**
 - **Senator Avel Gordly;**
 - **Howard Moriah and Midge Purcell, Urban League of Portland;**
 - **Carolyn Leonard, Compliance Director for Portland Public Schools;**
 - **Algie Gatewood, President of Portland Community College, Cascades Campus;**
 - **Mark Jackson, Director of REAP (Reaching and Empowering All People);**
 - **Tony Hopson, President of Self Enhancement, Inc.;**
 - **Keesha Edwards, Northwest Education Lab;**
 - **Joe Nunn, President, African American Chamber of Commerce, Portland;**
 - **Cynthia Harris, Principal, Jefferson High School;**
 - **Dale Bok, Community Leader Volunteer, Jefferson High School.**

August 3 Meeting:

- Venue: University of Oregon (Erb Memorial Center)
- **Latino Student barriers to postsecondary education:**

- **Emilio Hernandez, Assistant Vice Provost, Office of Institutional Equality and Diversity, University of Oregon**
- **Jim Garcia, Multicultural Coordinator/Mentor, Lane Community College;**
- **Carmen Urbina, Student and Family School Coordinator, 4-J School District;**
- **Isabelle Meier, Family and Human Services, Oregon Social Learning Center [and recent UO graduate];**
- **Lyllye Parks, Multicultural Academic Support, UO;**
- **Surendra Subramani, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, UO.**

Planned Upcoming Meetings of the Subcommittee

September 10 Meeting:

- Venue: PSU
- Tentative Agenda:
 - Presentation on rural area issues by Bruce Weber, Rural expert from Oregon State University, and how these tie-in with education access
 - Presentation on impacts on student enrollment and why participation rates are declining by Jaime Contreras, Director of Admissions, Eastern Oregon University; and Agnes Hoffman, Director of Admissions, Portland State University
 - Symposium update
 - Task Force wrap up meeting

September 20 Meeting:

- Venue: Burns, Oregon (place not confirmed); 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Tentative Agenda:
 - Presentation on rural student barriers to postsecondary education by Dave Courtney, Superintendent of the Burns-Hines School District, Dixie Lund, Interim President of Eastern Oregon University, and others
 - Symposium announcement

September 28 Meeting:

- Venue: Pendleton, Oregon
- Agenda:
 - This will not be a regular Subcommittee meeting; Dalton Miller Jones and Yvette Webber Davis will be at the Tribal Government to Government meeting and will make a brief presentation on the Subcommittee's work and get some input.

October 11 Symposium

- Venue: PSU Ballroom, 8-5 with reception to follow (tentative time)
- Agenda: Student Participation and Completion Statewide Symposium (see Symposium Planning document)

October 22 or 26 Meeting (date not confirmed)

- Venue: TBD
- Agenda:
 - Review of suggested directions to present to Strategic Initiatives Committee
 - Post-symposium review, comments
 - Reports from Task Forces

November 5 Meeting (date not confirmed)

- Venue: TBD
- Agenda:
 - Finalize suggested directions to present to Strategic Initiatives Committee to present on November 8
 - Symposium follow up actions

November 26 or 27 Meeting (date not confirmed)

- Venue: TBD
- Agenda:
 - Discussion of Strategic Initiatives Committee reactions to Subcommittee suggested actions
 - Prioritization of work

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