The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) will host its 2014 Annual Conference October 4-6 in Denver, CO. HACU’s premier national conference features sessions about the best and most promising practices in the education of Hispanics. Speaker proposals will be accepted under the conference theme, Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Securing the American Dream. Deadline for proposal submissions is March 1st, 2014. The Call for Presentations seeks proposals for workshops that address the theme in any of the following six conference tracks:

**Track 1: Grants and Funding Opportunities**

Grants opportunities available from government and private sources. Presentations on outcomes of programs implemented at colleges and universities and made possible with grant-funded assistance.

**Track 2: Partnerships that Work**

Collaborative partnerships that have helped overcome challenges faced by institutions and their students. Topics include:

- Growing the Hispanic professorial pool: faculty and leadership for the future
- K-12 and postsecondary education: Hispanic-Serving School Districts/HACU-member institutions collaboration
- HACU Associate Member and Partner Institutions: untapped resources and partners
- Curriculum alignment for collegiate success
- Collaborative grants and shared resources
- Community College partnerships
- Business and education partnerships: making it work for both sides

**Track 3: Academic Success for Hispanic Students, Research and Practice**

Successful programs and strategies that are ensuring the educational success of Hispanic students. Topics include:

- Effective practices in the K-college pipeline
- Effective 2- to 4-year and beyond transfer programs
- Growing our own: effective graduate student recruitment and graduation
- What does it mean to serve Hispanic students?
- Exemplary practices at HSls on teaching and learning
- Current and ongoing research on Hispanic academic success

**Track 4: Advocacy and Legislation**

The latest developments in legislation affecting higher education and advocacy work of HACU-members. Topics include:

- Key legislation: appropriations for HSls, the DREAM Act, the Workforce Investment Act, the Higher Education Act (HEA), the Farm Bill, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and STEM competitiveness
- Hispanic-Serving School Districts in the education pipeline and in federal legislation
- Innovative advocacy models: how to be effective advocates on and for your campus
- HACU’s advocacy efforts for improved legislation and greater appropriations
- Federal agency/HSI partnerships - grants and research opportunities
- State legislation and partnerships

**Track 5: International Partnerships**

Successful working models and opportunities for international collaboration in higher education. Topics include:

- Efforts and issues in HSI and Hispanic international education
- New opportunities and effective programs for international higher education
- Effective governmental-HACU member partnerships
- How to fund international partnerships
- Successful international partnerships: exemplary experiences
- Technology related partnerships in international education

**Track 6: Executive Leadership for Presidents and CEOs**

Issues of special interest to university presidents/CEOs. Topics include:

- Leading HSI colleges and universities effectively
- Institutional renewal and HSI identity
- Embracing and communicating the emergence of HSls on campus and beyond
- Institutional performance and accountability measures and models
- Developing sustainable institutions for a better future
- Effective institutional governance and trustees
- Emergency preparedness: ready for the unthinkable?

**HACU Conference Format**

HACU’s Annual Conference will feature general sessions with keynote speakers, and conference track sessions featuring individual presenters, panel discussions, and informative workshops.

Presentations are 75 minutes in length, including time for questions and discussion. A panel session is composed of two or three presentations on different aspects of a specific topic. A workshop is an interactive session composed of one to three presentations aimed at developing a particular skill or knowledge in a specific area. No more than four individuals may serve on a panel or workshop session. In some instances, the HACU review committee may suggest combining presentations similar in content into one workshop or panel.

All conference rooms will be set up to accommodate the maximum number of conference participants possible. LCD projectors, laptops and screens are available to presenters at no cost. Additional equipment, such as internet connectivity and TVs, can be available at an additional cost to presenters.

**About HACU**

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), founded in 1986, is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 association representing more than 400 colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, Latin America and Spain. Visit www.hacu.net for information and updates on HACU’s 28th Annual Conference.

For questions or additional information regarding the Call for Presentations process, please contact Darlene Martin, Conference Coordinator at darlene.martin@hacu.net, or at (210) 576-3208.

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