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Name of Traveler: Timothy Carlton

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA)

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Postsecondary National Policy Institute

Travel Date(s): August 6-7, 2019

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Final trip itinerary

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): I accidently submitted the wrong trip itinerary when I submitted my post-travel packet upon return from the trip.

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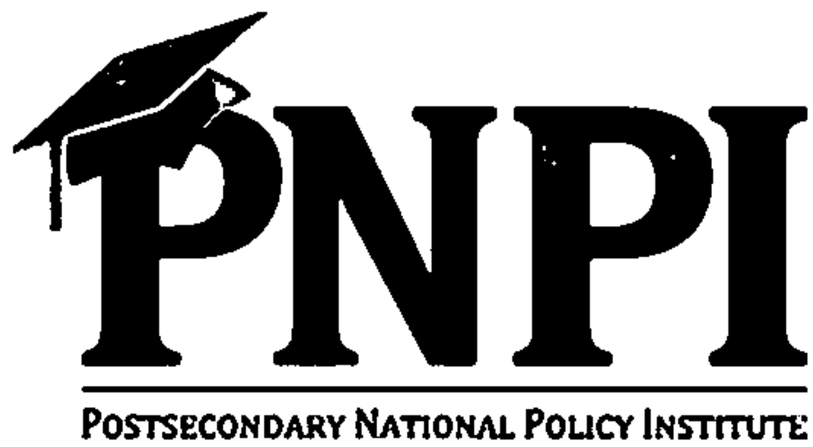

Higher Education Accreditation Seminar

Stevensville, Maryland
August 6-7, 2019

Seminar Goals:

Deepen staff's understanding of what accreditation is, the purposes of accreditation, and the types of accreditation;
Review the role the federal government plays in overseeing accreditors and accreditation;
Expand staff's understanding of institutional reviews and accreditor recognition;
Provide staff with an update on negotiated rulemaking as it relates to higher education accreditation;

- Consider how accreditors are currently assessing student outcomes;
- Introduce staff to alternative approaches to assessing institutional and/or program quality; and,

Discuss critiques of the current accreditation system and consider potential improvements.

Tuesday, August 6

8:45 am	**Staff arrive to board shuttle** Peace Circle Pennsylvania Ave. and First Street NW, Washington, D.C.
9:00 am	**Depart Peace Circle**
10:15 am	**Arrive at Kent Manor Inn** 500 Kent Manor Drive Stevensville, MD 21666
10:15-10:30 am	**Check-In and Registration**

10:30am – 12:00 pm **Welcome & Accreditation Overview**

Speaker:
MaryEllen McGuire, PNPI
Elise Scanlon, Elise Scanlon Law Group
Julie Peller, Higher Learning Advocates

Questions for Discussion:

- What is accreditation?
  What purposes does it serve?
  What types of institutions are accredited?
  What is the higher education triad?
  What are the current roles/responsibilities of and relationships among the members of the higher education triad?
- What types of accreditors are there (regional, nationals, specialty)?
  What is NACIQI? How are members chosen?
- What is NACIQI's role in ensuring accountability?
- What is the relationship between NACIQI and the U.S. Department of Education (ED)?
- What has GAO recently found regarding the strengths and weaknesses of ED's oversight of accreditors?
- What has the IG found and reported?

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch – Ask an Accreditation Expert!**

Lunch will provide an opportunity for staff to ask the day's panelists additional questions in a smaller group setting.

1:00-2:15 pm **Accreditation Simulation: Accrediting Institutions**

Speaker:
Elise Scanlon, Elise Scanlon Law Group

Staff will review the steps involved in accrediting an institution and will take part in a mock accreditation review.

2:15-2:30 pm **Break**

2:30-3:45 pm **Accreditation Exercise: Recognizing Accreditors**

Speaker:
Antoinette Flores, Center for American Progress

Staff will learn more about the recognition process and take part in an exercise designed to help them better understand how the process unfolds.

3:45-4:00 pm **Break**

4:00-5:00 pm **Negotiated Rulemaking**

Speakers:
Antoinette Flores, Center for American Progress
Michale McComis, Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

Questions for Discussion:

- What is negotiated rulemaking? How does it work?
- With regard to accreditation: What's happened? What's changed? What's still up for discussion?

5:00-5:30 pm **Break**

5:30-7:00 pm **Working Dinner**

Dinner will provide an opportunity for staff to ask expert panelists additional questions in a smaller group setting. In addition, PNPI staff will review the learning from the day and provide a preview of the second day of programming with an emphasis on what more staff would like to know about postsecondary accreditation.

Question for Participant Discussion:

- Going into tomorrow's programming, what more would you like to learn?

Wednesday, August 7

8:00-9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00-10:30 am **Student Outcome Measures**

Speakers:
Nathan Arnold, EducationCounsel
Dr. Leah Matthews, Distance Education Accrediting Commission
Jamie Studley, WASC Senior College and University Commission

- How are accreditors currently assessing student outcomes?
  To what extent are accreditors doing it well?
  How else might student outcomes be assessed?

10:30-10:45 am **Break**

10:45am-12:00 pm **Alternative Approaches to Assessing Quality**

Speakers:
Erin Knelper, Higher Education Analytics Center at NORC at University of Chicago

Questions for Discussion:

What alternatives to traditional accreditation exist?
How are they assessing quality?

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch- Ask an Accreditation Expert!**

Lunch will provide an opportunity for staff to ask the day's panelists additional questions in a smaller group setting.

1:00-2:30 pm **Accreditation Roundtable: Critiques & Reform**

Speakers:

Emily Bouck West, Higher Learning Advocates
Ben Miller, Center for American Progress
Rick O'Donnell, Skills Fund
Jamie Studley, WASC Senior College and University Commission

The panel will discuss common critiques of the current accreditation system and consider how the current system of accreditation might be improved.

2:30-2:35 pm **Break**

2:35-3:15 pm **Closing PNPI Session**

Questions for Participant Discussion:

- What is your biggest takeaway from the last two days?
- What were you most surprised to learn?
- How might you apply what you learned to your current work?
- Is there a part of the process you'd like to learn more about?

3:15 pm **Depart from Kent Manor Inn**

4:30 pm **Arrive at Peace Circle, Washington, D.C.**

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