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| Title | Executive Update |
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| Synopsis: | The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting. |
| Guiding questions: | Do the activities of the agency align with our statutory mission? |
| Possible council action: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| Documents and attachments: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Executive Update

Two-Month Review



The Executive Director update will highlight the agency's efforts related to our statutory mission and program administration.

The two-month summary chart provides a synopsis of agency efforts since the last Council meeting.

Agency Update Two-Month Executive Summary

| Project | Recent Work |
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| | Near future: Quiz feature for ReadySetGrad |
| Policy and research | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings for the Committee for Student Support, the Committee for Funding and Accountability, and the Committee for Academic Affairs and Policy. • Development of outline of recommendations for possible inclusion into the 2014 Strategic Action Plan. • Identification of statewide data points for the 2014 Roadmap measures document. • Initial meeting of a cross-sector workgroup to develop a common methodology for analyzing and reporting post-completion outcomes for higher education. • Implementation for a new internal process of prioritizing, submitting, tracking, and documenting data request. |
| | Near future: Development of the Strategic Action Plan. |
| Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEAR UP Campus Experiences – WA GEAR UP program that provided 180 high school students the opportunity to experience college summer camps. • Preparation for the GEAR UP West conference in Seattle (October). • Finalization of the 2014 Agency Internal Plan. • GET: Payout value for 2015-15 to remain at \$117.82 per unit. • GET: Redesign of the website, internal process improvements and a new mascot (Haattie – the College Super Saver) |
| | Near Future: Continued work towards 2014 SNG report. |
| Legislative work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued meetings with legislators. • Continued tracking of stakeholder work. |
| | Near Future: Continued work on behalf of the College Bound Scholarship Workgroup. |

Recent Highlights and Future Efforts

| Category | Activity |
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| Outreach and Advocacy | July 8 and August 20 CHA radio program; record CBS enrollment; ReadySetGrad improvements; August 12 Pave the Way conference. |
| Policy and Research | Finalization of agency internal plan; development of recommendation outline for 2014 Strategic Action Plan; initiation of Roadmap measures |
| Programs | GEAR UP Camus experiences; GET payout value set for 2014-15; GET's new website and mascot (Hootie – the College Super Saver). |
| Legislative Work | Continued meetings with and outreach to Legislators and legislative staff. |

Continue the Conversation



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