

Higher Education Seminar Series Brownbag

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Panorama East Room, Union Building *refreshments will be provided

State Boards of Regents and the College Completion Agenda: Examining their Role and the Influence of Appointment on the Policy Process

State governing agencies were originally established to mitigate the influence of the government and politics on matters related to public higher education. However, in light of policy changes in Wisconsin and controversial presidential hires in Iowa and North Carolina, there have been growing concerns that elected officials have extended their influence beyond traditional limits and are motivating the actions of these organizations. Given that state governing agencies are charged with overseeing statewide policies related to higher education, any external influence into these decision-making processes can have long-lasting impacts on the sector. One less understood catalyst for political influence are through governing agencies' oversight boards (state boards of regents), which are most often composed of individuals appointed by political officials or are publicly-elected. This talk will review the current literature on the role of state boards of regents and examine the potential influence of different appointment mechanisms on the policy process.

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