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Task Force Concerning Outcomes-Based Financing

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 15, 2016

11:00 AM in Room 1E of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 AM by Roberta Willis.

The following were present: Katherine Marsland, William Lugo, Barbara Richards, Lorraine Li, Lisa Sánchez, Kimberly James, Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Dominic Yoia, Estela Lopez, Susan Weisselberg, Sally Reis, Rich Schwab, Anna Wasescha, Jennifer Widness, Judith Resnick, Roberta Willis, Ericka Steiner, Mark Ojakian, and Kerry Kelley.

Introductions were made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, January 22, 2016. The motion passed by voice vote.

Aimes McGuinness, Senior Associate, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) began the discussion by introducing the "Way Forward for Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force" document. This document covered the assumptions and principles held by the Task Force and the current Connecticut realities, which it then uses to make short- and long-term plans for the Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force.

There was a discussion around the assumptions stated in the "Way Forward" document, focusing especially on building a culture of trust between institutions around improving outcomes and an agreement on the metrics used to measure the outcomes.

The group discussed the importance of work relating to outcomes that better serve underserved student populations.

There was a conversation on the need for private institutions to be included in the outcomes-based financing work.

There was a discussion about looking at the data as a group rather than in isolation and the importance of retention of students in Connecticut rather than just retention of students at individual schools. The group agreed that all of the institutions share the responsibility of student success in Connecticut.

Roberta Willis suggested that, instead of thinking of it as outcomes-based financing, it should be thought of as priorities-based funding, with the priorities leading to funding being the success of students.

Estela Lopez reminded the group that different students need different levels of support.

Jennifer Widness urged that the group be inclusive with regards to students, the CSCU system, and the independent institutions.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the "Way Forward for Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force" document. The motion passed by voice vote.

Estela Lopez suggested that they change the goal of increasing the number of degrees and certificates awarded to increasing completion of degrees and certificates, and the group agreed.

There was a discussion of next steps. The group discussed potential dates for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.