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Task Force Concerning Outcomes-Based Financing

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 22, 2016

11:00 A.M. in Room 1E of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Roberta Willis.

The following were present: William Lugo, Barbara Richards, Lorraine Li, Lisa Sanchez, Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Nick Yoia, Susan Weisselberg, Sally Reis, Rich Schwab, Carl Lovitt, Ed Klonoski, Jennifer Widness, Judy Resnick, Roberta Willis, Erika Steiner, Mark Ojakian, Gregg Haddad, Kerry Kelley and Bill Gammell.

Introductions were made.

Aims McGuinness, Senior Associate, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) began by discussing and restating the goals of the task force. He then delivered a presentation on selecting criteria on which outcomes based funding will be awarded.

There was a conversation about outcomes based funding in system specific and institution specific contexts.

There was a discussion on considering outcomes based funding an investment.

There was a discussion about financing strategies that support statewide higher education goals.

There was a discussion on financing for low income students.

There was a conversation on the future actions surrounding financing strategies.

Challenges facing the institutions were discussed, including budgeting concerns, financial aid, and reserve funds.

The group discussed the best ways for institutions to set financial priorities.

There was a conversation on the short and long term actions for consideration.

Sally Reis offered to share the University of Connecticut's plan as an example.

Mark Ojakian agreed that this would be helpful, both for other institutions and for setting goals for the group at large.

The group discussed actions to be taken for before the next meeting of the task force, proposed to take place in March.

Needed for the next meeting was clarity of the goals for the various institutions and in what exactly defines a low income student.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.