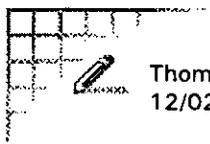


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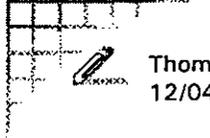
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cc: Mary L. Smith/OPD/EOP

Subject: Virtual University Update

I sat down with Tom Kalil today. Sperling asked Kalil to draft a memo to the President on the virtual university by Friday (Sperling evidently asked NEC staff for memos for POTUS on each of the topics they worked on in the SOTU memo-- he's also doing one on teacher technology). I emphasized ways to make it easier for students to use the virtual university (improve student aid, clarify accreditation-- not subsidizing new software). In addition, in response to the President's query in the memo, it's worth brainstorming on how this could fit with other Administration themes such as welfare reform, or helping workers retrain to improve their skills. We are doing a conference call with Roemer this week, and sitting down with him next week.

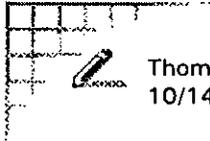


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Subject: Status of Virtual University POTUS memo

The memo Kalil is doing on long distance learning for POTUS will be for a small \$50 million pilot program. I've continued to push that the goal of the program be focused on students: making information on the programs available, making financial aid programs cover these kind of classes, accrediting programs that deserve it so the degrees have meaning. Most of the actual money is still for software type development but the memo will reflect the notion that the goal is to make it easier for students/workers to usefully take advantage of this new technology. The financial aid commitment so far seems pretty symbolic. In meetings yesterday all Education was willing to do was expand the Pell grant so that computers are counted as part of students' need calculation. We asked them to go back and look at other things, including Life long learning.



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Subject: Hi-tech university

Bruce, if you talk to Roemer you can mention that there is a working group (includes DOL, ED, OSTP, VP) on the virtual university idea ("Learning on Demand) and that when he/Levitt are in town it would be helpful for either/both of them to sit in and discuss what would help these kind of schools.