

Elevating Commission Leadership

A proposal for using Commission meeting time, 2017

Goals: To dedicate more full Commission meeting time to our strategic work, including monitoring the progress of the HECC's current Strategic Plan and adjusting those strategies as necessary. To focus more full Commission attention on the difficult issues that require leadership and direction. To dedicate less full Commission time to *pro forma* approvals.

Proposal: Establish a two-hour block at each full Commission meeting for the purpose of receiving an update on one of the six main strategies in the Plan. Staff should provide a data-driven snapshot of our progress in that area, dedicating particular attention to any major tensions or obstacles that have arisen within the work. Staff will prepare for Commissioners a series of questions designed to elicit their feedback and direction around these difficult issues.

January, 2017: Pathways

February, 2017: Affordability

April, 2017: Student Support

May, 2017: Economic and Community Impact

June, 2017: Funding

August, 2017: Review and update Strategic Plan

Goals: To more clearly organize the workflow of the Funding and Achievement (F&A) and Student Success and Institutional Collaboration (SSIC) subcommittees. To ensure that those committees are providing input and direction on key issues related to HECC's responsibility for reports and approvals.

Proposal: The subcommittees should be the primary venue for discussion and direction on key, standing items that require HECC approval, including budget recommendations (F&A), funding allocations (F&A), university mission approvals (SSIC), university evaluations (SSIC), program approvals (SSIC), and legislative reports (SSIC or F&A, depending on the issue). While some reports/approvals will come to the subcommittees in completed or near-completed form, others will require significant subcommittee leadership and direction.

The SSIC subcommittee will dedicate significant time in 2017 to developing principles for the HECC's approach to university mission and program approvals, particularly where competition is involved.

The F&A subcommittee will dedicate significant time in 2017 to developing leading metrics that will be used to measure progress towards achieving the HECC's strategic plan.