

Initiation of COBEC

In the late 1980s Belize recognized the need to coordinate linkages made previously between Belizean institutions and U.S. colleges and universities to strengthen and expand capabilities in higher education. Coordination became essential to minimize duplication of efforts, to maximize use of available resources, and to address systematically and effectively the needs of Belizean higher education

In 1968 Mr. Ernest Raymond, then Principal of Belize Teachers' College, suggested the formation of a consortium to coordinate the involvement of Belizean and U.S. institutions in the development of higher education in Belize. As a result of this suggestion, several Belizean and U.S. representatives met at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, to discuss the formation of a consortium. Later thirteen institutions of higher education met in Belize to organize a consortium committed to cooperative development of educational programs and other activities in Belize. In February, 1988 member institutions approved a Memorandum of Agreement which established COBEC.

Goals of the Consortium

The goals of COBEC are

- to expand cooperative educational ventures to address identified needs in Belize
- to enhance the international dimension of the member institutions

Membership

Membership in COBEC is open to:

- Belizean institutions offering post-secondary educational programs
- Belize governmental and private organizations and agencies involved in higher education
- U.S. and other non-Belizean organizations, agencies, and institutions actively interested in higher education in Belize

Annual organizational dues are US\$200.00 for U.S. members, and BZE\$100 for Belize members.

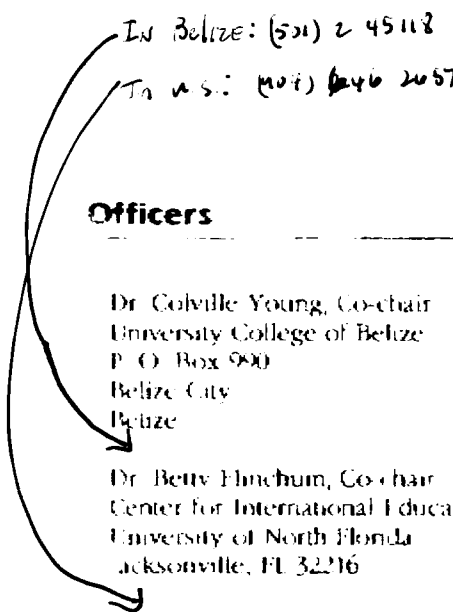
To apply for membership, the chief executive officer of an interested organization is requested to submit a written request to join COBEC.

The officers of COBEC may be contacted for assistance or further information.

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Member Institutions

(Alphabetical)

Belize

- Belize College of Agriculture
- Belize Teachers' College
- Belize Technical College
- Belize School of Nursing
- Corozal Community College
- St. John's College
- Stan Creek Ecumenical College
- Ministry of Education
- University College of Belize

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United States

- Ferns State University
- Murray State University
- New Mexico State University
- Texas Southern University
- University of North Florida
- Vaklosta State University
- Western Kentucky University

Other Countries

- University of the West Indies (Extramural Department)

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