



<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>	
TIME	SESSION
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<b><i>Kick-Off &amp; Welcome</i></b>
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	<p><b>Collaboration Showcase</b></p> <p><i>A hallmark event of each ACL Annual Conference, the Showcase allows attendees to introduce their organizations and get to know the work of ACL members and of ACL itself. Brief videos and posters will highlight the work of ACL committees, the ACL Summer Institute, and projects from select consortia. Participants will be invited to meet, converse and network with committee members and consortium representatives in breakout discussions.</i></p>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<p><b>Accreditation &amp; Collaboration</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>            Andrew Lootens-White, Executive VP and COO, Higher Learning Commission   Mac Powell, Senior VP, Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities   Kevin Sightler, Director of Substantive Change, SACSCOC</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Vicki McGillin, Gardner Institute</p> <p><i>Accreditation is a recognition to individual institutions affirming that they have met regional standards for the awarding of higher education degrees. Consortia, with their focus on enhancing collaboration across individual institutions, might be seen to blur accreditation lines. This panel will explore what consortial leaders and program directors need to know about accreditation, how regional educational changes are altering the collaboration landscape, and how regional accreditors are altering how collaboration across institutions is regulated.</i></p>

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2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	<p><b>Emerging Leaders: Project Management Workshop</b></p> <p><i>There are a plethora of “PM” philosophies and tools to help us get stuff done. While the methodologies may differ, the fact remains that we all have priorities that need to be implemented, but which methodologies seem to be best at galvanizing faculty/staff colleagues with their own professional and personal lives to lead? Two consortial senior leaders will share their recommendations about project management, and answer any questions related to ensuring consortial projects remain on track.</i></p>

**Wednesday, October 28**

TIME	SESSION
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	<p><b>Keynote Session: State Higher Education Collaborators</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Noe Ortega, Acting Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education</p> <p><i>Leveraging the resources and platform of consortial relationships has become only more necessary to address the ever-changing challenges and needs of the postsecondary sector. As our featured speaker, Noe Ortega, Acting Secretary of Education for Pennsylvania’s Department of Education, shares his perspective on creating and exploring such opportunities to access key stakeholders; gather input and data; communicate strategies, direction and challenges; and pivot to address the daily shifts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Join Secretary Ortega in a facilitated discussion about the future of higher education and the role consortia could play.</i></p>
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	<p><b>Chai and Chat</b></p> <p><i>Want to discuss a movie clip, a short reading, a podcast, or a Ted Talk with other interested conference-goers over a cup of chai (BYOC)? Attendees will choose from a short menu of options, do some prereading/viewing/listening, then attend this facilitated small-group discussion.</i></p>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<p><b>Race, Racism, and Antiracism Work and Your Consortium</b></p> <p><i>An open discussion facilitated by key people who have had beginning and middle experience with bringing justice and action to equity, diversity, and inclusion. This session begins with shared materials and addresses such areas as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What can your consortium do and what can it NOT do to conduct work on race, racism, and anti-racism among its members</i></li> <li>• <i>What are consortial parameters to avoid creep with DEI work and how to be intentional in focusing on where consortia can have the most impact</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How consortia are resisting quantification of DEI and instead facilitating collaboration on justice issues</i></li> <li>• <i>Sharing what consortia have learned carrying out this work and what surprises appeared</i></li> <li>• <i>Revisiting DEI annually as part of strategic plan review</i></li> </ul>
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	<p><b>Emerging Leaders: Financial Management Workshop</b></p> <p><i>Deficit versus surplus budgeting, GAAP, financial audits, IRS Form 990, grant management and reporting... all of these (and more) likely form the heart of financial management responsibilities for your consortium. Two consortial senior leaders will share their lessons learned along the way about managing consortial finances and answer participants' questions related to ensuring financial health.</i></p>
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>	
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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Race, Racism &amp; Antiracism.... And You</b></p> <p><i>This session offers a more personal focus on you, race, racism, and antiracism. We will examine issues raised in Session A, then join DEI break-out discussions and networking opportunities. To shape your preparation for this session, consider these prompts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where would you describe yourself regarding work with diversity, exclusivity, and inclusion? Beginning experience, middle/ongoing experience?</i></li> <li>• <i>Why are you interested in participating in this discussion?</i></li> <li>• <i>What can you share purposely during this session?</i></li> <li>• <i>What would you like to take away from this session?</i></li> </ul>
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	<p><b>COVID-19 Lightning Round</b></p> <p><i>Through a live series of five-minute lightning presentations, this session will highlight collaborative programming and activities that have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. Presenting consortia will share how activities have pivoted to respond and adapt to meet the new challenges facing their member institutions and reflect on the ways in which they imagine their work will be forever changed.</i></p>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<p><b>Case Study: Pittsburgh Leadership – Surviving and Thriving in the New Normal</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  Dr. Suzanne Mellon, President, Carlow University, PCHE Chair  Bill Flanagan, Chief Corporate Relations Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development</p>

	<p><b>Facilitator:</b> Karina Chavez, Executive Director, PCHE – Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education</p> <p><i>Attendees will hear from Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive, Allegheny County, Bill Flanagan, Chief Corporate Relations Officer, Allegheny Conference, and Dr. Suzanne Mellon, President, Carlow University, regarding the historical collaborative partnering with city, county, business and higher education leaders that has not only shaped the revitalization of the region, but has allowed Pittsburgh to pivot and tackle current pressing challenges. Our regional leaders have relied on one another to jointly support and drive key strategies related to business and sector needs and growth, talent attraction, alignment and training, social justice, policing, community wellness, and now, preparation, response and mitigation of COVID-19.</i></p>
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	<p><b>Emerging Leaders: Board Management Workshop</b></p> <p><i>Navigating the myriad interests of consortia board members can be a monumental task. Whether they are ex officio or nominated from within (or externally from) your membership, keeping your priorities in their periphery takes great skill and attention. Two consortial senior leaders will share what they wish they were told about understanding and managing their consortial boards and answer any questions related to ensuring good governance.</i></p>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<p><b>Happy Hour Speed Networking</b></p> <p><i>BYOB (beverage and clever background)! Participants will be randomly assigned to small breakout rooms for a short period of introductions and conversation before returning to the large group. We will repeat until the hour ... or the beverages ... are done. This is a great opportunity to meet conference frequent fliers and first-time attendees!</i></p>
<b>Friday, October 30</b>	
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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Case Study: Having a Voice in Your State Capital (Five Colleges, Inc.)</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Sarah Pfatteicher, Five College Executive Director   Mindy Domb, Massachusetts State Representative   Jo Comerford, Massachusetts State Senator   Sam Masinter, Smith College Interim Vice President for Public Affairs   Regina Curtis, Greenfield Community College Executive Director of Resource Development</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Kevin Kennedy, Five College Director of Strategic Engagement</p>

	<p><i>Colleges and consortia don't need a lobbyist to have a voice in their state capital. What they do need is open and regular communication with their legislative delegation, when times are good and when times are challenging. This panel discussion will explore the value of the regular meetings that have been taking place between seven Massachusetts state legislators and representatives from the Five College campuses and two local community colleges.</i></p>
<p>12:15 PM – 1:15 PM</p>	<p><b>Building Collaboration During COVID-19</b></p> <p><i>This session will engage consortium leaders in a discussion about enhanced collaboration during a global pandemic. Leaders will address questions such as: (a) how can consortium leaders move their members beyond networking; (b) how can virtual spaces be created and sustained for deeper modes of collaboration; (c) how can consortia know how to identify needs quickly enough in this rapidly changing landscape; and, (d) how can consortia acknowledge, support, and adapt to new financial realities for member institutions?</i></p>
<p>1:15 PM – 1:45 PM</p>	<p><b>Wrap Up &amp; Closing Remarks</b></p>