



August 16, 2013

The Honorable Paul Thissen
Chair, Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Thissen,

We have compiled responses for the questions in your August 2nd letter regarding executive branch advisory groups. These groups provide valuable advice that affects the Office of Higher Education's research and policy recommendations.

Higher Education Data Advisory Task Force:

- 1) Mission:
The Higher Education Data Advisory Task Force provides consultation to the Office of Higher Education regarding collection of financial aid, enrollment and other data pertaining to students or institutions. This task force determines the need, content and detail of the information (Minnesota Statutes 136A.1701, subd. 11).
- 2) Membership list (no compensation):
John Kellogg, Director of Institutional Research at the University of Minnesota
Nate Lasilla, Vice President for Research & Policy at the Minnesota Private College Council
Katie Misukanis, Chair of the Minnesota Career College Association
Craig Schoenecker, System Director for Research at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Additionally, all institutional research directors are invited to attend each meeting of the task force.
- 3) Budget:
The task force has no budget.
- 4) Last three meetings and future meeting dates:
May 16, 2011
September 29, 2010
July 22, 2010
Future meeting date: October 2013
These members are also members of the SLEDs Research and Data Committees which have met monthly since November 15th, 2010.
- 5) Reports and Recommendations:
Recommendations are incorporated into the Office of Higher Education's policies and practices. In addition, collaboration between the task force and the Office of Higher Education is constant; individuals from the task force regularly provide feedback to this agency.
- 6) Website:
The task force does not have a website.

Student Advisory Council:

1) Mission:

"The Student Advisory Council (SAC) shall provide advice and recommendation to the Commissioner or the Commissioner's Designee of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, herein referred to as the Agency, regarding financial aid issues and other student concerns within the scope jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Agency" (Minnesota Statutes 136A.03, subd. 3).

2) Membership list (no compensation):

The following are members from the previous academic year; membership for the next academic year is to be determined.

Shannon Glenn, Vice President of the Minnesota State College Student Association

Jennifer Kromrey, Rasmussen College

Adam Matula, Student Senate Chair at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Moriah Miles, Chair of the Minnesota State University Student Association

Steve Sabin, President of the Minnesota State College Student Association

3) Budget:

The SAC has no budget.

4) Last three meetings and future meeting dates:

May 29, 2013

April 24, 2013

March 27, 2013

Typically, the group meets once a month during the academic year. The Commissioner usually joins the group for at least part of their meeting.

5) Reports and Recommendations:

SAC rarely makes formal recommendations; however, members of SAC are chosen by their respective student organizations and these student organizations make recommendations to the legislature.

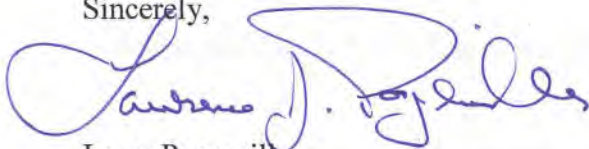
6) Website:

While the group does not have a formal website, contact information for SAC members is available here:

<https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1471>

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Pogemiller

Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education