



Nov. 10, 2014

Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee to discuss influencing student debt

Nov. 10, 2014 – Austin, Texas – On Nov. 13 the Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee will discuss how to influence students' debt level as committee members continue deliberating the state's next long-term higher education plan. The meeting is scheduled at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board office, 1200 E. Anderson Lane in Austin, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and will be broadcast via www.thecb.state.tx.us.

The committee will hear from two keynote speakers. Dr. Wynn Rosser, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Texas Foundation, will present on "Dual Credit/Early College High Schools." Dr. Lawrence Abele, provost emeritus of Florida State University and director of the Institute for Academic Leadership, will discuss "Guided Pathways to Completion."

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strategies for the next long-range strategic plan for Texas higher education. Specifically, the Committee will discuss measurable targets and potential strategies for achieving each of the following proposed goals:

Educational Attainment

- By 2030, at least 60 percent of Texans aged 25-34 will have a postsecondary credential or degree.

Completion

- By 2030, at least 550,000 students in that year will complete a certificate or an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree from a Texas public, independent, or for-profit college or university.

Marketable Skills

- By 2030, all graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills.

Student Debt

- By 2030, undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wage for graduates of Texas public institutions.

1:45 p.m. Today's consensus among committee members

2 p.m. Adjournment

As the state's Closing the Gaps by 2015 strategic plan draws to a close, the Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee holds monthly meetings to deliberate the state's next long-term higher education plan that will inspire and advance student success and help to position Texas as a leader in an increasingly complex world economy.

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's mission is to work with the legislature, governor, governing boards, higher education institutions, and other entities to help Texas meet the goals of the state's higher education plan, Closing the Gaps by 2015, and thereby provide the people of Texas the widest access to higher education of the highest quality in the most efficient manner.

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