



Huertas Junior College
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The rise of the two year and community college systems:
Challenges and opportunities in times of transition

Subject Area 3:
Employment and Issues related to the State of the Economy

Introduction

- a. Link
- b. Main Objectives
- c. Share Experiences
- d. Puerto Rico Status
- e. Puerto Rico Economy

Overview regarding significance of the subject area

- a. Strategies of Institutions
- b. Effect of Government Regulations
- c. Hot Issues

Hot Issues to face by institutions

1. Flood in Attendance Effect

a. Effects on Huertas Junior College

b. Questions

c. Do we reject incoming students that as result of the unemployment and economic crisis want and need to study?

d. Shall we close the door?

e. Axiom

f. Distance Education

Hot Issues to face by institutions

2. Rise in college tuitions due to economy crisis
 - a. Operating Expenses
 - b. Questions
 - Is tuition increase a solution to the economic challenges in our schools?
 - What do students say?
 - How federal government see this?
 - c. Students debt key issue D.C.
 - d. Arnie Duncan calling
 - e. White House President's Summit

Hot Issues to face by institutions

3. Institutional Disclosures

- a. Concept
- b. Purpose
- c. New challenges

Questions:

Is compliance with this new disclosure regulation a great challenge to two year institutions and community colleges?

Challenges...

1. Price of Attendance (HEA Sec. 485(a)(1)-(2))

- a. Availability
- b. Includes
- c. Transparency
- d. Question:

Will this requirement prevents the institutions from raising their cost of attendance?

Challenges...

2. Net Price Calculator (HEOA, Sec. 111 amended HEA Title 1, Part C: Added HEA Sec. 132 (a) Sec. 132 (b)
 - a. Availability
 - b. Tool to be used
 - c. Questions
 - Will they use it in Puerto Rico due to our culture?
 - Will they use it in the States?

Challenges...

3. Placement Employment (HEOA Sec. 988 (a) (1) (E) amended HEA Sec. 485 (a) (1)
 - Availability
 - Relevance
 - Challenges
 - Curriculums
 - Questions:
 - Will this help the students that come out to two year colleges or community colleges?
 - Will this be an additional burden to institutions?

Challenges...

4. Job Placement Rates (HEA Sec. 487 (a) (8))

- Disclosure Requirement
- Directed to...
- They must provide:
 - Employment-graduation statistics
 - Information to substantiate
 - Relevant licensing requirement

Huertas Junior College Situation

Question:

- Is this another consequence of unemployment, economic crisis and misrepresentation?

Awareness of need to study

Hot Issues

4. Administrative Costs on College campuses due to the growing demand of government regulation

- Federal Regulatory Compliance Fee
 - Diane Aver Jones, Inside Higher Education 2010)
 - Huertas Junior College Experience with Gainful Employment

Hot Issues

5. Gainful Employment Regulation (GE)

<http://ifap.ed.gov/gainfulemploymentinfo/>

- Effective July 1, 2011
- Definition
 - An educational program is Title IV eligible only if the program:
 - Is offered by a public or non-profit institution, leads to a degree, or
 - Is offered by any institution, “leads to gainful employment in a recognized occupation”

Hot Issues

- Disclosure
 - Webpage
 - Simple, meaningful, links to program information
 - Open format
 - Program costs, placement rate, on time completion rate and median loan debts

Thank you!