



Presidents' Forum

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Aligning State Approval and Regional Accreditation for Online Postsecondary Institutions: A National Strategy

October 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Hall of Flags
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC*

Continental Breakfast

Welcome & Introductions

- **Paul Shiffman**, Presidents' Forum

Keynote Address (followed by questions and discussion)

- **James L. Applegate**, Senior Vice President for Program Development, Lumina Foundation for Education

Maintaining Our Nation's Competitive Advantage: The Lumina Foundation's Goals for Education

Review of Presidents' Forum Task Force Position Paper and Goals for Meeting

- **James W. Hall**, Presidents' Forum

Panel Discussion (followed by questions and discussion)

State Reciprocity: The Regulation, Recognition, and Credibility Conundrum

- **Steven Crow (Moderator)**, Past President, The Higher Learning Commission
- **Alan Contreras**, Administrator, Office of Degree Authorization, Oregon Student Assistance Commission
- **Judith S. Eaton**, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation
- **Jeannie Yockey-Fine**, Licensure Manager, Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education

Break

Response and Comment: The National Institution Perspective

- **Roger Sublett (Moderator)**, President, Union Institute and University
- **Michael Goldstein**, Esq., Principal, Dow Lohnes, PLLC
- **Bernard Luskin**, CEO and Senior Provost, Touro University Worldwide
- **Robert Mendenhall**, President, Western Governors University

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM CONT.

Luncheon/Luncheon Address (followed by questions and discussion) 12:15 p.m.

- **Jane Oates**, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

Enhancing Access to Learning for Working Adult Students: Maintaining the Nation's 21st Century Workforce

Panel Presentation (followed by questions and discussion)

Visioning a Regulatory System for the Future: Presidents' Forum Strategies and Actions to Promote Models for Reform

- **James W. Hall (Moderator)**, Chancellor Emeritus, Antioch University and President Emeritus, SUNY Empire State College
- **Darcy Hardy**, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Executive Director, University of Texas Tele-Campus
- **Bruce Chaloux**, Director, Electronic Campus, Southern Regional Education Board
- **Linda Thor**, President, Rio Salado College, AZ

Panel Discussion (followed by questions and discussion)

Visioning New Challenges for Online Learning: Future Issues for the Presidents' Forum

- **John F. Ebersole (Moderator)**, President, Excelsior College
- **James Selbe**, Assistant Vice President, Center for Lifelong Learning, American Council on Education
- **Peter Stokes**, Chief Research Officer, Eduventures
- **Scott Eckart**, Director, Trade and Global Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- **Jennifer L. Blum**, Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP

Break

Address (followed by questions and discussion)

- **Tom Dawson**, Senior Policy Advisor, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Online Learning: A View from the Nation's Capital on Advancing the Promise of Access, Accountability, and Affordability

Panel Discussion (followed by questions and discussion)

Transparency by Design: Update and Outlook

- **Michael Offerman (Moderator)**, Vice Chairman, External University Initiatives and Director, Capella University
- **Russell Poulin**, Associate Director, Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications
- **Ed Klonoski**, President, Charter Oak State College

Closing Remarks: Summary and Next Steps for the Presidents' Forum

- **John Ebersole**, President, Excelsior College

Reception Immediately Following the Closing of the Meeting



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