

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Shepherd

GUESTS: Harold Ott, IRSA/IASA; Helen Price, Christina Nava and Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Jeff Fox and Todd Schwarz, CSI; Jay Shaw, Administrative Rules

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), introduced herself to the Committee for the first time and gave an update on LCSC. She highlighted the college's deep ties in Idaho, noting Idaho residents make up 80% of total headcount. Over 80% of LCSC students receive financial aid, 73% are first generation college students and 35% are low-income. To achieve this level of accessibility, the college strives to keep costs in check, has no long-term debt and is the most affordable four-year public institution in Idaho. LCSC is launching an adult learner initiative which will provide experiential learning credits and increase alternative schedules. To connect learning to life, 90% of programs have an experiential learning component and the college is committed to increasing that to 100%. LCSC serves its region through an emphasis on workforce training and is preparing to break ground on a new Career-Technical Education that is jointly funded by the state, industry and the community.

In response to Committee questions, **Dr. Pemberton** discussed the smooth relationship between two-year colleges and LCSC; such partnerships are particularly helpful for nursing and dental hygiene students.

Dr. Kevin Satterlee, President, Idaho State University (ISU), introduced himself to the Committee for the first time and gave an update on ISU. He stated support for outcomes-based funding for higher education, provided it is funded consistently and allows for startup funding of new programs. He discussed the success of ISU's Health Sciences programs across the state. Most programs are full to their accredited capacity; nursing, physical therapy and other programs are expanding; and expansions are planned for the occupational therapy and dental hygiene programs. Each expansion is being driven by specific industry requests. ISU's service region has the lowest go-on rate in the state, so the university needs to work on their outreach, visibility and narrative about how ISU can serve students in this region.

In response to Committee questions, **Dr. Satterlee** discussed ISU's efforts to market the Adult Learner Scholarship, increase the number of teachers in rural areas and the successes of the Dual Credit (DC) program, but the need to track whether earning DC does reduce time spent in college. He also discussed finding a balance between degree completion speed and supporting those students who work their way through college and may take longer than four years to earn a bachelor's degree.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary