Improving Financial Aid and Admissions Outcomes & Increasing Economic Literacy
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Thursday, April 30, 2020

8:00 – 8:30 am  Registration
8:30 – 9:00 am  Welcome and Introduction

9:00 – 10:30 am  General Session: *Match, Relationships, and FA update*
“Ensuring Access Equals Success: Integrating Critical Factors into the Preparation for College”

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45– 12:15 pm  Breakout I: Admissions (*Please select one of the following breakouts*)
A. Increasing Access and admissions for students entering university as First-Time Freshman Students (*Pre-College*)
B. Increasing Access and admissions for students entering university as Graduate (*College*)
C. Increasing Access and admissions for students entering university as Transfer Students in Securing Admission to the Four-Year College and Program of Their Choice (*College*)

12:15- 1:45 pm  Lunch on your own

1:45 – 3:15 pm  Breakout II: Financial Aid (*Please select one of the following breakouts*)
A. Providing Key Financial Aid Concepts for College Success Program (*Pre-college*)
B. Providing Key Financial Aid Concepts for College Success Program (*College*)
C. Aiding Students & Families Award Letter Understanding and Methods to Advocate for Funding (*All Programs*)
D. Piecing Together Funding for Graduate Students

3:15 – 3:30 pm  Break with Snack

3:30 – 5:00 pm  Hot Topics Panel Discussion (with Q &A): Achieving Student Success by Collaborating with Financial Aid Administrators (*All Programs*) – *All Faculty*
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8:30 – 10:00 am  Breakouts III: Other Key Considerations (Please select one of the following breakouts)
A. Advocating for Change to Support Students with Special Circumstances (All Programs)
B. Tips & Tools for Meeting Financial Literacy Requirements (All Programs)
C. Increasing Access and Admissions for Non-Traditional Students and Veterans (EOC/VUB/SSS)

10:00 – 10:15 am  Session transition

10:15 – 11:45 am  General Session: Connecting with Technology to Increase Your Program’s Reach and Internal Productivity

11:45 am - 1:00 pm  Lunch on your own

1:00 - 3:00 pm  Breakout IV: Creative Models in FA Support (Please select one breakout)
A. Creating the Action Pipeline from Secondary through Postsecondary Education with a Review of the Pell Institute’s Study Regarding First Generation Students
B. Using Outcome Data to Reduce Under-matching
C. Low Cost Technological Strategies to Improve Student
D. Collision or Collaboration: The Role of Financial Aid in Academic Advising

3:15- 3:30 pm  Break with snack

3:30 - 4:45 pm  General Session: Pulling It All Together: A Practical Application of Admission and Financial Aid

4:45 – 5:00 pm  General Session Wrap Up