

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

2009 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education

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2009 Maryland State Plan



MHEC's COMMITMENT:

As this Plan seeks to improve postsecondary education in Maryland, input from interested parties statewide will be invited at several points in this planning process.



Public Input on the State Plan

- **All meetings will be open to the public**
- **Drafts will be circulated widely**
- **There will be four published public comment opportunities:**
 - **Nov. 19, 2008, as part of the MHEC Commission meeting**
 - **March 25, 2009, MHEC Commission meeting**
 - **May 14, 2009, MHEC Finance Policy Meeting**
 - **May 12, 2009, MHEC Education Policy Meeting (this date tentative)**



Starting Point for the Plan

The 2009 Maryland State Plan will **UPDATE**
and **REVISE** the 2004 State Plan



Guidance for the State Plan

- 1. Governor O'Malley's Postsecondary Education Transition Report and the O'Malley-Brown administration priorities for postsecondary education;**





Guidance for the State Plan

- 2. issues impacting higher education since 2004;**
- 3. action recommendations from the 2004 State Plan;**
- 4. the Higher Education Commission;**
- 5. the Secretary of Higher Education; and**
- 6. each of you.**



Input Solicited Statewide

MHEC will seek input on the State Plan statewide, including from the following:

- **The Governor**
- **The General Assembly**
- **MHEC Commission members**
- **Segmental Advisory Council**
- **Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education**
- **P-20 Leadership Council**
- **Student Advisory Council**
- **Faculty Advisory Council**
- **Financial Assistance Advisory Council**
- **State agencies for Business & Economic Development; Labor, Licensing, & Regulation; Education; Budget & Management; Health & Mental Hygiene; Disabilities; Legislative Services; and others**
- **The Treasurer**
- **The Comptroller**
- **Regional Higher Education Centers**
- **Business community**
- **Other organizations with interests in postsecondary education, including the elder community**



Sections of the 2009 State Plan

Draft outline of the State Plan:

- **Preamble and vision**
- **The Governor's Priorities**
- **The External Environment for Planning**
- **State Plan Goals**
- **Progress Report on the 2004 State Plan**



External Environment for Planning

Significant issues since the 2004 State Plan that impact postsecondary education:

- **Demographics**
- **The State and National Economy**
 - *Funding Challenges*
 - *Affordability Issues*
 - *Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education*
- **Technology**
- **College readiness of high school students**
- **P-20 Leadership Council**
- **BRAC**
- **Accountability in Postsecondary Education**



Goals Section

- **State Plan Goals for 2009 to 2013**
with
 - **Action recommendations and timelines**
 - **Outcomes and evaluation measures**



Goals Section

- **Goal One: “Quality and Effectiveness”**
- **Goal Two: “Access and Affordability”**
- **Goal Three: “Diversity”**
- **Goal Four: “Student-Centered Learning”**
- **Goal Five: “Economic Growth and Vitality”**



How the State Plan will be Written

- **Five writing groups corresponding to the five goals**
- **Writing group members include:**
 - **MHEC staff**
 - **MHEC Commission members**
 - **Representatives from each segment of postsecondary education**
 - **Representatives from interested State agencies**
 - **Representatives from the Faculty Advisory Council, Student Advisory Council, and Financial Assistance Advisory Council**
 - **Other stakeholders**



Writing Group Facilitators & Recorders

1. Quality and Effectiveness:

George W. Reid, Facilitator; Ann Walker, Recorder

2. Access and Affordability:

Andrea Mansfield, Facilitator; Geoff Newman, Recorder

3. Diversity:

Gareth Murray, Facilitator; Kristin Neville, Recorder

4. Student-Centered Learning:

Sue Blanshan, Facilitator; Les Bennett, Recorder

5. Economic Growth and Vitality:

Dean Kendall, Facilitator; David Jorgensen, Recorder



Role of Facilitators

- **To work with members of their Writing Groups to produce drafts of their respective goal sections in the 2009 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education**



Editorial Board & Writing Editors

MHEC staff members who:

- **Make recommendations to the general editor**
- **Copy-edit Plan documents to be made public**



Role of the General Editor

- **Make Recommendations to the Secretary and the State Plan Work Group**
- **Oversee the Planning Process**



The Workgroup for the 2009 State Plan

- **Members are all of the Writing Group members & MHEC staff working on the State Plan**
- **The Workgroup makes preliminary and final recommendations to the general editor**



August

- Discuss State Plan process with the Segmental Advisory Council and Maryland Higher Education Commission members
- Contact organizations to request representatives to serve on State Plan writing groups
- Bring together internal MHEC staff to discuss process for updating the State Plan



September

- Convene 2009 State Plan for Postsecondary Education Workgroup to provide instructions for the update and discuss charges for each writing group
- Each writing group meets to discuss issues and progress made and to review any items that have been drafted



October

- Continue to contact organizations to serve on State Plan writing groups to request representatives
- Writing groups meet approximately three times
- MHEC staff work on additional material for the Plan (external issues, progress report)



November

- Material from the writing groups and staff is assembled to create a first draft
- Writing groups review draft material
- First public hearing to comment on draft Plan material—November 19, 1 pm, at MHEC



December

- The Commission to Develop a Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education issues its final report
- Writing groups receive the report and begin discussing its implications for the Plan



January

- Convene writing groups to discuss the report of the Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education



February

- Writing groups to continue to discuss recommendations, revisions, action steps, and any written drafts produced by all the groups



March

- Convene 2009 State Plan for Postsecondary Education Workgroup to finalize draft 2009 State Plan
- Send final draft to all interested parties for comment
- Allow public comment to be offered during the March 25 Commission meeting



April

- Convene writing groups to approve final draft and prepare it for submission to the members of the Maryland Higher Education Commission



May

- Discuss draft 2009 State Plan at *Education Policy* and *Finance Policy* Committees of the Maryland Higher Education Commission



June

- Present final draft of 2009 State Plan to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for approval at its June 2009 meeting

APPRECIATIONS

- **The Segments of Postsecondary Education**
 - **The Higher Education Commission**
 - **The Secretary of Higher Education**
 - **The State Plan Work Group**
 - **The MHEC Staff**
 - **You, our Stakeholders!**
- **THANKS!!!!!!**