

# 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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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Education	2007
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>

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<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	10/14/2005	10/14/2007	09/01/2006

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes		01/31/2007

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No	

<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
10/14/2005	10/14/2005	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**  
No Meetings

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None ☒

Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A