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Governor Granholm's State of the State Address

In her eighth and last State of the State Address, Governor Granholm said that she would reinstate the Promise Scholarship and vowed no more cuts to education. She stated that she would put the scholarship back in her budget, saying that there would be a novel way to finance it and that it would be geared towards keeping students in state after graduation. The Governor's Executive Budget will be released on Thursday, February 11.

To read her entire address go to The Detroit Free Press web site, <http://www.freep.com/article/20100203/NEWS06/100203072/1318/>, or to listen her address go to <http://www.michigan.gov/gov>

Presidents Council Joins House/Senate Subcommittees to Feature NCSL Guide to College Access & Success

On February 24, the House and Senate Higher Education Subcommittees will focus their attention on state financial aid. Brenda Bautsch from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) will be speaking throughout the day on her new report, *The Path to a Degree: A Legislator's Guide to College Access and Success*.

The first event will be by The Presidents Council annual Legislative Luncheon. Brenda Bautsch will base her remarks around college access and success.

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Troppo's
RSVP to Robyn at rcline@pcsum.org

The second event will be a joint meeting of the House and Senate subcommittees to hear Brenda talk specifically about state financial aid strategies.

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Room 352, House Appropriations Room, Capitol

Upcoming Dates

Career Service Directors Meeting

February 10, 2010

Governor's Budget

February 11, 2010

State Relations Officers Meeting

February 16, 2010

Student Affairs Officers Meeting

February 19, 2010

Business Affairs

Motivate Michigan Project

Officers Meeting

February 24, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 2010

Public Information Officers Meeting

March 5, 2010

In the January Communique we highlighted the Motivate Michigan project and we asked that you promote the competition on your campus. Carol Cain, a Detroit Free Press columnist, wrote an article on the competition in last Sunday's paper title, [*It's students' turn to shape recovery.*](#)

To learn more about the competition, please check out the Motivate Michigan web site at www.MotivateMichigan.org.

Senate Higher Education Subcommittee Hearing Schedule

The Senate Higher Education Subcommittee will be meeting over the next several weeks across the state to hear testimony for the FY2011 budget. The schedule is:

February 19, 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Saginaw Valley State University
Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center
10:00-10:15 Michael Boulus, PCSUM
10:15-10:45 Saginaw Valley State University
10:45-11:15 Oakland University
11:15-11:45 Grand Valley State University
11:45-12:00 Ag Experiment Station & Coop. Ext. Service
12:00-12:15 American Assoc. of University Professors

February 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Western Michigan University
Room 2028, Brown Hall, 1903 W. Michigan Ave.
10:00-10:30 Western Michigan University
10:30-11:00 University of Michigan-Flint
11:00-11:30 Northern Michigan University
11:30-Noon University of Michigan-Dearborn
Noon-12:05 Friends of Historic East Campus at WMU

March 1, 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Madonna University
Franciscan Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd.
10:00-11:00 Michigan State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor,
Wayne State University
11:00-11:20 Eastern Michigan University
11:20-11:40 Michigan Technological University
11:40-12:15 Association of Independent Colleges & Univ.

March 8, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Ferris State University
Interdisciplinary Resource Center, 1301 S. State St.
10:30-11:00 Ferris State University
11:00-11:30 Lake Superior State University
11:30-Noon Central Michigan University

The Center for Michigan's Education Town Hall Meeting

On March 10, 2010, [The Center for Michigan](#) will be holding one of their many policy town hall meetings at Eagle Eye Golf Club in East Lansing. In cooperation with Public Sector Consultants, Inc., The Center is holding these meetings to help citizens get more involved in statewide issues, mingle with decision makers, and help set a solutions-oriented policy agenda in Lansing.

The educational policy questions will focus on:

Performance: What is the return for Michigan's investments in pre-school, K-12, and higher education?

Funding & Affordability: How much should Michigan invest in pre-school, K-12, and higher education programs? What more can be done to assure affordable access to all levels of education?

Innovation: What additional innovative steps can Michigan take to best prepare students to participate in Michigan's transforming economy?

The list of confirmed speakers includes some of the most influential and experienced education minds in the state, including Michigan State University President Lou Anna K. Simon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan, Kalamazoo Valley Community College President Marilyn Schlack, American Federation of Teachers-Michigan President David Hecker, and University Prep Academy Superintendent Doug Ross, as well as early childhood policy experts Judy Samelson and Jack Kresnak.

Seating is limited so reserve your seat today by sending an email to lbrown@pscinc.com. There is no charge to attend.

PCSUM P-20 Longitudinal Student Data System Working Group

In collaboration with the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA), the Presidents Council will be hosting a PCSUM working group meeting on February 25 to deliberate and come to common understandings on the development of the P-20 longitudinal student data system. The group will receive an agenda by mid-month so they can ask for input from colleagues across their institutions and PCSUM committees.

Following that meeting, the MCCA and PCSUM working groups will meet and collaborate on policy questions, issues, variables, needs, etc., with the goal of having a more unified voice for when the state's P-20 Advisory Board meets in the upcoming months.

The PCSUM working group members who were asked to be on the committee several months ago include:

- Troy Tissue, Associate Director of Admissions, Ferris State University
- Gavin Leach, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Northern Michigan University
- Laura A. Schartman, Director, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, Oakland University
- Glenna Schweitzer, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director, Office of Budget and Planning, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- Joseph Sawasky, Chief Information Officer, Wayne State University

PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Academic Affairs Officers

The Academic Affairs Officers met in January to conduct their quarterly academic program review; hear about happenings at PCSUM and the state government and legislature; discuss the Indian Tuition Waiver; and discuss unionization of part-time faculty and graduate assistants.

State Relations Officers

The State Relations Officers met on February 2 to hear Dave Waymire present a historical overview of the budget, Pat Harrington on what they can expect during the 2010 legislative session, and Ellen Jeffries from Senate Fiscal Agency on the budget/revenue outlook and its implications on higher education. The meeting concluded with discussion of other items of interest including Community College Baccalaureate, PCSUM Health Care Reform, and Corrections Coalition Reform letter.

PCSUM Web Site

The PCSUM web site (www.pcsun.org) is updated regularly with news from our 15 public universities and information about the Presidents Councils activities. You can register to have the latest news sent to your Google Reader, etc. -- go to the Current News page and click on the XML icon. Some of the recent articles include:

- [Graduate to a Smarter State](#), The Detroit Free Press editorial, January 31
- [To Gain Jobs, Michigan Must Get Smart, Not Try the Same Old Strategies Again](#), Rick Haglun, The Grand Rapids Press, February 1