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Prior to Tim Sheehan’s appointment as vice president of government and community relations in September 2012 he served as Salt Lake Community College’s (SLCC) vice president of institutional advancement since July 2010. Sheehan previously served as the state director to U.S. Sen. Orrin G. Hatch for more than nine years. He worked in the administration of former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, serving initially as the governor’s assistant deputy for communications, and later as his deputy for policy. Mr. Sheehan also has government relations experience in the private sector, having worked as the government relations manager for two different companies. He has a bachelor’s degree in political science and a Master’s in Public Administration from Brigham Young University.

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**Agenda**

12:10 PM  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION  
Charlene Dukes and Dan Phelan

12:15 PM  PANEL DISCUSSION  
Moderated by David Baime and Tim Sheehan

- Pell Grants
- Loans
- Measurement/Data and Consumer Information
- Accreditation
- Student Success
- America’s College Promise
- Workforce – Carl Perkins Act Reauthorization

1:15 PM  QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1:25 PM  WRAP UP  
Dan Phelan

**Presenters & Moderators**

**KAREN BOWYER**  
President of Dyersburg State Community College, Tennessee

Dr. Karen Bowyer has been President of Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) since November 1984, where enrollment has grown by more than 100% during her tenure. Over the past 32 years she has spearheaded the development of off-campus centers in Covington, Trenton, and Union City. Prior to serving as president of DSCC, Dr. Bowyer worked as a teacher of mathematics and/or administrator at Libertyville High School in Illinois; Colegio Bolívar in Cali, Colombia; the American School Foundation in Mexico City, Mexico; Memphis State Community College in Memphis and DSCC. Dr. Bowyer’s community and other service positions include past president, Tennessee College Association; membership on multiple committees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and past member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for the U.S. Secretary of Education. Dr. Bowyer earned a Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Alabama, a master’s in mathematics from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and German from Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

**CHARLENE DUKES**  
President of Prince George’s Community College, Maryland

Dr. Charlene Dukes is the eighth and first female President of Prince George’s Community College (PGCC). With more than 44,000 students at six locations, including the Largo Campus, Prince George’s Community College offers 200 credit and workforce development and continuing education programs. Dr. Dukes holds membership in a variety of professional organizations, including the boards of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges, where she currently serves as the Board Chair; the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP); the President’s Round Table; and the National Council on Black American Affairs. From 2007 through May 2015, Dr. Dukes served on the Maryland State Board of Education and from 2012 through May 2015, she was the president of the board. Dr. Dukes holds a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education with an English concentration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master’s and doctorate in administrative and policy studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

**DENECE HUFTALIN**  
President of Salt Lake Community College, Utah

In September 2014, Dr. Deneece Huftalin was named the eighth president of Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) and has served SLCC students, faculty, and staff for more than two decades. In her tenure as president, Dr. Huftalin has launched a college-wide strategic planning cycle which has produced a new vision, mission, values, and strategic goals for the college. Dr. Huftalin is leading efforts to strengthen completion rates, transfer pathways, workforce responsiveness, and equity in student access and completion. Prior to her current role, Dr. Huftalin served as the Interim president, vice president of student services, dean of students, and director of academic and career advising. Before joining SLCC in 1992, Dr. Huftalin held positions at William Rainey Harper College, Northwestern University, the University of Utah, Stanford University, and the Institute for Shipboard Education. Dr. Huftalin earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah, a master’s degree from UCLA, and a doctorate in education, leadership, and policy from the University of Utah.

**NANCY MCCALLIN**  
President of the Colorado Community College System

As president of the Colorado Community College System (CCCCS), Dr. Nancy McCallin leads the state’s largest system of higher education, which serves more than 144,000 students annually. The system has academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and seven other postsecondary institutions. Before coming to CCCS, Dr. McCallin served for six years as the executive director of the Governor’s Office of State Planning and Budgeting, a cabinet level position. For a decade prior to her role in the Owens’ Administration, Dr. McCallin was chief economist for the Legislative Council of the Colorado General Assembly. From 1981 to 1989, Dr. McCallin was an economist with United Banks of Colorado, Inc. (now Wells Fargo) where she was responsible for analyzing and forecasting national, state, and mountain region economies. Dr. McCallin earned a Bachelor of Arts from Claremont McKenna College, and a master’s and doctorate in economics from the University of Colorado-Boulder.