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The Planning Commission for Higher Education

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Judith K. Resnick, Chairperson

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 18, 2015

3:00 P.M. in Room 1E of the LOB

The meeting was called to order by Judy Resnick at 3:06 p.m.

The following commission members/designees/guests were present: Vagos Hadjimichael, Booker DeVaughn, David Walsh, Judy Resnick, Lindy Lee Gold, Estela Lopez, Walter Harrison, Jen Widness, Roberta Willis, Danté Bartolomeo, Kerry Kelley and Sarah Barzee.

Members introduced themselves.

Judy Resnick discussed setting future goals for higher education.

Judy Resnick laid out a timeline for the accountability report. A draft of the accountability report will be provided by Dennis Jones and Aims McGuinness of the National Center for Higher Education Management System (NCHEMS) by the next meeting, planned for March. The first official report will be released in May.

Aims McGuinness and Dennis Jones led a discussion on the suggested metrics for gauging higher education success.

One such metric suggested by Dennis Jones were scores Connecticut would obtain from using the program for international assessment of adult competencies. This assessment would show how Connecticut compares to other states in the United States, as well as internationally.

There was a discussion on whether the metrics suggested at this and the previous meeting were reasonable for each institution.

There was a conversation on how the outcomes based funding metrics would affect the institutions.

There was a discussion on entrepreneurship in the state.

Judy Resnick provided a progress report on the subcommittee on student financial aid.

Judy Resnick proposed some next steps for the Planning Commission before the next meeting in March. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.