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Planning Commission for Higher Education

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

3:00 p.m. Room 1E

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Roberta Willis.

The following members were present:

Vargos Hadjimichael, Theresa Madonna, Gregory Anderson, Lois Schneider, John Bennett, Judith Resnick, John Shemo, Jason Jakubowski, Judith Goldfarb, Braden Hosch, Lindy Lee Gold, Sharon Palmer, Judith Greiman, Roberta, Willis, Beth Bye, Toni Boucher, and Cathy Smith.

Members introduced themselves.

John Shemo agreed to be temporary chair until a permanent chair is elected by June 30th. John stated that meetings will start promptly at 3:00 p.m., adjourning promptly at 4:30 p.m., and laid out the ground work for the members.

John Harnick from the Office of Legislative Management discussed the RFP process, what OLM can do and cautioned members against contacting anyone to help in advance, thereby disqualifying them.

Beth Bye suggested reaching out to other states and ask about their process.

Roberta Willis shared that in the future the Office of Legislative Research will have 2 staff members available for the Commission members. Requests are to go through Senator Bye and Representative Willis.

Toni Boucher provided information on Lumunia.

John Shemo discussed the goal of the Commission.

Roberta Willis requested that if there are any requests to adjust the statute that they be made now, so changes can be made in the current legislative session.

Beth Bye suggested that Commissioners Smith and Palmer could provide their viewpoint of what is next as ground work for this Commission.

John Shemo went over the difference between institutional strategic plans and state strategic plans.

Judy Greiman shared her views on a state strategic plan. She brought up that in years past when the State needed nurses there was a contract with private colleges.

Toni Boucher discussed the connection between a state strategic plan and the needs of private employers.

Cathy Smith responded that DOL looks at those issues.

Roberta Willis brought up that much of the current bill came from strategic plans already in place in other states.

Vagos Hadjimichael discussed the importance of hearing from the different departments.

Beth Bye discussed "leakage."

Cathy Smith discussed the disconnect between programs asked for and the needs of the market place.

Toni Boucher discussed demographic projections.

John Schemo brought up having speakers, asking Sharon Palmer and Cathy Smith for presentations from their departments.

Orlando Rodrigues speak on demographics, or someone from
Bring in someone from another state who has gone through this process to speak
Expert from Northeastern on demographics

Roberta Willis brought up that some states had great strategic plans, but were not able to implement them.

John Harnick discussed the RFP time frame, minimum 10 week process after publication.

Vagos Hadjimichael asked that the person who is invited from another state, be from a state that has implemented their strategic plan.

Jason Jakubowski suggested that each person take a plan from another state, read it and report back to the group.

John Bennett asked about costs to bring someone in from another state.

Judy Goldfarb brought up that there is no Latino representation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.