

Date and Time: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Location: Office of Higher Education, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN

Attendees: (Approximately 25 members and designees attended, plus several guests—attendance was not taken)

Notes:

1. Introductions and minutes approval

Josiah Litant

Welcome, introductions of new members and guests Sheila Hoffman from OHE/DOC, and Tristan Voegeli, Legislative Assistant from the office of Senator Oumou Verbeten. Minutes of previous meeting were approved without changes.

2. Welcome, remarks from the Chair and Executive Committee

Executive Committee members

Overview of Exec Committee retreat in August; topics covered included membership, strategic priorities, mission.

3. Connection

All

Connection activity in small group discussions.

4. Goals, questions, planning overview

Josiah Litant

Josiah discussed Big Goals, Big Questions, including: Roles /responsibilities needing clarification, equity principles – how do we embed them in our work?, building and strengthening processes, continuing our existing work balanced with big picture planning for the future, and determining new or expanded priorities for 2024. Josiah gave an overview of a two-year planning strategy. Other questions that were raised include: What is the role of the P20 regarding recommendations to the

legislature/governor and how do we operationalize that? Does it make sense to have this under the umbrella of state agencies and systems if we are making recommendations, or does the P-20 need to be more independent?

Josiah has received a grant to visit other state's P20 organizations and will share findings from those trips next spring/summer, which will further help inform our direction.

5. Priority setting activity

All

Attendees participated in a priority setting activity involving a number of questions following up from the planning conversation. Questions were posted around the room and they were invited to provide written feedback. Feedback will be documented and shared with the group—those members who were not able to attend today's meeting will also be invited to add any additional input.

Some open discussion took place after the activity, with a few people sharing their reflections. A comment was made that it was great to have multiple ways to engage as sometimes it is difficult to jump into conversations.

6. Member announcements, updates, invitations

All

Discussion about the impact of the court decision regarding affirmative action in college admissions. Agreement that this is an area that needs to be discussed further, and MNP20 is a good place to do it.

SLEDS has been awarded a federal grant for the next four years. The work that is funded should help with the affirmative action questions and help expand our knowledge of alternate pathways to college and career.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm, and all attendees were invited to stay for a social hour.