

Student Services and Student Engagement Subcommittee
Conference Call
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The issues with Student Services and Student Engagement center on:

1. Better focus on student health issues
2. Retention will tell us that the top three or four institutions achieving success in retention and show us things that are working on their campuses.
3. We can share best practices with other campuses

There is a decline in health care in this age population, and student populations reflect the mental health of the population in general. Campuses have intervention teams who suggest that communication challenges exist between services. We have a lot of young people with mental health problems. We need to see what screening and counseling is being done on our campuses. Campuses have trained intervention teams to start identifying problems. Campuses don't do or have enough of this activity going on, but the committee needs to know what they are doing.

The committee agrees on the need to deal with this as much as possible without legislation and adjust that through policy first, not legislation. Students who have previously had mental health services don't know how to continue to access mental health services once they leave home. The subcommittee should hear how campuses are doing this.

One other element – students who are more involved in campus activities are more likely to graduate. Schools doing a good job in this area can talk to the subcommittee.

Additional questions for consideration:

1. Are four year campuses made aware of conditions CJC students may have been treated for prior to their coming to the campus?
2. Are conditions, such as predisposed to depression or others, shared as part of student records ?
3. If you require certain medical histories like vaccinations and other physical components, would it not make sense to require mental health history as part of a form to be filled out by students? How would the information be used? How is the physical medical history information used?
4. Are students kept informed as to the services available?
5. What are other states doing?