

COLORADO HIGHER EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

PIPELINE SUB-COMMITTEE

UPDATE 3-24-2010

The Pipeline Sub-Committee's task is to make recommendations as to how the HE system can support statewide efforts to prepare students (of all ages) for postsecondary access and success.

The Sub-Committee has met 3 times; has developed a vision-mission-strategies-tactics statement; has been briefed on national and local best practices and the effect of changing demographics on P-12, Higher Education and the non-traditional student population. Over the next 2 months, we shall review and examine the P-20 Council's efforts; the alignment of standards P-20; dropout intervention and prevention initiatives; and best practices for accelerated and remedial learning for both traditional and non-traditional students.

As suggested by our charge, we have identified the elements of an effective pipeline to include: Emotional/Psychological Readiness; Academic Readiness, including Remediation; Financial Readiness; HS and College Retention; Non Traditional (Adult) Student Engagement. And we have confirmed the existence of many successful programs.

Our recommendations will address Outcomes for Students and will include determining the characteristics of Quality and the Scope/Quantity/Delivery of services required to ensure those outcomes.

We have identified as key focus areas:

- Addressing the structural roles of the various HE entities
- Incentivizing partnerships/efficiencies
- Taking existing best practices to scale

VISION-MISSION-OBJECTIVE-STRATEGIES-TACTICS

Vision:

All students graduate high school (or achieve equivalent) prepared to successfully enter the postsecondary phase of their lives (without need of remediation)

Mission of HE System

To support statewide efforts to implement the vision

Objective of Pipeline Sub-Committee

To develop a plan for HE systemic support a) to improve retention at the secondary and postsecondary levels and b) to ensure that all students receive the preparation – academic, psychological, financial - necessary for postsecondary success

Strategies

- Retention – at both the HS and College Level*
- Academic Preparation*
- Financial Literacy*
- Adult Learner outreach and completion*

Tactics

- Research*
- Review*
- Recommend (with particular emphasis on Outreach, Remediation and Scalability)*
- Evaluate (Metrics: Increased matriculation; Improved retention; Increased College Graduation or equivalent)*