

Graduation and Retention Strategies
Subcommittee Meeting
October 20, 2009 at 10:00 pm

Attending:

1. Dr. Jim Borsig, IHL
2. Mr. Johnny Franklin, Governor's Office
3. Dr. Tyrone Jackson, MS Gulf Coast Community College, representing Dr. Willis Lott
4. Dr. Susan Lee, IHL/Recorder
5. Dr. Reginald Sykes, IHL

Determine goal for increasing graduation rate.

We need to determine if we need to set a goal to increase by 20% the number we are graduating in all two and four year institutions.

Determine if we want to focus on a four year over a six year rate?

The school of thought around the country is to move students through more quickly with the same amount of money. It is more efficient to move through the system quicker, the same state resources to support the students. Grasp a better understanding of student flow (high school graduates, transfers, adult learners, etc.) to both CJC and IHL institutions.

Determine a common sense approach to improving our retention rates and stake out what the goal will be for all degrees by the year 2020.

Dennis Jones will give an update at the October 28th meeting. NCHEMS has completed the IHL interviews and will complete the CJC interviews on October 27th with the fifteen community college presidents. We should have a draft by the middle of November.

Determine Graduation and Retention Strategies in partnership with Lumina MOA proposal.

Take the Graduation Rate Task Force and turn into the PPPC in order to create the councils' purpose as the place where plans, annual progress, etc, are reported. We can formulize this for the recommendations.