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POLICY INITIATIVES

Now in its seventh year of problem solving for online and distance educational institutions, the **FORUM** brings together higher education leaders that have the common attribute of facing the growing challenge to access and productivity. Through this collaborative, the **FORUM** has already been involved in three ground-breaking projects:

- 1 Access to Learning, 2006**, which introduces a wide audience to the methods, advantages, and quality of online learning;
- 2 Transparency By Design 2008**, which is creating a common, timely, and shareable data reporting process for institutional performance; and currently,
- 3 State Approval and Regional Accreditation for Online Postsecondary Institutions: A National Strategy**, a policy initiative to advance new strategies and structures to rationalize the state oversight process, advancing associated regulatory and policy changes while protecting the interests of the public and reducing unnecessary barriers to student access.

Currently, with support from Lumina Foundation for Education, the **FORUM** is advancing an initiative (*Multi-State Reciprocity in Postsecondary Approval and Regulation*) to create a common framework for the substance and processes of state approval of institutions, and, with the assistance of the Council for State Governments (CSG), to create and educate policy makers about the benefits of model compact legislation that could support increased reciprocity and efficiencies among the states.

PURPOSE

The meeting's purpose is to review the recently promulgated Title IV rules with a focus on the requirements for state authorization of institutions, to provide up to date information on the impact of the rules on institutional operations, and to offer guidance on managing their implementation (effective July 1, 2011).

Our goal is for a group of institutional, association, and policy leaders to share information and data that will assist institutions in developing strategies for managing their compliance.

AGENDA

WELCOME

Paul Shiffman, Executive Director, The Presidents' Forum

TITLE IV REGULATIONS

Reconciling Ambiguities, Vagaries, and Conflicting Information

Judith Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation **MODERATOR**

Michael Goldstein, Co-Leader Higher Education Industry Practice, DowLohnes, PLLC

Michael Lambert, President, Distance Education and Training Council

Isaac Reyes, Director, Congressional and Public Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Julie D. Bell, Education Program Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

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An Institutional View of Compliance with State Authorization Regulations

Robert W. Mendenhall, President, Western Governors University

MAPPING THE LANDSCAPE

Title IV Regulations for Program Integrity

Terry W. Hartle, Senior Vice President, Division of Government and Public Affairs, American Council on Education

TITLE IV PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Rationale for Policy, Regulation and Compliance

John F. Ebersole, President, Excelsior College **MODERATOR**

Eduardo M. Ochoa, Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education

David A. Bergeron, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, U.S. Department of Education

MANAGING STATE AUTHORIZATION

Initiatives, Resources, and Outlook

Paul Shiffman, Executive Director, The Presidents' Forum **MODERATOR**

Paul E. Lingenfelter, President, State Higher Education Executive Officers

Russell Poulin, Deputy Director, Research and Analysis, WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies

John Mountjoy, Council of State Governments, Director of The National Center for Interstate Compacts.

Richard Garrett, Managing Director, Eduventures

Sharyl Thompson, Senior Regulatory Specialist, Capella University

Q&A AND SUMMARY



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