

PRESIDENTS' FORUM

OF EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

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The Mission of the Presidents' Forum of Excelsior College is to advance the recognition of innovative practice and excellence in distributed learning. This is accomplished by providing a venue for educational leaders and stakeholders to share their knowledge and learn from each others' best practices.

**Proposed Goals for the March 22, 2005,
Meeting of the Presidents' Forum:**

1. Create a voice with policy makers to gain adoption of policies that enable full access to federal financial aid and learning opportunities for adult students.
2. Define required changes to current statutes and regulations that will enhance federal financial aid to adult learners and may be accomplished within the context of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.
3. Develop a realistic plan for mounting a campaign to focus the attention of policy makers upon the needs of adult learners and the emerging crisis for higher education and the nation's economy.

THE AGENDA

8:30–9:00 a.m. Arrival and Coffee

9:00–9:45 a.m. Introductions and Issues for Discussion

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Presentation and Discussion of Issues

- **Joseph Moore**, President, State University of New York, Empire State College
- **Ms. Phyllis Eisen**, Vice President of the Manufacturing Institute and Executive Director of the Center for Workforce Success, National Association of Manufacturers
- **Gerald A. Heeger**, President, University of Maryland University College
- **Roger Sublett**, President, Union Institute and University

10:45–11:00 a.m. Break

11:00–11:30 a.m. Presentation and Discussion of Issues Continued

- **James Selby**, Director, Military Programs, American Council on Education
- **Robert Mendenhall**, President, Western Governors University

11:30–2:00 p.m. Summary and Selection of Key Issues for Action

12:00–1:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00–2:00 p.m. Setting an Action Agenda - **Terry Hartle**, Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, American Council on Education

- The Political and Policy Environment for Achieving Change
- Unifying the Higher Education Community
- Setting a Realistic Short-Term Action Agenda (legislative and rules changes through the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act)
- Strategies and Timetables for Achieving the Agenda

2:45–3:00 p.m. Setting the Future Policy Agenda for the Presidents' Forum

3:00 p.m. Adjourn



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