

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 22, 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:** Shannon Purvis, IDVR/EES; Harold Ott, IRSA/IASA; Wendi Secrist, Workforce Development Council; Zac Ricketts and Mark Browning, CWI; Jeff Harmon, CSI; Nanna Hanchett, IDVR

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Dr. Bert Glandon**, President, College of Western Idaho (CWI), presented on behalf of Idaho's four community colleges: CWI, College of Southern Idaho (CSI), North Idaho College (NIC) and College of Eastern Idaho (CEI). Each college's president introduced the attending members of their locally elected board. Together, the community colleges served nearly 80,000 students in 2017-2018. Dr. Glandon noted the large numbers of students enrolled in Dual Credit (DC) courses. This has sparked a conversation about how to best serve students that may enter community college with a year's worth of credits already earned.

**Dr. Jeff Fox**, President, College of Southern Idaho, discussed CSI's efforts to increase access to higher education by reducing costs. The college has reduced the number of credits needed to earn a degree and is working to reduce textbook costs by working with their library and faculty to find alternatives. He noted many students attend as they can, so CSI has expanded offerings at their outreach centers and increased online and other course delivery methods. Also, the CSI Foundation will award \$2.5 million in scholarships this year. Dr. Fox stated DC students occupy 50% of CSI's head count, so they work to ensure those programs are top-notch.

**Dr. Rick MacLennan**, President, North Idaho College, discussed the entrepreneurship opportunities available at NIC. There is an Integrated Business Entrepreneur program, along with a Small Business Development Center, on campus and NIC was named the 2018 Entrepreneurial College of the Year. The Health and Sciences program is also expanding with the addition of four new labs.

**Dr. Rick Aman**, President, College of Eastern Idaho, discussed CEI's progression from a technical college to a community college. CEI's trustees not only want student retention and degree completion, but also look at the speed to degree. Career-Technical Education students go from start to a degree and job in two years and those who complete their degree have a 93% job placement rate. CEI is invested in cybersecurity and information technology; they work closely with the Idaho Technology Council and Idaho National Laboratory. The college has very sophisticated simulation tools in many programs, including health sciences. They are also working to expand opportunities in rural Idaho, paying particular attention to the Salmon and Driggs areas.

**Dr. Bert Glandon**, President, College of Western Idaho, stated CWI is a commuter college and 30-40% of its programming is online. CWI also sees time to completion as a key way to reduce costs and works with local industries to evaluate their needs and adjust degree requirements and course offerings accordingly. To increase retention the college is beginning some courses every eight weeks, instead of every sixteen weeks. This allows students to immediately start progressing toward a degree.

In response to Committee questions, **Dr. Fox** discussed the tension Idaho's community colleges feel between being accessible and affordable, but also having adequate funds to support infrastructure. The colleges view themselves as progressive and innovative and try to lead the way in new teaching technology. Each president also discussed their efforts to reach out to veterans.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

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Representative Clow  
Chair

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Erica McGinnis  
Secretary