

Docket Item:

SB 860: Career Mentoring Progress Report.

Summary:

Passed in 2015, SB 860 required the HECC to select two institutions through a competitive grant process to pilot a career and advising mentorship program. The institutions selected were Oregon State University and Western Oregon University. The two institutions were selected for the pilot programs based on their proposals indicating cost-effectiveness, existing infrastructure to fulfill program goals, and the ability to serve students from traditionally underserved populations.

In this Progress Report activities and results to date are detailed. The Report is to be jointly submitted to the Oregon Legislature by the HECC and the grantees during the 2017 legislative session.

SSIC sub-committee members provided valuable feedback and questions on the draft report in January. Several key revisions have been made since that time. First, the executive summary details the top priorities for the two programs and the HECC, including serving students who are underrepresented in higher education. Second, a full page table of student demographics shows how the student demographics within each program are nested within the larger student populations at each institution. The table includes three levels: institutional student body, the population targeted by each program, and students served to date in each program.

Docket Material:

See attached Progress Report.

Staff Recommendation:

Action - adopt progress report pending SSIC recommendation on February 8, and forward to the Oregon Legislature.