Tuesday, April 16

3:30 p.m.  Meeting Registration

4:00 p.m.  Welcome and Agenda Review

- The Presidents’ Forum – Paul Shiffman, Executive Director
- The Council of State Governments – R. Crady deGolian, Director, The National Center for Interstate Compacts

4:30 p.m.  Introductions from Leadership

- The Presidents’ Forum – Paul Shiffman, Executive Director
- The Council of State Governments – R. Crady deGolian, Director, The National Center for Interstate Compacts
- The Commission on the Regulation of Postsecondary Distance Education – Paul Lingenfelter, State Higher Education Executive Officers; M. Peter McPherson, Association of Public and Land-Grant Institutions
- Regional Higher Education Compacts – David Longanecker, WICHE OR, better, the heads of all four regionals: Larry Isaak, Midwestern Higher Education Compact; David Longanecker, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education; Dave Spence, Southern Regional Education Board; Michael Thomas, New England Board of Higher Education

SEGMENT GOALS – Introduce major players, demonstrate broad support

5:00 p.m.  Opening Keynote Address: Setting the Context for SARA

- Former U.S. Secretary of Education, The Honorable Richard W. Riley
  - Introduced by Paul Lingenfelter
  - Brief comments in response:

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- Hal Plotkin, U.S. Department of Education

5:30 p.m. Background and Principles of SARA

- Art Coleman – Education Counsel LLC (Moderator)
- Marshall A. Hill – Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
- M. Peter McPherson – Association of Public and Land-Grant Institutions
- Alan Contreras – Oregon Office of Degree Authorization (retired)
- Russ Poulin -- WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)

6:30 p.m. Facilitated Q&A

7:00 pm. Opening Reception

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Keynote Address – The Lumina Perspective

- Jamie Merisotis – The Lumina Foundation
  o Introduced by Paul Shiffman

8:30 a.m. The Potential Value of SARA

- Value for Institutions – Panel Discussion moderated by Paul Shiffman
  o George Ross, President, Central Michigan University
  o Pamela K. Quinn, Provost, LeCroy Center/Dallas County Community College District
  o Nancy Williamson, Vice President and General Council, University of Maryland University College
  o Ron Taylor, Senior Advisor, DeVry
  o Robert W. Mendenhall, President, Western Governors University
- Value for States, Students, Policymakers and Accreditors – Panel Discussion moderated by Crady deGolian
  o Sylvia Manning, President, Higher Learning Commission
  o Russ Poulin – WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)
  o Paul Lingenfelter – State Higher Education Executive Officers
  o Kathryn Dodge – Dodge Advisory Group
9:30 a.m.  Implementation of SARA

- General Principles of Implementation, Governance and Operations — Moderated by Art Coleman
  - Regional implementation, national coordination, finance and operational issues — David Longanecker
  - Governance — Peter McPherson and Paul Lingenfelter

10:30 a.m.  State Team Breakout Sessions – By Region

- Clarifying responsibilities of the states and regional compacts
- Identifying implementation issues and developing solutions
- Opportunities for cooperation within and across states in the region
- Settling on next steps and developing a timeline for each region
  Note: Discussions within this segment can drawn on Appendix A of the National Commission’s Report

12:30 p.m.  Working Lunch

1:30 p.m.  Breakout Reports – by Regional Directors Facilitated by David Longanecker

2:30 p.m.  Q&A and Additional Comments Facilitated by David Longanecker

3:00 p.m.  Adjourn

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