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STATE COLLEGES
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Coordinating Committee

January 28, 2016

Meeting Synthesis

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Members in attendance (in-person or by WebEx): Scott Cowan, Jim Rice, Ron Anderson, Corinne Salone, Adam Klepetar, Laura King, Jim Anderson, June Clark, Richard Hanson, Josh Hanson, Barbara McDonald, Deidra Peaslee, Gretchen Long, Jim Grabowska, Mark Carlson, Angelique Calotesco, Kevin Lindstrom, Jason Fossum, Maythee Kantar, Cara Leubke, Jennifer Foley, Valerie Roberts, Jerry Jeffries, Ramon Padilla, Natalie Berens, Elsbeth Howe, Tracy Rahim

Members Absent: Richard Barnier, Becca Branum, Jonathan Heimer, Yunuke Nyanamba, Ralph Townsend

Guests and staff: Nicole Merz, Jaime Simonsen, Lynda Milne

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review December 9 meeting synthesis
 - *No changes*
3. Review agenda
4. Initiative highlight
 - Highlight: Transfer Pathways, Lynda Milne
 - *Lynda Milne reviewed the background of the transfer pathways initiative, including the transfer legislation that created the need for the initiative. She discussed the plan that was developed to meet the legislative directive. The plan calls for the development of 4 transfer pathways this Spring 2016 in Biology, Psychology, Business and Theatre. Those teams are meeting now to develop the pathways.*
 - *The pathways will allow for a potential reduction in time, money and loss of credits for students looking to complete a 2 and 4 year degree. They will bring consistency and common learning outcomes for programs across MNSCU colleges.*
 - *A Transfer Pathway Coordinating Team has been developed to coordinate the work of the transfer pathways discipline teams. They created a toolkit for the transfer pathway discipline teams and finalized the four initial pilot programs.*
 - *There will be a discipline stakeholder meeting in March to gather statewide feedback on the draft pathways. The invitation will be to all interested stakeholders.*

- *Timeline for the development of the pathways: Spring 2016: 4 pathways pilots developed. Fall 2016: 12-13 additional pathways developed. Spring 2017: 12-13 additional pathways developed. Transfer pathway degree programs will be available to students in Fall 2017, Spring 2018, and Fall 2018.*
- *Discussion:*
 - *Transfer pathways may encourage students to select a major quickly within their academic career, limiting time spent “undecided”.*
 - *We will need to determine how to market these pathways. There is concern about the cost involved and whether or not Transferology is utilized enough to get the message out to students.*
 - *Benchmarks will need to be identified by the Transfer Pathway Coordinating Team to track success*
 - *Programs that have a clinical portion will need to be looked at, by faculty, to determine how that is addressed in transfer.*
 - *Enrollment management needs to be considered thoughtfully along with transfer pathways.*
- *Suggestions for next meeting initiative highlight: ISRS*
- ***DECISION:*** *Ramon Padilla will present an update on the ISRS initiative at the next meeting.*

5. Discussion: January quarterly report (Scott Cowan)

Discussion questions:

- *What suggestions do we have for strengthening engagement (e.g., how best to share quarterly report, between colleges/universities and with the system office)?*
- *The quarterly report was shared with Presidents and they have been asked to share widely with their campuses. All of the responses were also collated into one report and posted to the blog.*
- ***ACTION ITEM:*** *Barbara McDonald will take the quarterly reports to the Presidents and express the expectation that they will communicate the information to their campus groups/stakeholders.*
 - *Are there opportunities to connect colleges and universities together for potential collaboration?*
 - *What improvements can be made in the second quarterly report? (April 2016)*
- *Charts on progress need to be clear that they are measuring only FY16 progress.*
- *Would be helpful to collect information in a format that allows us to input the information into a database in order to view the data in different ways.*
- *MSCSA is hoping to get more specific information from the next round of quarterly reports. There is currently a mechanism in place for MSCSA to gather student feedback on the implementation of CTF. The group is hoping to determine best practices for engaging students on campuses.*

- **ACTION ITEM:** *The committee will review the quarterly report and offer comments on SharePoint by February 15th.*
- **ACTION ITEM:** *Nicole will send out an email reminder about the SharePoint site and how to access it. Committee members can email Nicole if they have any concerns about access.*

6. Updates from Leadership Council (Barbara McDonald)

- *Comprehensive Workplace Solutions was discussed at the Leadership Council meeting.*
 - Presidents Mulford and Potter shared the initial efforts of the working team of continuing education and customized training staff where they outlined the business case and the challenges of our current operations. They limited the scope to include only non-credit education and training.
 - Discussed possible approaches that would strengthen the services our colleges and universities provide to businesses while protecting local relationships with employers.
 - Discussed opportunities in some areas where consistent processes and pricing would be an effective tool (e.g., fire training where federal regulations outline training requirements).
 - Discussed challenges (e.g., what training areas, how would processes be created and followed)
 - Next steps identified:
 - Leadership Council feedback to be shared at CECT administrator meeting (1/28)
 - Request to working team to identify possible training areas and further exploration of areas to be considered in model development
 - Further discussion at March/April Leadership Council

7. Next meeting: initially *proposed* - April 21, 2016 – 10:00 – 11:30 am (Scott Cowan)
The committee agreed to move the meeting to April 28th from 10-11:30am. This is to allow time for the group to review the second quarterly report prior to the Coordinating Committee meeting.

8. Adjourn

Please Note: *Future emails for the committee will come from Nicole Merz.*