



**Legislative Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 27, 2018  
Mill Falls at the Lake  
Meredith, New Hampshire**

**Agenda**

**8:00 – 8:30am**      **Registration and Coffee**      *Laker Room*

**8:30 – 8:45am**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Candace Williams, Director for Strategic Initiatives, NEBHE  
Sen. Rebecca Millett, Chair, Legislative Advisory Committee

**8:45 – 10:30am**      **State Updates: Priorities for Your Legislative Sessions**  
LAC members share session updates related to higher education legislation and key policy issues, as well as higher education budget priorities and challenges in their states

**10:30 – 10:45am**      **Break**

**10:45 – 12:00pm**      **Policy Discussion: Mitigating Cost Drivers in Higher Ed**  
The sustainability of postsecondary institutions of all types is at the top of the minds of institution leaders, policymakers and students and families. At the center of the conversation are the costs that institutions face in achieving their missions of educating, training and guiding future graduates. Cost drivers in higher education include classroom-related direct expenses, as well as indirect expenses such as burgeoning costs of employees' healthcare and benefits, facilities management, costs associated with attrition and the trend towards large administrative needs. This session is designed to present data on cost trends in New England, as well as provide LAC members with the opportunity to troubleshoot current challenges with local college presidents.

Moderator:  
Dennis Jones, President Emeritus, National Center for Higher Education  
Management Systems

Presenters:  
Glenn Cummings, President, University of Southern Maine  
Michele Perkins, President, New England College

**12:00 – 12:15pm**                      **Break to Pick-up Lunch**

**12:15 – 12:45pm**      **Lunch Presentation & Discussion: High Value Credentials for New England**

New England faces a fast-changing economy, economic inequalities and unparalleled demographic challenges. Access to and completion of an affordable postsecondary credential of value is the key to our region's ability to adapt to changing workforce needs, attract and retain workers, and provide pathways to growth-oriented, high-wage jobs. However, the proliferation of multiple types and sources of credentials, as well as questions around the value of credentials, is creating a complex environment for individuals, institutions and employers to navigate. This session will provide an overview of the credentials landscape in New England and strategies to increase transparency in the region's marketplace.

*Presenters:*

Candace Williams, Director for Strategic Initiatives, NEBHE

Stephanie Murphy, Policy & Research Analyst, NEBHE

**12:45-1:00pm**                      **Wrap-Up**

**1:00pm**                                **Adjourn**