

Ad Hoc Committee Examining Wyoming School-University Partnership Membership Issues

Charge

Examine current Wyoming School-University Partnership membership issues and present a set of recommendations to the governing board for discussion and action prior to presentation of the 2016-2017 budget.

Ad Hoc Committee Members

Diana Clapp, Chair

Andrea Bryant, Ray Schulte, Kathy Vetter, Walt Wilcox, Rick Woodford

Audrey Kleinsasser, ex officio

Communication

The committee conducted its work via conference call and ongoing email.

2015-2016 Time Line

Board action at the April 28 meeting set in motion an ad hoc committee. The committee began its work immediately following the July 8 governing board meeting. Recommendations were discussed at the November 4 meeting, including the committee's decision to examine school district dues first. The governing board is slated to vote on a membership dues schedule for school districts at its January 28, 2016 regular meeting.

Issues the Committee Examined

1. Examine the current dues structure with an eye to school district size, location, and state-level agency.
2. Examine the role of yearly dues in the successful retention of current members and the recruitment of new members.
3. Examine the timeline for assessing and collecting yearly dues.
4. Recommend a schedule for the regular review of membership issues.
5. Other?

Additional Notes

1. Audrey Shalinsky and Shon Hocker were named to the committee but were unable to participate.
2. We thank Fremont 6 Business Manager Linda Lake for her considerable help with the option models and Office Associate Kara Duggan for her help with the pie charts and document formation.

Wyoming School-University Partnership K-12 School District Dues Models

A Theory of Action: Make Partnership membership more viable

Our proposal values the following principles:

1. Democratic practice and action substantiated by a regular review of the dues structure.
2. Equity and full inclusion, an open and real invitation for all 48 Wyoming school districts to join and participate.
3. Wyoming students at all levels benefit when school district leaders have a regular forum with leaders of Wyoming colleges and university and state agencies.
4. School district leaders are the strongest advocates for maintaining and increasing K-12 membership.

Caveats

1. School districts are currently assessed differently from WY community colleges, the UW College of Arts & Sciences, and state-level agencies such as the Professional Teaching Standards Board, the Wyoming Department of Education, and the Wyoming Education Association. See the pie chart for the 2015-2016 contribution percentages of these groups of members.
2. The UW College of Education has underwritten the Partnership since its inception but is not listed as a dues-paying member. It has subsidized the Partnership all of the directors' salaries to date. Because she is a UW employee released from other duties to direct the Partnership, the college supports the current director's nine-month salary and benefits (calculated at 45%). In addition, the college has provided in kind contributions of office space.
3. Memberships of community colleges and agencies dramatically increased from 1995 forward. Originally, the community colleges came into the Partnership through the Wyoming Community College Commission. In 2007, the Commission asked that the colleges be invoiced directly. In both situations, the community colleges have a single voting member on the governing board.
4. The UW College of Arts and Sciences has been a Partnership member since 1986, but was not invoiced for dues until 2006.
5. It is unclear how tiered school district memberships (full, associate, affiliate) served members.

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Dues Schedule Models

Discussed the November 5, 2015, governing board meeting
Overview

Model #1		Model #2		Model #3	
\$500 plus \$1.00 per student with a cap of \$4,000		\$750 plus \$1.00 per student with a cap of \$4,000		\$1,000 plus \$1.00 per student with a cap of \$4,000	
Total dues with current Partnership members	\$47,345	Total dues with current Partnership members	\$51,455	Total dues with current Partnership members	\$55,455
Total potential dues with ALL districts	\$89,296	Total potential dues with ALL districts	\$99,906	Total potential dues with ALL districts	\$110,406
2015-2016 current member dues LOW	\$728	2015-2016 current member dues LOW	\$978	2015-2016 current member dues LOW	\$1,228
2015-2016 current member dues HIGH	\$4,000	2015-2016 current member dues HIGH	\$4,000	2015-2016 current member dues HIGH	\$4,000
All 48 school districts potential member dues LOW	\$584	All 48 School Districts Potential Member dues LOW	\$834	All 48 school districts potential member dues LOW	\$1,084
All 48 school districts potential member dues HIGH	\$4,000	All 48 school districts potential member dues HIGH	\$4,000	All 48 school districts potential member dues HIGH	\$4,000

2015-2016 school district membership revenue totals \$52,500 with current dues structure; 21 school districts.
Three models depicted here are based on 2014-2015 school district enrollments.

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Dues Schedule Models, 2015-2016 member districts

		Model #1	Model #2	Model #3
2014-2015 Enrollment		<u>\$500 plus enrollment with cap of \$4,000</u>	<u>\$750 plus enrollment with cap of \$4,000</u>	<u>\$1,000 plus enrollment with cap of \$4,000</u>
Platte #2	228	\$ 728.00	\$ 978.00	\$ 1,228.00
Fremont #6	359	\$ 859.00	\$ 1,109.00	\$ 1,359.00
Fremont #14	610	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,610.00
Carbon #2	624	\$ 1,124.00	\$ 1,374.00	\$ 1,624.00
Big Horn #2	695	\$ 1,195.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 1,695.00
Niobrara #1	978	\$ 1,478.00	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 1,978.00
Sheridan #1	980	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 1,980.00
Big Horn #1	988	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 1,738.00	\$ 1,988.00
Platte #1	1,003	\$ 1,503.00	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 2,003.00
Washakie #1	1,353	\$ 1,853.00	\$ 2,103.00	\$ 2,353.00
Fremont #1	1,700	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,700.00
Goshen #1	1,713	\$ 2,213.00	\$ 2,463.00	\$ 2,713.00
Park #1	1,761	\$ 2,261.00	\$ 2,511.00	\$ 2,761.00
Converse #1	1,795	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,545.00	\$ 2,795.00
Park #6	2,105	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 2,855.00	\$ 3,105.00
Fremont #25	2,563	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 3,313.00	\$ 3,563.00
Sheridan #2	3,390	\$ 3,890.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Albany #1	3,834	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Sweetwater #1	5,719	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Campbell #1	9,134	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Natrona #1	13,059	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Totals	54,591	\$ 47,345.00	\$ 51,455.00	\$ 55,455.00

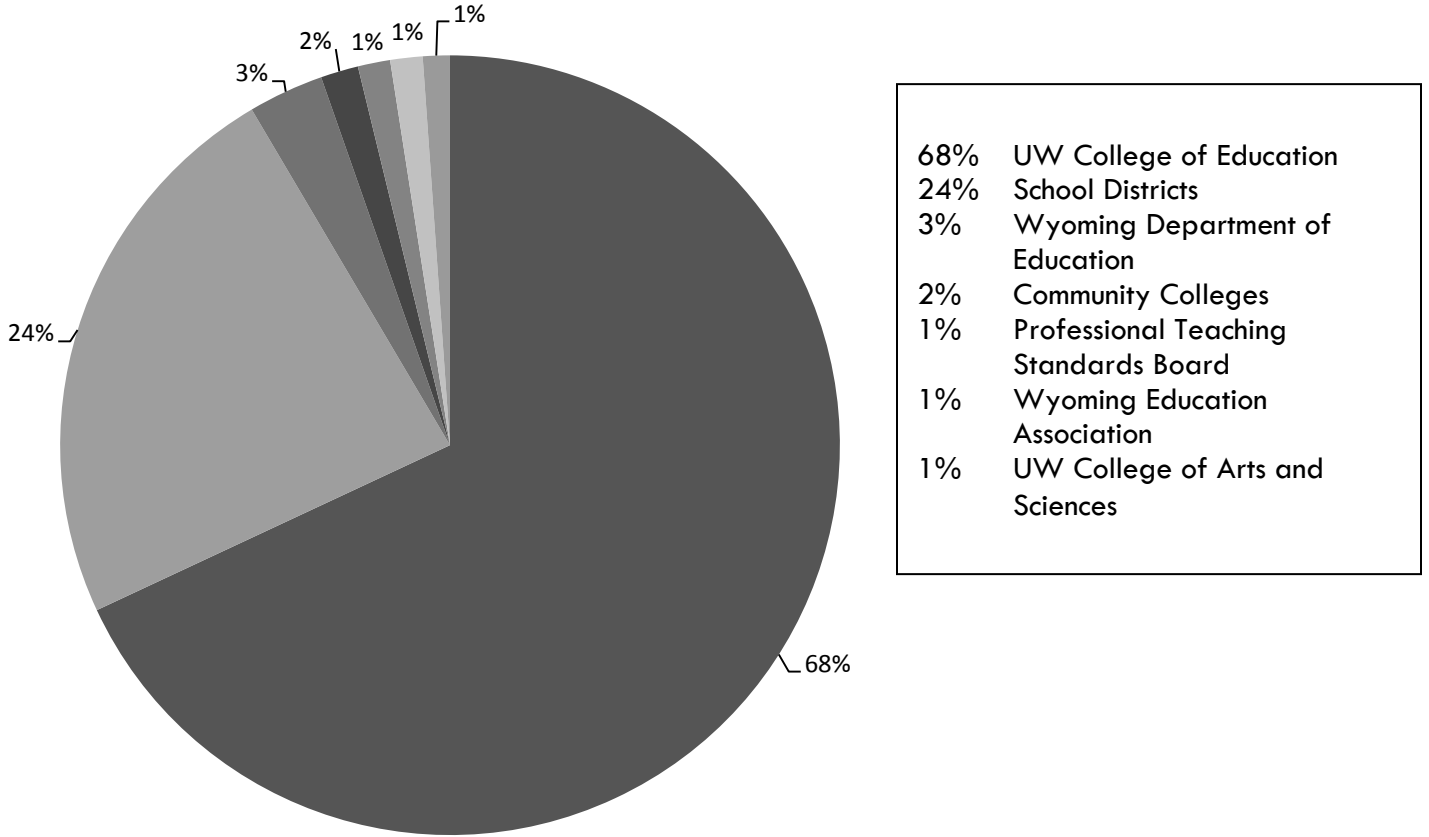
Shading denotes maximum cap.

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 Dues Schedule Models, all districts

Partnership Member	2014-2015 Enrollment	Model #1	Model #2	Model #3
		<u>\$500 plus enrollment with cap of \$4,000</u>	<u>\$750 plus enrollment with cap of \$4,000</u>	<u>\$1,000 plus enrollment with cap of \$4,000</u>
Sheridan #3	84	\$ 584.00	\$ 834.00	\$ 1,084.00
Washakie #2	91	\$ 591.00	\$ 841.00	\$ 1,091.00
Park #16	109	\$ 609.00	\$ 859.00	\$ 1,109.00
Fremont #2	150	\$ 650.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,150.00
Member Platte #2	228	\$ 728.00	\$ 978.00	\$ 1,228.00
Weston #7	264	\$ 764.00	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 1,264.00
Big Horn #4	304	\$ 804.00	\$ 1,054.00	\$ 1,304.00
Member Fremont #6	359	\$ 859.00	\$ 1,109.00	\$ 1,359.00
Fremont #24	383	\$ 883.00	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 1,383.00
Fremont #38	446	\$ 946.00	\$ 1,196.00	\$ 1,446.00
Fremont #21	460	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,460.00
Big Horn #3	539	\$ 1,039.00	\$ 1,289.00	\$ 1,539.00
Member Fremont #14	610	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,610.00
Hot Springs #1	617	\$ 1,117.00	\$ 1,367.00	\$ 1,617.00
Member Carbon #2	624	\$ 1,124.00	\$ 1,374.00	\$ 1,624.00
Sublette #9	627	\$ 1,127.00	\$ 1,377.00	\$ 1,627.00
Lincoln #1	634	\$ 1,134.00	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 1,634.00
Converse #2	665	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 1,665.00
Member Big Horn #2	695	\$ 1,195.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 1,695.00
Uinta #6	721	\$ 1,221.00	\$ 1,471.00	\$ 1,721.00
Weston #1	784	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 1,534.00	\$ 1,784.00
Uinta #4	791	\$ 1,291.00	\$ 1,541.00	\$ 1,791.00
Member Niobrara #1	978	\$ 1,478.00	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 1,978.00
Member Sheridan #1	980	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 1,980.00
Laramie #2	987	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 1,987.00
Member Big Horn #1	988	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 1,738.00	\$ 1,988.00
Member Platte #1	1,003	\$ 1,503.00	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 2,003.00
Sublette #1	1,035	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 2,035.00
Crook #1	1,135	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,885.00	\$ 2,135.00
Johnson #1	1,284	\$ 1,784.00	\$ 2,034.00	\$ 2,284.00
Member Washakie #1	1,353	\$ 1,853.00	\$ 2,103.00	\$ 2,353.00
Member Fremont #1	1,700	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,700.00
Member Goshen #1	1,713	\$ 2,213.00	\$ 2,463.00	\$ 2,713.00
Member Park #1	1,761	\$ 2,261.00	\$ 2,511.00	\$ 2,761.00
Member Converse #1	1,795	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,545.00	\$ 2,795.00
Carbon #1	1,832	\$ 2,332.00	\$ 2,582.00	\$ 2,832.00
Member Park #6	2,105	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 2,855.00	\$ 3,105.00
Member Fremont #25	2,563	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 3,313.00	\$ 3,563.00
Lincoln #2	2,681	\$ 3,181.00	\$ 3,431.00	\$ 3,681.00
Teton #1	2,691	\$ 3,191.00	\$ 3,441.00	\$ 3,691.00
Sweetwater #2	2,726	\$ 3,226.00	\$ 3,476.00	\$ 3,726.00
Uinta #1	2,911	\$ 3,411.00	\$ 3,661.00	\$ 3,911.00
Member Sheridan #2	3,390	\$ 3,890.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Member Albany #1	3,834	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
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Member Natrona #1	13,059	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Laramie #1	13,761	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Totals	93,303	\$ 89,296.00	\$ 99,906.00	\$ 110,406.00

Shading denotes maximum cap.

2015-2016 Partnership Revenue: Memberships and UW Contribution



TOTAL = \$223,750