

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: A National Dialogue The Secretary of Education's Advisory Commission on the Future of Higher Education

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Education

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

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3b. GSA

Committee No.

25159

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 10/14/2005 10/14/2007 09/01/2006

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Term Date

Yes 01/31/2007

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? 10b. Legislation Pending?

Terminate No

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority 13. Effective Date 14. Committee Type 14c. Presidential?

10/14/2005 10/14/2005 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 16b. Closed 16c. Partially Closed 16d. Total

No Reports for this Fiscal Year 0 0 0 0

No Meetings

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

Current FY Next FY

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$1,000.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.01	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Commission was to consider how best to improve our system of higher education to ensure that our graduates are well prepared to meet our future workforce needs and are able to participate fully in the changing global economy. The Commission conducted meetings in different parts of the country to obtain a public discussion of issues facing the challenges of improving our current higher education system to better prepare our students to address the economic and workforce needs of the country.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Representatives on the commission included former and/or current public and private college presidents, former elected officials, public and private college presidents from around the country, and representatives from business and financial services industries.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The commission held no meetings in FY07.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Secretary felt this issue needed a national dialogue to analyze this issue and prepare recommendations in a report to her by September, 2006. The Department needed to hear from various groups around the country on how to best improve higher education.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

This Commission's charter states that the membership will not exceed 20 members, but the commission currently has only 19 members. The Commission's report was submitted to the Secretary on 9/13/06. The commission has concluded its work.

Designated Federal Officer

Cheryl Oldham Executive Director

Narrative Description

The Commission's purpose was to study the current US system of higher education and develop a strategy for maintaining a system that meets the needs of our diverse population, and in particular the needs of traditionally underserved communities, provides enhanced opportunities for lifelong learning and addresses the economic and workforces needs of the country. This goal is entirely consistent with the mission of the Department of Education to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

40

Number of Recommendations Comments

There are approximately 40 recommendations of varying degrees to a variety of stakeholders - federal government, states, policy makers, institutions, businesses around the four broad areas the committee was asked to focus on - acces, affordability, accountability and quality of higher education in America.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This report is aimed at a variety of stakeholders and makes specific recommendations to each. The Department of Education is but one of several that has specific action items as a result of this report.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

The Secretary has made higher education a priority due in part to the work of the commission. While it's anticipated that more resources will be directed and possibly legislative action proposed in response to the commission's recommendations, it is early to say definitively.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

N/A