



Governor's Higher Education Task Force Meeting Notes June 9, 2017

Presentations: All presentations will be available on the Governor's Task Force link at the State Board's web site.

Debbie Critchfield and Park Price, Co-Chairs for the K-20 Pipeline Work Group.

Emma Atchley and Mike Mooney, Co-Chairs for the Access and Affordability Work Group.

Andrew Scoggin and Wendy Jaquet, Co-Chairs for the Funding Formula Work Group.

Don Soltman and Ray Stark, Co-Chairs for the Outcomes Supporting Work Force Work Group.

Linda Clark and Bob Lokken, Co-Chairs for the Communication and Execution Committee.

Dr. Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner, Indiana Commission for Higher Education "Indiana's Holistic Approach to Achieving their 'Big Goal'".

Committee Presentations & Discussion:

A meeting of the Governor's Higher Education Task Force was held Friday, June 9, 2017 in the Skyline Room of the Stueckle Sky Center on the campus of Boise State University. The meeting began promptly at 9:00 am MDT with an update from the co-chairs of each of the task force's five subcommittees.

Dr. Linda Clark expressed her pleasure with the information presented by the sub-committees, stating the work of committee members to date has been on point and on track. Bob Lokken shared with the group his vision for the August 5, 2017 full task force meeting. He stated this meeting would be a “dress rehearsal” for what the task force will be presenting to the Governor in September and that sub-committees should have a preliminary draft of their recommendations prepared for the full task force to review and provide feedback on. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for the full task force to discuss and prioritize their goals as a group. The discussion continued with the need to focus on big changes as well as smaller changes and the importance of long term planning. Mr. Lokken requested work group co-chairs schedule a weekly conference call to discuss progress and any overlap among the committees.

Closing Thoughts and Feedback:

The final discussion for the day centered on defining the focus and sense of urgency for the task force. Members suggested encouraging the Governor to release the recommendations of the task force early on to allow legislators to begin discussing the recommendations with their colleagues prior to the start of the 2018 Legislative session. The consensus was a dual-focus on changes for immediate implementation and planning for the long term.