Presidents & Chancellors —

Follow-up w/Department of Education

Again, thank you to all who attended and contributed to a wonderful conversation with James Kvaal & Eloy Oakley last week. During our conversation we touched on many topics that are of critical importance to your institutions and the learners you serve.

One topic that James and Eloy asked for our input on was that of “adult learners”. We would like to craft a policy letter that specifically addresses the needs of adult learners and ways the Department can work to ensure they are better accounted for as new regulations and Biden administration policies are developed.

We are soliciting your input and feedback on this matter, please reach out to Taylor Hansen (thansen@presidentsforum.org) to either schedule a time to discuss this topic, and/or send anything you think the letter should include. Sue Ellspermann/Ivy Tech has reached out already and a meeting is scheduled between her team and the Presidents Forum team to discuss advocating for the adult/working learner.

Presidents Forum/U.S. Chamber/ACE Blockchains & LERs Working Groups

In September we held the first event in our Potential to Impact series that is sponsored by the U.S. Chamber Foundation designed to support their T3N work. The second phase of this project will be done through working groups. These working groups will meet twice in November and put forward recommendations to the U.S. Chamber and Walmart on ways they can better include, and consider, the end-users/stakeholders of distributed ledger technologies (ie blockchains) and LERs.
There will be four working groups:

- Learners
- Employers
- Registrars
- Administrators

Please feel free to register to participate in any of these working groups. Additionally, please forward the registration link to any of those at your institutions you feel would benefit from participating and bring a great perspective to these groups. There will also be living google docs for these groups, so those that cannot attend the meetings can still contribute with comments to the working documents each group will have.

Register for working groups here. If you have any questions please contact Taylor Hansen (thansen@presidentsforum.org).

All the best,
Jim Manning