



Non-traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners Nevada's WICHE-facilitated Meeting

University of Nevada-Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union
Reno, Nevada
Tuesday, June 2, 2009

AGENDA

7.30 am

CSU Ballroom A

Continental Breakfast

8.00 – 8.15 am

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Welcome

David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

8.15 – 8.30 am

CSU Ballroom A

Project Update

This opening session will provide participants with a project update and describe the structure of the meeting.

Speaker:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

8.30 – 9.15 am

CSU Ballroom A

Economic Challenges and Opportunities: What the Current Fiscal Environment Means for Ready Adults

With the current economic crisis and the recent government stimulus efforts, the policy environment for adult learners has shifted considerably since the inception of the project. A facilitated discussion will focus on the new realities, along with opportunities to advance the cause of adult learners, and specifically, ready adults.

Speaker:

David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

9.15 – 10.15 am

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Taking the Effort One Step Further: Finding the Hard-to-find Ready Adults

Communications and marketing to ready adults about available opportunities are critical aspects of the Non-traditional No More project. This includes not only targeting those adults who have left Nevada's institutions, but also those who have moved into the state after attending other colleges and universities. Led by the project's data and communications consultants, this session will examine current ideas for statewide or regional marketing efforts with a focus on strategies to expand the known universe of ready adults.

Moderator:

David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Speakers:

Alice Anne Bailey, project coordinator, Southern Regional Education Board Go Alliance

James Purcell, director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

10.15 – 10.30 am

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Break

10.30 – 11.30 am

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Nevada's Non-traditional No More Efforts: What Have We Learned?

Having developed out of the original five working groups, the Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko working groups will briefly present updates on the efforts that have been launched to benefit ready adults in their regions. These presentations will focus on initial challenges, higher-level barriers, and plans for sustainability and expansion.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Speakers:

Fred Lokken, associate dean, Truckee Meadows Community College WebCollege and Academic Support Center

Ann McDonough, dean, academic success center, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Pat Collins, non-traditional no more coordinator and director, Admissions Advising and Career Center, Great Basin College

11.30 am – 12.15 pm

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Prior Knowledge: Valuing Prior Learning while Maintaining Academic Integrity

Assessing prior learning remains a challenge for many states and institutions targeting ready adults. The American Council on Education has established rigorous processes for certifying different training programs as being equivalent to college courses in an effort to promote success in postsecondary education. This session will provide possible strategies to account for prior knowledge without sacrificing educational quality in order to help adult learners return to college. Specific attention will be paid to returning military veterans.

Moderator:

Russell Poulin, associate director, WCET

Speaker:

Cynthia Bruce, director, military evaluations, American Council on Education

12.15 – 1.15 pm

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Lunch Presentation: Overcoming the Math Barrier

Truckee Meadows Community College has developed an independent study version of Math 120, which is a core graduation requirement. This course, which is designed to help ready adults overcome the math barrier, will be launched in August 2009. The course developer will provide an overview.

Speaker:

Theodore Lambert, mathematics instructor, Truckee Meadows Community College

1.15 – 2.15 pm

CSU Room 320

Concurrent Working Group: Reno Region

Facilitators:

Alice Anne Bailey, project coordinator, Southern Regional Education Board Go Alliance

James Purcell, director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

1.15 – 2.15 pm

CSU Room 323

Concurrent Working Group: Las Vegas Region

Facilitators:

David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

1.15 – 2.15 pm

CSU Room 324

Concurrent Working Group: Elko region

Facilitators:

Demarée K. Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Russell Poulin, associate director, WCET

2.15 – 2.30 pm

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Break**2.30 – 3.15 pm**

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From Planning to Policy and Practice

As the NTNM project heads toward its final months, discussions about how to ensure that the lessons learned from the initiative are translated into improved state and institutional policies and practices are central to the success of the project. This closing session will explore ways to move toward sustainable policy and practice changes.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

3.15 – 3.30 pm

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Closing Remarks

David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education