

Did you know...?

Most Americans (77%) do not think that higher education is affordable for everyone who needs it.

Source: Lumina Foundation 2013, What America Needs to Know About Higher Education Redesign

Legislative hearing covers college tuition models

State lawmakers last Friday got a glimpse into some of the financial challenges the state may face as officials move forward with studying policy ideas that could make college more affordable for students.

Read the complete *Statesman Journal* article here:

http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20140301/NEWS/303010039/Hearing-covers-college-tuition-models?nclick_check=1

Higher Education Coordinating Commission hires director of private post-secondary education

The OEIB Bulletin announced that HECC Executive Director Ben Cannon has hired Juan Báez-Arévalo as Director of Private Post-Secondary Education Director to oversee the Office of Degree Authorization (ODA) and the Private Career Schools Unit, which includes Veteran Education Programs.

Mr. Báez-Arévalo is a native of Mexico and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Oregon State University. At Carnegie Mellon University he received a Master of Science Degree in Public Management and Policy. He studied Education Administration at Lewis & Clark College, and continued his graduate studies in Educational Leadership at Portland State University. He is an alumni of the Leadership Oregon program (Class of 1999).

As a former Principal of a high poverty, high ELL school he transformed a dual immersion program into a state and national model for simultaneous bi-literacy. His school was awarded the National Title I Distinguished School Award for its efforts to close the achievement gap.

Juan Báez-Arévalo has a rich experience in leading change, systematic improvements, public policy and management. He has served in diverse educational leadership roles in the K-12 system, worked at a Community College and as a policy adviser in the workforce development system. His experiences extend to the corporate (fortune 500) and federal government levels in science and technology policy, international trade, strategic investments and development.

He has served in international education delegations, and created international collaborative partnerships for education, science and technology, and trade.

STEM Investment Council reviews employment

As the largest producer of STEM degrees in the state and home of world class STEM research facilities, Oregon State University hosted the third meeting of the STEM Investment Council this week. The focus of the meeting was to develop a better understanding of the alignment of STEM degree attainment with workforce needs, as well as promising approaches to post-secondary student success in STEM, especially for students of color and women.

Preliminary data from the Oregon Employment Department projected highest demands in health care, computer-related fields, and engineering with an overall growth rate of nearly 18% over the next ten years. Additional testimony and data was provided by the Oregon University System, the Oregon Alliance of Independent College and Universities, and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. The Council noted that there is a strong need for Oregon to develop a common definition for what constitutes a STEM degree and a STEM occupation to ensure that there is greater consistency in data reporting.

Materials and video from this meeting can be found [HERE](#). The next STEM Council meeting will be on March 20th, please sign up to receive future notifications and details.

ODE recruiting Common Core Communications Coordinator

The person in this position is responsible for coordinating communications efforts related to the Common Core State Standards. This coordination is done in conjunction with the Communications Director, the Common Core Lead, and the Assessment Communications Coordinator. The person in this position is responsible for responding to common core constituent questions; creating common core related communications plans; coordination of the college and career ready coalition; creation of common core talking points, resources, and documents; and improving systems of common core related communications. In addition, this position provides general communications support to the ODE communications director including serving as media back up and assisting with general agency communications needs. This position has the authority to represent department positions to the news media and other audiences in collaboration with the Communications Director.

Application Details: This recruitment is open through March 30, 2014. To learn more and access the full job posting, visit: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=71>.

The Mission of the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development is to contribute leadership and resources to increase the skills, knowledge and career opportunities of Oregonians.

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