NASULGC Announces New Leadership Team

Former Kansas Provost, Michigan State Associate Vice President Join Public University Association Senior Staff

Washington, DC—The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the nation’s oldest higher education association, has appointed Dr. David E. Shulenburger, retiring Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Kansas, and Howard Gobstein, former Associate Vice President, Governmental Affairs, and Director of Federal Relations at the Michigan State University, to serve as its newest vice presidents.

Shulenburger and Gobstein will help comprise part of NASULGC’s new leadership team, and are part of new NASULGC President M. Peter McPherson’s strategic plan for the organization. “We are lucky to have two individuals of such prestige joining our office,” McPherson said. “Their leadership will help shape higher education policy for years to come.”

Shulenburger, who served for more than 13 years as the chief academic officer for Kansas University, will be the new Vice President of Academic Affairs. He is an expert on university accreditation and chaired NASULGC’s Council of Academic Affairs in 2000-2001. His myriad accomplishments at Kansas include greatly increasing the academic standards of the university while developing stronger teaching standards; increasing minority student enrollment; enhancing international education; and restructuring the budget so that tuition money went directly to faculty and student concerns.

"David Shulenburger is an extraordinarily incisive academic administrator who earns the respect and trust of all who come in contact with him. He leaves a remarkable record of success at Kansas, and I have no doubt that he will have a similar, positive impact on higher education at the national level," said Robert E. Hemenway, Chancellor, Kansas University.

Shulenburger has also taught and won several awards for his efforts inside the classroom, and he has published numerous articles on wage determination, union-management relations and program evaluation.

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“David Shulenburger is widely regarded as one of the most innovative minds in higher education. At NASULGC he will provide leadership on academic matters and work with university leaders throughout the country,” McPherson said.

Howard Gobstein joins NASULGC in the newly created position of Vice President, Research and Science Policy. In this role Gobstein will work with federal research agencies and develop new policy initiatives. He will have an important role in identifying and developing solutions to emerging science and technology issues, such as those presented in the recent National Academy of Sciences report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future*, among others.

Gobstein’s extensive science policy experience includes being a Vice President of the American Association of Universities (AAU) where he was principally responsible for federal relations for university science policy and advocacy, with an emphasis on the physical sciences and engineering. Gobstein was also a Senior Policy Analyst/Fellow of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Executive Office of the President. In his role at OSTP he contributed to the development and coordination of overall science policy issues, such as government/university relations, indirect costs, graduate education, coordination of agency positions on research policy, and writing speeches and testimony for senior White House officials.

“Howard Gobstein brings a wealth of knowledge to NASULGC. His experience with AAU, OSTP and Michigan State will be invaluable as he works to identify neglected areas of science research and develop partnerships to improve research standards,” McPherson said.

In his tenure with Michigan State, Gobstein is credited with establishing the university’s Washington, DC, office as part of a comprehensive federal advocacy strategy and a Washington base for Michigan State faculty, administrators and students. He was instrumental in initiating the Michigan State undergraduate semester in Washington program, and the Washington semester of the Michigan State College of law—both holding classes in the Michigan State Washington office.

“Howard brought special expertise and insight to our federal relationships, and we look forward to working with him at NASULGC. So, while we at Michigan State lose a valued advocate, we gain one too,” said Lou Anna K. Simon, President, Michigan State University.

Founded in 1887, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges is a voluntary association of public research universities, land-grant institutions, and many state university systems. Its members enroll more than 3.55 million students, award about a half-million degrees annually, and have an estimated 20 million alumni.

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