



AGENDA: TRIBAL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS 2ND ANNUAL MEETING: TCU BEST PRACTICES

Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino, Santa Fe, NM

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—August 8 through 10, 2013



Thursday, August 8, 2013

Time	Title	Presenter	Description
7:45 am	<i>Continental Breakfast Buffet (Tewa 2-3)</i>		
8:45 am	PLENARY 1 (Tewa 2-3)	AIHEC	Opening Plenary Panel: AIHEC's History
10:30 am	Chief Academic Officers: <i>Introductions</i> (Tewa 1B-C)	Deborah His Horse is Thunder	This introductory session will follow up on the relationships established at last year's event. All CAOs are urged to attend this important kick-off session.
12:00 pm	<i>Luncheon Buffet and</i> PLENARY 2 (Tewa 2-3)	AIHEC, with Rick Williams	Educational Sovereignty
1:45 pm	Afternoon Break		
2:00 pm	Best Practices: Program Review (Tewa 1B-C)	Koreen Ressler (Sitting Bull College), and Diane Morris (College of Menominee Nation)	Colleges are expected to develop a systematic academic program review process. Two TCUs will present their processes, including analyses of achievement of the program's learning objectives, program outcomes, student persistence retention, completion, and where appropriate, licensing exam and placement results. The program review process also includes evidence from external stakeholders.
3:00 pm	Best Practices: Faculty Handbooks (Tewa 1B-C)	Sharon Marcotte (Leech Lake Tribal College)	Faculty Handbooks are critical documents for higher education institutions. This session will provide an overview of expected elements of a Faculty Handbook. <i>All CAOs are asked to bring one hard copy of their Faculty Handbook and an electronic copy for sharing.</i>

4:00 pm	PLENARY 3 (Tewa 2-3)	AIHEC, with Evan Adams	Indigenous Research & Sovereignty
5:30 pm	Distinctive and Connected: Tribal Colleges and Universities and HLC Accreditation – Considerations for Peer Reviewers (Tewa 1B-C)	Mary Vanis (Higher Learning Commission)	This session will present the recently published HLC document whose primary purposes is to provide important context to HLC peer reviewers who may not be familiar with the unique characteristics of TCUs. The document was prepared at the special request of HLC's President Sylvia Manning in concert with a team of individuals with experience and expertise working with tribal colleges. The session is intended to encourage discussion about the important aspects of accreditation for the Chief Academic Officers and areas of emphasis important in the training of HLC peer reviewers. <i>Copies of this paper will be available prior to the meeting.</i>
6:30 – 8:00 pm	<i>Networking Reception with AIHEC Partners (Pueblo 2-3)</i>	AIHEC	<i>We will be able to join this reception when we finish the 5:30 session.</i>

Friday, August 9, 2013

Time	Title	Presenter	Description
7:45 am	<i>Continental Breakfast Buffet (Tewa 2-3)</i>		
8:45 am	Plenary Session: Effective Practices for Student Success (Tewa 2-3) Note: Dr. Barefoot has agreed to address questions from the audience following her formal remarks.	Dr. Betsy Barefoot (Gardner Institute)	Dr. Barefoot is the Vice President & Senior Scholar of the Gardner Institute which has a long history of work with colleges in the area of student success. She will share best practices for student retention, persistence, and graduation. A number of the TCUs involved with the Walmart Student Success Project have participated in the Institute's annual conference and report it as excellent.
10:30 am	Effective Strategies: 1st Year Experience Class (Tewa 1B-C)	Sitting Bull College and Fort Peck Community College	Sitting Bull College is the mentor college that is working with Fort Peck Community College. These two institutions will share their efforts to develop and implement a more effective First Year Experience class for entering college students.

12:00 pm	<i>Luncheon Buffet (Tewa 2-3) and</i> PLENARY Session 5	See AIHEC Agenda	Panel Discussion on Leadership
2:30 pm	<i>Afternoon Break</i>		
2:45 pm	Effective Strategies: Learning Centers & Monday Drum (Tewa 1B-C)	Leech Lake Tribal College and Stone Child College	Leech Lake Tribal College has worked closely with its mentee institution, Stone Child College to help them create a more effective Learning Center. Specific strategies used in refining the Learning Center and some of the challenges will be shared. In addition, one of the very successful student engagement strategies has been the Monday Drum and the presenters will also describe this weekly event and its impact.
3:45 pm	Effective Strategies: Retention Plans (Tewa 1B-C)	Institute of American Indian Arts and Ilisagvik College	The Institute of American Indian Arts has taken the lead in assisting its mentee, Ilisagvik College, in developing a strong retention plan for implementation. The challenges that Ilisagvik College faced in starting this process and where they are at this point will be described. Key features of retention planning will be shared.
4:30–7:30 pm	Institute of American Indian Arts Tour and Cook-Out <i>(Bus departs at the Front of the hotel – Please sign up!)</i> } Cook-out and Tours of Campus, Digital Dome, and Fab Lab {		

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Time	Title	Presenter	Description
7:45 am	<i>Continental Breakfast Buffet (Tewa 2-3)</i>		
8:30 am	PLENARY 6 (Tewa 2-3)	See AIHEC Agenda	Global Indigenous Research & Partnerships
10:00 am	Best Practices: Enrollment Management Plan (Tewa 1B-C)	Koreen Ressler (Sitting Bull College)	TCUs recognize that strategic enrollment management is an institution-wide responsibility and a significant component of an effective overall strategic plan. Sitting Bull College has developed an Enrollment Management Plan that focuses on what is best for their students and how to insure their success while addressing all aspects of the College's mission. Like strategic planning, their plan is mission driven and includes a strategy for marketing, recruitment, retention, financial aid, and data collection and reporting. Subject Overview and small group discussion.
11:45 a.m.	<i>Luncheon Buffet (Tewa 2-3)</i> PLENARY 7	AIHEC, with Gregory Cajete	Indigenous Knowledge Creation
1:45 pm	Trending Issues and Information Nuggets (Tewa 1B-C)	Samantha Cameron (Bay Mills Community College) and Carmen Taylor (Aaniiih Nakoda College)	There are a number of issues that TCUs are continually addressing. This session will discuss some of those most pressing such as the implications of the Affordable Health Care Act on employment benefits of adjunct faculty, the Federal government's new credit hour compliance requirements, changes in accreditation requirements regarding distance education, etc.
2:45 pm	Session 6: Wrap Up (Tewa 1B-C)	Deborah His Horse is Thunder	This session will wrap up the 2 nd Annual CAO meeting and lay the ground work for the following year.
3:30 pm	<i>Break until Dinner</i>		
6:30 pm	<i>Dinner & CLOSING CEREMONY (Pueblo 2-3)</i>	AIHEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AIHEC Lecture Series: • Special Honoring for TCU Presidents • Closing Prayer
8:30 pm	<i>End of Conference</i>		Travel Safe!!