

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, McDonald, Pence, Kloc, Rubel
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Marilyn Whitney, SBOE; Jessica Harrison, ISBA; Dr. Joe Dunlap, President, North Idaho College; Dr. Jeff Fox, President, College of Southern Idaho; Dr. Bert Glandon, President, College of Western Idaho

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Dr. Joe Dunlap, President, North Idaho College, introduced the board of trustees that were locally elected. Mr. Dunlap explained the five missions of a community college; career and technical education, transfer education, ABE/GED, workforce education, and community education. North Idaho College serves five northern counties in Idaho; Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone.

The annual head count in 2013 was 17,972. Enrollment dropped 11%, but distance learning has increased. With this 11% decline they had to reduce their budget. This included holding open positions, professional development, and travel. Workforce training has remained flat due to their facilities being outdated. **Mr. Dunlap** reviewed their accountability for the fiscal year 2014. He then went over student debt information and informed the committee that student debt has decreased by 57% from 2012 to 2013. This was partly due to offering unsubsidized loans unless the student asked for them. Students that do request subsidies are required to go through counseling where they can best learn how to manage their money.

Mr. Dunlap went over alternative funding source successes and showed that new grants funded fiscal year 2013 were \$3,034,498 and new grants funded to date January 1, 2014 are \$821,036. These funding highlights are from U.S. Department of Labor, Albertson's Foundation- Best Practices, Idaho Department of Labor, Workforce Development Training Fund, and Albertson's Foundation PTECH. Programmatic structure changes are medical assistant, physical therapist assistant collaboration, integrated business entrepreneurship, aerospace, and wood products manufacturing center of excellence.

There are three major priorities to the North Idaho College. First college and career readiness/workforce preparation, second dual credit, and third Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA). The dual credit opportunities help a student shorten the completion time for obtaining a degree. The VFA will provide actionable data that will contribute to opportunities for students. **Mr. Dunlap** also explained that students can come and take a compass test, and with the results from that test the school can determine a plan of course based off of what that student needs. With excellerated remediation they can shorten their course work and make school more meaningful, and this makes students more likely to succeed. Mr. Dunlap explained that the college needs to address enrollment strategies, dual learning, and distance learning to help bring enrollment back up.

Dr. Jeff Fox, President, College of Southern Idaho introduced the board of trustees. Mr. Fox then presented the core themes of CSI which are transfer education, basic-skills education, professional-technical education, and community connections. Headcount growth is 47% since 2000, and full time growth is 53% since 2000. In 2013 CSI Foundation scholarships awarded were \$1,295,779. Mr. Fox said most counties have at least one local high school partnering with CSI to provide dual credit classes. Mr. Fox explained the remediation and some of the processes that **Mr. Dunlap** mentioned previously, are all things the College of Southern Idaho are practicing.

Instructional delivery changes show that online classes are more convenient for students to take. **Mr. Fox** stated that food producers in Idaho have said we need increased training in our workers. CSI offers and designs courses to meet that need. Credits have remained at \$110 per credit, even though the cost of living has gone up. CSI continues its accreditation oversight role with the College of Western Idaho (CWI). CSI business and industry training include industrial maintenance and Millwright training, dairy work training, truck driver training, and customized training. CSI also believes that emphasizing on preventative medicine can in the long run cut down on long term health care costs.

The Applied Technology and Innovation Center is expected to be complete in Spring 2014. This will offer programs such as wind energy, manufacturing technology, HVAC technology, environmental technology, drafting, food processing technology lab, and a general education classroom. **Mr. Fox** explained to the Committee what the fiscal year 2015 Legislative Funding Requests were; occupancy cost for ATIC, Voluntary framework for accountability, Idaho Falls Outreach Center, graduation rate improvement, and CSI STEM Initiative.

Dr. Bert Glandon, President of College of Western Idaho, said enrollment has been increased by over 250% since fall 2009. The average student age is 27 with 57% of the population being female. There are seven CWI locations in the Treasure Valley. Mr. Glandon explained that they would like to be able to offer all courses at each location so students will not have to drive back and forth to different campuses to complete their degree.

The fiscal year 2015 requests are for occupancy costs for the Micron Center, voluntary framework of accountability, nursing staff- shift to state funding, virtual one-stop student services, and expansion of dual credit. Dual credit helps Idaho high school students minimize the cost of post-secondary school. **Mr. Glandon** stated that offering dual credit was saving the State and the individual so much money because there would be less years in higher education. CWI is making sure students are able to transfer credits and move on to a four year degree.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to approve the Harris Subcommittee minutes from January 13, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

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Secretary