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Work-Based Learning Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Committee Members: Audrey Fletcher, ~~Elli Brown~~, David Moore, ~~Wendy Lundberg~~, Sean Kelly, ~~Ed Husky~~, Gina Robison, ~~Marie Price~~, Gina Cabrera, Maureen O'Toole, Will Goodman, Debbie Ronneburg, Jan Nielsen, Lonnie Peterson

Guests: John McFarlane (STEM AC), Debbie Kaylor (Boise State), Hank Ebert (Boise State), Stephen Cilley (Ataraxis)

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Matthew Thomsen, Jeffrey Bacon, Caty Solace, Amanda Ames

Call to Order at 2:03 p.m.

Roll call - Quorum met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda

Approve December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. O'Toole to approve the December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Moore. Motion carried.

Work-Based Learning Continuum Overview

Ms. Secrist reviewed the WBL continuum in the context of today's presentations.

Boise State University Work U

Ms. Kaylor provided an overview of Boise State's Traditional Internship, Work U and Hometown Challenge programs. See attached presentation.

Discussion:

WorkU is especially important from the standpoint of it allowing a student from any major to explore any career opportunity – not just the one they are majoring in.

What is included in the career readiness course that WorkU students take alongside their internship?

- Career exploration, interviewing, resumes, etc. Syllabus will be shared with committee.
- Looking for guest speakers for Spring semester.

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What recommendations does Boise State have to scale these programs?

- Make resources available to any student in the state to access a WBL from a financial standpoint. To provide equitable access, there needs to be a funding source so that students can participate even if the employer can't pay them.
- Increase messaging to employers about the return on investment of work-based learning.

Educator Externship Program

Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Thomsen provided an overview of the Teacher Externship program:

- Started in 2019 to provide teachers and career counselors with practical experience outside of education.
- Educators work 200 hours and are paid a \$5,000 stipend for the summer.
- 16 placed in 15 businesses in 2019; 42 externs and 36 business planned for 2020 – ended up with 27 externs.
- 18 of the 24 employers contributed to stipends in 2020 – only one in 2019.
- Applications are open until February 12 for both teachers and employers.

Idaho Apprenticeship Coalition Update

IDOL – working to restructure team to support anticipated growth in registering programs based on WDC and CTE's grants. Provided training on outreach to internal IDOL staff. Idaho has 192 sponsors total, 348 apprenticeship programs, 1,557 active apprentices.

CTE – all five subawards are now in place. Working on performance management system with WDC and shared CRM among all the partners.

IBE/WDC – IBE is getting close to placing the first youth apprentices under the grant in meat cutting (grocery store chain in Eastern Idaho) and auto tech. There is also interest in drone operators, lending, and many others.

Motion by Maureen O'Toole to adjourn. Second by Audrey Fletcher. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 3:02 p.m.