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MINUTES LOG

May 04, 2020
1:03 PM
Room 102

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Members Present:

Rep. Sue Vinton, Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Joe Billion, Public Member
Taylor Blossom, Public Member
Dr. Sandra Boham, Public Member
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Madalyn Quinlan, Public Member
Paul Tuss, Public Member

Members Excused:

Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Commissioner Casey Lozar
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Commissioner John Mercer
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Staff Present:

Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey, Attorney
Veronica Sullivan, Secretary

Agenda: (Attachment 1)

AGENDA OVERVIEW

13:06:18 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division, Research Analyst (**Exhibit 1**)

INCENTIVIZING CTE AT MUS 2-YEAR CAMPUSES -POSSIBILITIES/CONSIDERATIONS

13:15:35 Mr. McCracken (**Exhibit 2**) (**Exhibit 3**) (**Exhibit 4**)

Committee Discussion/Questions

- 13:27:39 Commissioner Quinlan asked Mr. McCracken about autonomy in terms of the governance structure. (see Exhibit 4)
- 13:29:28 Sen. MacDonald asked Mr. McCracken if they are seeing movement with the Pell Grants.
- 13:33:36 Deputy Commissioner Tyler Trevor, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE).
- 13:37:15 Commissioner Tuss asked about the changes and improvements made.
- 13:38:26 Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Student, and Research Affairs, OCHE.
- 13:41:55 Mr. Trevor continued with his explanation on incentives.
- 13:48:26 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Trevor about the stimulus money coming in Montana for education.
- 13:49:30 Sen. MacDonald discussed the stimulus education money and the task force.
- 13:50:57 Commissioner Quinlan asked Mr. Trevor and Mr. Tessman about work-based learning requirements and if it affects the funding.

OCHE AND 2-YEAR CAMPUS PERSPECTIVES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

- 13:54:47 Mr. Tessman introduced the panel of Deans and discussed highlights of the campus's remote education during this time.
- 14:00:07 Tom Gallagher, Dean of Missoula College UM.
- 14:18:13 Mr. Tessman discussed reopening guidelines of campuses in the Fall.
- 14:19:59 Stephanie Gray, Dean of Gallatin College, MSU.
- 14:26:16 Susan Wolff, Dean of Great Falls College MSU.

Committee Discussion/Questions

- 14:40:51 Commissioner Quinlan asked Ms. Wolff about the quality of the programs during this time.
- 14:44:59 Sen. MacDonald asked the panel about institutional barriers for Pell Grants and funding.
- 14:47:10 Mr. Gallagher discussed funding and wages.
- 14:48:44 Sen. Brown discussed online and remote learning for higher education.
- 14:49:53 Mr. Tessman discussed finances for higher education programs and institutions.
- 14:52:43 Sen. Brown discussed block learning and time frames.
- 14:53:30 Commissioner Tuss discussed listening to the needs of industry.
- 14:53:53 Panel Discussion on getting help and answers of Labor and Industry.
- 14:58:43 Rep. Fuller asked Mr. Tessman about post Covid-19 economy.
- 15:02:53 Rep. Vinton asked Rep. Jones about career and technical education courses.
- 15:06:42 Sen. MacDonald asked Rep. Jones about financing training for displaced workers.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF WORK PLAN AND POSSIBLE FINDINGS

ANDRECOMMENDATIONS; DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 15:10:36 Mr. McCracken (**Exhibit 5**)
- 15:14:28 Rep. Jones discussed getting the Montana Chamber of Commerce to speak about work force forum.
- 15:16:41 Commissioner Quinlan asked about 2-year colleges and how they adapted to the online learning.
- 15:18:31 Sen. MacDonald discussed strengthening dual enrollment.
- 15:19:27 Commissioner Tuss discussed getting input from the congressional delegation.
- 15:20:39 Sen. Brown discussed having university system YouTube channels.
- 15:21:29 Commissioner Boham discussed CTE and online simulation learning.
- 15:25:50 Rep. Vinton discussed funding formulas for 2-year colleges.

ADJOURN:

- 15:29:24 With no further business before the committee, Representative Vinton adjourned the meeting at 3:29 pm.