Meeting One | North Carolina’s Higher Education Landscape and Equity of Access

Day One | October 19, 2020

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM | WELCOME REMARKS
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, President & CEO, The Hunt Institute

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM | GROUP ACTIVITY: INTRODUCTIONS, VALUES, GROUP EXPECTATIONS
A series of structured activities where cohort members will get to know each other by
discussing what they value most in higher education policy. Through a combination of small
group discussions and broader share-outs, the cohort will develop a set of shared values and
expectations for the program.

FACILITATORS
James Mikolowsky, Senior Policy Analyst, The Hunt Institute
Allison Goff, Senior Policy Analyst, The Hunt Institute

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM | BREAK

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM | POLICY DISCUSSION: MYFUTURENC AND THE ATTAINMENT IMPERATIVE
Resource experts will discuss the economic and moral imperative behind efforts to raise higher
education attainment rates in North Carolina and give an overview of how they are working to
implement strategies that boost attainment while narrowing equity gaps.

MODERATOR
James Mikolowsky, Senior Policy Analyst, The Hunt Institute

RESOURCE EXPERTS
Cecilia Holden, President and CEO, myFutureNC
Cris Charbonneau, Director of Advocacy and Engagement, myFutureNC

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM | BREAK

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | POLICY DISCUSSION: NORTH CAROLINA’S HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
Resource experts will give an overview of the types of institutions of higher education (IHEs) in
North Carolina, the students they serve, and the role that different IHEs play in the effort to raise
statewide attainment rates.

MODERATOR
Maurice “Mo” Green, Executive Director, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

RESOURCE EXPERTS
Peter Hans, President, University of North Carolina System
Dr. Bill Carver, Interim President, North Carolina Community College System
Dr. Hope Williams, President, North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities

5:00 PM | ADJOURN DAY ONE
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## Day Two | October 20, 2020

### 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

**WELCOME REMARKS**

*James Mikolowsky*, Senior Policy Analyst, The Hunt Institute

### 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

**POLICY DISCUSSION: EQUITY OF ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Speakers will discuss the characteristics of specific student populations – such as Black and Latino students – and ways that policymakers can meet their higher education access needs.

**MODERATOR**

*Patrick Sims*, Director of Policy & Research, The Hunt Institute

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

- *The Honorable John B. King, Jr.*, President and CEO, The Education Trust; Former United States Secretary of Education (2016 - 2017)
- *Deborah Santiago*, Chief Executive Officer, Excelencia in Education

### 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

**BREAK**

### 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**POLICY DISCUSSION: HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY AND EMERGENCY GRANT AID**

Resource experts will highlight how the full range of higher education costs faced by students – including child care, health care, housing, food, and transportation costs – can serve as barriers to access. They will also talk about the building momentum for emergency grant aid programs – including Finish Line Grants.

**MODERATOR**

*James Mikolowsky*, Senior Policy Analyst, The Hunt Institute

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

- *Nicole Lynn Lewis*, Founder & CEO, Generation Hope
- *Carrie Welton*, Director of Policy, Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice at Temple University
- *Sa’Metria Jones*, Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Roy Cooper

### 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

**BREAK**

### 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

**EXIT TICKET ACTIVITY, REFLECTIONS**

Leaders will complete an exit ticket activity that asks them to reflect on the main higher education values that motivate their work, and to identify the higher education policy topics that they are most interested in exploring. Leaders will also share out reflections on their takeaways from session one.

**FACILITATORS**

*James Mikolowsky*, Senior Policy Analyst, The Hunt Institute

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### 12:30 PM

**DAY TWO ADJOURN**