



P-16 COUNCILS CHAIRS MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel North, DeZavala Room
Austin, TX

- 4:00 p.m.-4:10 p.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
Dr. Judy Loredo, Assistant Commissioner of P-16 Initiatives
Chris Alvarado, Program Director
Priscilla Martinez, Program Director
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
- 4:10 p.m. -4:20 p.m.** **Purpose**
To establish an effective P-16 Council Communication Structure
- 4:20 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** **Establishing a Regional P-16 Councils Network**
Dr. Ana Maria Rodriguez, Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies,
Academic Assessment and Retention, The University of Texas-Pan American
- 4:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.** **Discuss questions and brainstorm**
Breakout groups
- 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.** **Group Reporting**
- 5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.** **Consensus of a P-16 Council Communication Structure**
- 5:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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- Yes to establishing P-16 Council standards if providing resources. Do not bog down with paperwork and no set standards.
- It will be useful to recognize bottom up process. Minimal standards, such as name, mission, board information to guide work like success factors as criteria will be good.
- To facilitate process have online application for councils to complete.
- Map of councils needed.
- Who should issue recognition of councils is a problem because of the different groups. Suggest less emphasis on criteria.
- No recognition or certified councils is an issue. Councils should have structure (goals, objectives, and bylaws).
- Best practices of councils needed. P-16 Councils need to be institutionalized.
- Consensus reached on big councils and little ones flourishing. Set framework for network to have control.
- In order to obtain external funding, councils need to have structure (bylaws, objectives, mission) to obtain support.
- For organization, it was suggested to align with 20 educational service centers or 10 higher ed regions-umbrella.
- Commissioner Scott and service centers involvement needed.
- The organizational structures of councils vary. For example, Odessa is not organized under ESC but by community colleges and universities reaching out to school districts.
- One council chair was not sure what her job was and is confused with the roles of the CRS Special Advisor role and the P-16 Council Chair. Many P-16 Council chairs are also their IHE's CRS Special Advisor.
- There needs to be a focus on the PreK from the educational service centers and not from THECB.
- People question the use of the term "P-16" in the field.
- Non-profit status works for some councils better.
- There are local needs to meet; therefore, we should start locally, produce guidelines, and share best practices.
- There is a need to have the ISDs at the table for some regional councils.
- It is recommended to take the businesses to the ISDs, so they can start listening.
- It is also recommended to work with all the colleges in the area.
- With the ESC in the picture plus ISDs and community colleges and universities, there will be money for sustainability.
- Councils developed from roots. Structure cannot be imposed across.
- THECB communication with P-16 Council Chairs for input on multiple levels adds value. Good dialogue produced in meeting, and it is helpful to know other partners. Need systemic action and would like actionable items.
- P-16 Councils to work effectively need strong leaders.
- Do not agree with funding per population. There are councils that have a small population but cover a large area. This would widen the educational gap.
- There needs to be a way to address both, large population and large service area.
- It is recommended that THECB include a section for councils to address their needs in future RFPs.

- Councils need motivation.
- Support from businesses is critical.
- Need long-term commitments for grant cycles.
- THECB needs to give structure and consistency to develop the credibility needed.
- Leadership, structure, and consistency needed.
- Membership dues recommended to fund councils' expenses (travel).