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Planning Commission for Higher Education

Revised Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013

3:00 p.m. Room 1E

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by John Shemo.

The following Commission members/designees were present:

Vargos Hadjimichael, Theresa Madonna, Mary Ann Handley, Jason Jakubowski, Lois Schneider, John Bennett, Judith Resnick, John Shemo, Judith Goldfarb, Braden Hosch, Catherine Smith, Lindy Lee Gold, Sharon Palmer, Judith Greiman, and Roberta Willis.

John Shemo welcomed everyone and welcomed Chris Bruhl to the table, and stated that he looked forward to Chris' appointment to the commission, hopefully in the near future.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Patrick Flaherty gave a presentation on behalf of the Department of Labor.

Commissioner Catherine Smith of the Department of Economic and Community Development inquired about the method used for doing projections.

Patrick Flaherty replied that CT DOL uses the same method as other states so they are comparable. He also used DOL data from quarterly reports from employers and indicated that DOL has staffing patterns for every industry.

Lindy Lee Gold, Commissioner Smith's designee, discussed comparing skilled workforce with other states.

Judy Resnick discussed 10 years out and that many companies do not understand that concept. She asked if DOL had ever compared their predictions.

Patrick Flaherty replied, yes they compare, no they are not accurate. When DOL does 10 year projections it's based on full employment.

Vagos Hadjimichael asked about manufacturing coming back to CT.

Patrick Flaherty said that DOL can say that the manufacturing hemorrhage has stopped. There was a slight increase in durable goods manufacturing in CT, and a slight decrease in non-durable goods manufacturing in CT.

Commissioner Smith gave a presentation on behalf of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Vagos Hadjimichael asked about Nano technology.

John Shemo thanked both Commissioners for the presentations from their respective agency.

John Shemo announced that Judy Greiman will address the group at the next meeting discussing strategies from other states.

John Shemo discussed the time line, draft RFP, procurement information check list, draft matrix for a proposed strategic plan for higher education and workforce development, and scoring for bids.

Braden Hosch discussed the draft RFP.

John Harnick from the Office of Legislative Management discussed the draft RFP.

John Bennett discussed branding and how we bring our information into the report.

Chris Bruhl brought up the needs of older workers – current workers over the age of 50 can anticipate working another 15-17 years, and that more is needed regarding tuition costs and student debt.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.