

Presidents Council Committee Meetings July 2010 - June 2011

The **State Relations Officers** meet bi-weekly to work together on state legislative affairs.

JULY

The **Alumni Affairs Directors** met at the Presidents Council offices and discussed programming ideas for Young Alumni, collaborating with Development, and reaching out to the current student population.

SEPTEMBER

The **Career Services Directors** met September 9 at the Presidents Council offices. The Directors talked about annual reports, Intern in Michigan, technology, entrepreneurs, and career fairs.

The **Public Information Officers** met on September 17 at the Presidents Council offices. John Finer, the editor of the Saginaw News, Flint Journal and Bay CityTimes provided insight into the future of the newspaper industry. They also talked about promoting collaborative arrangements amongst institutions and working with their student government association.

The **Continuing Education Directors** met on September 30 to review and strategize on the community college baccalaureate bill. They also talked about their 2011 professional development program.

OCTOBER

The **Financial Aid Directors** met on October 7 at the Presidents Council offices. The committee discussed the Michigan College Access Portal (MiCAP), documenting last day of attendance to determine enrollment status, and net price calculator.

The **Student Affairs Officers** met on October 15 at the PCSUM offices. The committee had a full agenda covering items such as reorganization to support services to implications for increased number of transfer students on campus. The officers talked about holding a retreat to have time to flesh out so many of the agenda items.

On October 15, the **Legal Affairs Officers** met in Lansing where they covered agenda items such as FOIA, clinical placement agreements, and Docufide e-transcript agreements.

Oakland University hosted the **Academic Affairs Officers** meeting on October 22. The meeting was held at Meadowbrook Hall in the library and then, concluded with a campus tour including a tour of the new medical school by Dean Folberg. The AAOs discussed faculty outside for work activities, contract negotiations, and department chair training.

NOVEMBER

The **Analytical Studies Committee** met on November 2 at the Presidents Council offices. The Committee addressed the 2004 Net Tuition Cost report by Hank Prince and replicating it using HEIDI. MDE and CEPI employees visited to talk about longitudinal data tracking and the P-20 student longitudinal data system.

The **Board of Directors** met on MSU's campus November 3-4. Starting the first night with dinner and Bill Ballenger, editor/publisher, *Inside Michigan Politics*, the Board then met the next day to discuss strategies to work with the new governor and legislature and the shared message to these individuals. Terry MacTaggart and Richard Novak from AGB facilitated the session.

JANUARY

The **Academic Affairs Officers** met on January 21 in the PCSUM offices. Agenda items included Academic Program Review, performance metrics, legislative news, and chair training. The staff from the Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) also provided the Officers with an update on the Center. JCMU welcomed two new board members: Fritz Erickson, FSU, and Tim Greene, WMU.

The **Chief Information Officers** met on the campus of UofM-Ann Arbor on January 27. Joe Sawasky, WSU, and Laura Pattern, UofM-AA, gave presentations about their own institutional consolidation efforts before consultants from Gartner Consulting talked with the group about possible ways to collaborate. Other agenda items included learning management systems and network access control issues. The following day the officers attended the MERIT Board meeting in Ann Arbor.

The **State Relations Officers** met over two days, January 27-28, to discuss and identify (1) threats and opportunities for universities in Lansing's new political environment, (2) how best to collaborate, and (3) a limited set of strategies for joint advocacy. On Thursday night, Steve Webster hosted the group at the MSU v. UofM-AA men's basketball game.

FEBRUARY

The **Student Affairs Officers** met on February II at Michigan Technological University (MTU) during the university's annual Winter Carnival. VP for Student Affairs Les Cook graciously hosted the group. Over 30 agenda items were covered during the meeting including the budget, concealed weapons on campus, mental health issues, and university updates. Afterward, the officers took a tour of the campus including taking in the student built ice sculptures and concluded with attending the MTU hockey game.

On February 18, the **Legal Affairs Officers** met in Lansing to discuss issues such as local municipal zoning ordinances, U.S. Department of Education guidelines for SAP, and donation of residential real estate.

The **Public Information Officers** met on Friday, February 25 to discuss the budget and to share how each university's administration is handling the budget messaging to the students, staff, faculty, and community. Cindy Paavola, PIO at Northern Michigan University (NMU), also provided insight to the NMU closure on February 2 due to a serious threat it received of an intent to harm students, faculty, staff and administrators. She shared their learnings on handling the situation.

The **Financial Aid Directors** met during their winter MSFAA conference in Kalamazoo. Due to an impending winter storm the conference was cut short by a day, which meant the four-year public sector meeting was cancelled.

MARCH

The **Board of Directors** met on March 10 at the Presidents Council offices in Lansing. John Nixon, State Budget Director, spoke with the Board about Governor Snyder's proposed FY12 and FY13 budgets. Other agenda items included the community college baccalaureate, Senate and House subcommittee hearings, and elimination of use and finance approval process for self-funded projects.

The **Business Affairs Officers** met on March 17 at the PCSUM offices. Robbie Jameson and Robert Murphy from the State Budget Office presented the FY2012 proposed Governor's budget to the BAAs. In addition, M.U.S.I.C., MUCH, and Merit provided their yearly reports.

The **Career Services Directors** met at the PCSUM offices on March 18. In addition to discussing the FY12 proposed budget and other legislative actions, the directors talked about a foreign student retention proposal, State of Michigan internship opportunity, budget reduction savings, and other pertinent career services items.

The **Analytical Studies Committee** met on March 28 in Lansing at the PCSUM offices. The members met with Melissa Bisson and Michael McGroaty, CEPI, to discuss the P-20 Student Longitudinal Data System. They also met with Kyle Jen (House Fiscal Agency) and Bill Bowerman (Senate Fiscal Agency) to talk about HEIDI. Other agenda items included the Net Tuition Report and Delta Cost Project data.

The **Financial Aid Officers** met on March 29 at the PCSUM offices. First, they talked with Carole Hustoles (WMU) and Tom Butcher (GVSU) about the MITW. Then, they covered agenda items such as Governor Snyder's proposal financial aid program, scholarship forecasting, federal regulations, and undocumented students.

APRIL

The **Academic Affairs Officers** met on April 15 in the PCSUM offices. The agenda included items such as Academic Program Review and several items focusing on the budget, Governor Snyder's education dashboard, and the community college baccalaureate bill.

JUNE

The **Academic Affairs Officers** came together on the UofM-Flint campus, June 2-3. In addition to Academic Program Review, the agenda items included legislative affairs, what is occurring on each institution's campus including budget talks, and a presentation by Steve Viger (MDE) on a MDE/ACT study to determine Michigan Merit Exam college readiness cut scores.

The **Student Affairs Officers** met June 15-16 at Wayne State University for their first retreat and meeting. The agenda for the meeting included a half day discussion on the future of student affairs. The officers' agenda also included a presentation on MHECare—a new student health insurance plan offered through MHEC—and discussion items such as medical marijuana, SAP, professional development, and budgeting. The officers also took a bus tour of Detroit that focused on Detroit's history and what is happening right now, and they attended a Tigers baseball game.

The **Financial Aid Officers** will hold their four-year public sector meeting during the MSFAA annual summer conference, June 29-July 1. Legislative affairs and working with the Student Association of Michigan (SAM) on lobbying for state financial aid is on their agenda.