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Student Affairs Council September 15, 2010

Department of Higher Education 1560 Broadway, Denver, CO 16th Floor – Emily Griffith Room 1:00-3:00 pm

- 1. Greetings and Introductions
 - See Attendance Sheet attached. First meeting for Homer Wesley (UCCS) and Leslie McClellon (CCD).
- 2. Summary/Follow up from July Meeting (thoughts and reflections about Empathy Study or other items that came up in July)
 - Comments:
 - o Increased awareness from Empathy Study how "plugged in" students are *to technology*, not to each other; there is not a great sense of community.
 - o The study rang true.
 - The summit was productive.
- 3. AART (Academic Affairs, Research, and Technology) Activities
 - The acronym is not broad enough.
 - a. Focus of AART P-20 philosophy drives and guides our work in the follow areas/on the following agendas:
 - Access
 - Retention
 - Completion
 - Remedial Education
 - Transfer/Articulation
 - Student Affairs/Student Services (including student complaints)
 - Quality, Efficiency, Productivity; Data, Research, and Policy Analyses
 - Accountability (for all of the above)
 - b. Student Complaints (Database Demo) Vicki Leal / Maia Blom
 - Walked through how a student files a complaint in the DHE complaint database.
 - Discussed protocol of sending email to student advising that complaint is received; contact school with the complaint; advise student that they must pursue all avenues with the school first before DHE can become involved; request documentation from student verifying that they have pursued all avenues (per student handbook/IHE's appeal process) with the school.
 - As regards complaints, DHE should contact the VPs of Student Services for student affairs issues, and Provosts for academic issues.
 - Question regarding students who might be dangerous: DHE needs to find out if they can alert the IHEs about such students or if such an action would be a denial of the student's due process. Perhaps this information needs to come from the Attorney General.
 - DHE to review complaint section on website to see if it can be more clearly written/explained.

c. CAP4K - SB212

- Next steps
 - A third tour will happen (probably end October/first part of November). There will be two joint meetings between the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) October 21 and November 29. Each board will vote on the re-designed assessment system specifications at their own board meetings. A joint vote will be held in December 2010.
- Implementation
 - HB1013 the "cleanup" bill has added the language "when fiscally practicable" to SB08-212. The re-designed assessment system was to be adopted in December 2010. Now it will be the *specifications* for the system (to be used in the RFP for a vendor) that will be adopted in December.
- APA Cost Study
 - Cost study has been delayed for a year per HB1013. When it comes time to respond, remember that there have been faculty from moderately-selective campuses, especially, who have spent substantial time participating in the subcommittees created by the Assessment Stakeholders Advisory Committee.
- Update PWR
- Additional comments on new assessment system?
 - Interest expressed in data from other stakeholders. Post these on the website.

Town Hall Meeting Schedule: This third tour has been **POSTPONED**.

Sept 27	Denver – RRCC
Sept 28	Boulder – UCB
Sept 29	Cortez
	Glenwood Springs
Sept 30	Alamosa – ASC
	Steamboat Springs
Oct 4	Pueblo
	Greeley
Oct 5	Limon
	Ft Morgan
Oct 11	Colorado Springs
Oct 12	Grand Junction
Oct 13	Gunnison

- d. Colorado College Access Challenge Grant federal grant; new funding mid-August
 - Five-year funding cycle (\$8 million); application is required every year; goal is to increase access for rural or underserved students; poverty-level (lowest Pell-eligible) is required by Feds.
 - This money will be spent largely in scholarships: 250 students will receive \$2500. Money will be sent directly to the schools in the students' names. There will be some that goes to loan forgiveness for students who become school counselors.
 - The grant has a large focus on financial literacy. See www.educationcents.org.
- e. **30 Days of Degree Attainment** Governor's Initiative (early November to early December)
 - Duration: November 6 through December 5.
 - Week I Pipeline
 - Week II Paying for College
 - Week III Completing Degrees
 - Week IV Engaging Business, Jobs, and the Economy

f. Application Month – CiC (College in Colorado)

- Bridget Black Communications Manager at CiC. <u>bridget.black@cic.state.co.us</u>. She can send you flyers for your campuses.
- Goal of this month is to focus on community colleges and "first-gen" students. Last year application fees were waived for one week by some IHEs. This year a \$1000 scholarship will be awarded each week of the month. http://ciccollegeappmonth.org
- Suggestion: to include an inventory of the HEAR requirements on this website and the Application Month calendar.

g. Admission Policy Comprehensive Study (see Admission Policy Study memo attached)

- In 2006-2007, the HEAR requirements were reviewed; this review fulfilled the statutory requirement to review admissions policy every three years. It's time to review again; this time SB08-212 greatly affects the review.
- HESP process: admissions policies have come up a lot in these discussions. More data are needed before making changes.
- New demographics must be considered: non-traditional students; the "swirler;" the ethnic achievement gap.
- DHE will do a comprehensive study of admission policies what is meaningful in current policy? What is meaningful that is NOT in current policies? Are they useful? Do they predict success?
- What should Matt McKeever be looking for: what questions should he be asking? To whom should he be talking for data that DHE does not normally collect?
- Stakeholder groups to be included in study: Academic Council, Student Affairs Council, GE25 Council, Data Advisory Group, Deans/Directors of Admissions. The study will be Colorado-focused. Will seek information from CDE as well.
- The current policies are too complicated; Matt wants to simplify the policies so students and parents can understand them.
- What is driving this study: statute requires that admission policies are reviewed every three years; 212 requires some kind of guaranteed admissions to moderately-selective institutions; study could assist the assessment system review.
- Questions/recommendations:
 - a. Students reviewed should be students who are intending to get four-year degrees. (UCD does not have a good means of tracking these kinds of students.)
 - b. Do not consider HEAR beyond one semester or one year. HEAR is amorphous.
 - c. Get clarity on the relative "weights" on the index policy: GPA, test scores, HEAR.
 - d. When index was created, it was based on the best available information do we have better information available now?
 - e. How is "success" defined?
 - f. To what degree does an IHE invest in students in order to retain them?
 - g. What are retention/support systems within IHEs?
 - h. Send any thoughts/ideas/recommendations to Matt McKeever. (matt.mckeever@dhe.state.co.us)

h. **Disability Directors Meeting** - to be convened to see if there are potential collaborations

- Idea is to share resources among campuses.
- Send name of Disability Director to Maia Blom (maia.blom@dhe.state.co.us).

- 4. Updates of Interest
 - a. Higher Education Strategic Planning

Community Forums Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, September 14, Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo

ASC Annual Meeting will discuss HESP – Sat, Sept 18th

Wednesday, September 29, Mesa State College, Grand Junction

Tuesday, October 5, Northeastern 18, Sterling

Wednesday, October 13, AIMS Community College, Greeley/Loveland

Thursday, October 14, Western State College, Gunnison

- b. **SB10-003** "protect low and middle income students" FAP due Oct 2nd
- c. ACPA/NASPA Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Practitioners



- d. **Webinar:** "Evaluation Models and Student Success" September 30, 2010, 12:00-1:00 MST Sign up for this webinar at http://bridges.adobeconnect.com/f37569922/
- 5. Institutional Sharing items of interest to others, please share
 - a. How are different campuses preparing for the difficult Budget times ahead? (Frank Sanchez)
 - MSCD: 15/25/50% cuts are being modeled.
 - <u>UCD</u>: is looking at revenue generators such as 1) fees that need to be recalibrated or created (are there fees for certain services that can be considered?); 2) considering partnerships with agencies for scholarships; 3) pursuing grant opportunities more aggressively.
 - <u>CSM</u> like UCD, they are looking at the worst-case scenarios. They have grown by 1000 students but have not added any student services staff. There is an increased need for support of mental health and discipline issues, but there is not enough staff to deal with these issues.
 - What are the ethical implications of charging for support systems that in the past have been free?
 - 1. UCD that is the cost of doing business.
 - 2. MSCD has always been a "lean machine."
 - 3. <u>CSM</u> there is an obligation to provide a legitimate service; only the most critical and most utilized will be maintained this is the most ethical way to deal with the difficult economic situation.
- 6. Other Business?

Student Affairs Council September 15, 2010 – Attendance

Institution	Name	Title	Present	On Phone	Not Attending
Aims	Patricia Matijevic	Chief Student Services Officer		Х	
ASC	Ken Marquez	Dean of Student Affairs			Х
CCCS	Erin Hoag	Dean of Students			Х
CMC	Brad Bankhead	VP Student Affairs		Х	
CSM	Dan Fox	VP for Student Life & Dean of	Х		
		Students			
CSM	Derek Morgan	Associate Dean of Students	Х		
CSU-Ft Collins	Blanche Hughes	VP for Student Affairs			Х
CSU-Pueblo	Zav Dadabhoy	Dean of Student Life &		Х	
	Michael Manos &	Development			
	Margorie Villani				
FLC	Glenna Witt-Sexton	VP for Student Affairs			Х
MSC	John Marshall	VP for Student Services			Х
MSCD	Kathy MacKay	VP of Student Services	Х		
UC-Boulder	Julie Wong	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs			Х
UC-Colorado Springs	Wesley Homer	Vice Chancellor for Student Success & Enrollment Management		Х	
UC-Denver	Frank Sanchez	Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Х		
UNC	Raul Cardenas	Dean of Students		X	
WSC	Gary Pierson	VP for Student Affairs & Dean of Students			X
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ACC	Connie Simpson	Dean of Student Services	.,		Х
CCA	Matt Gianneschi	VP of Student Services	Х		.,
CCCOnline	John Schmahl	Director of Student Services			Х
CCD	Leslie McClellon	VP for Student Development		X	
CNCC	David Smith	VP of Instruction & Student Services			Х
FRCC	Linda Curran	VP – Student Services			X
LCC	Cheryl Sanchez	VP for Student Services			Х
MCC	Kent Bauer	VP of Student Services			X
NJC	Steven Smith	Dean of Student Success			Х
OJC	Jeff Paolucci	VP of Student Services			Х
PCC	Cindy Mihelich Maija Kurtz	VP of Student Services		X	
PPCC	Jeffrey Horner	Acting VP of Student Services			Х
RRCC	Bruce Walthers	VP of Student Services	Х		
TSJC	Sandy Veltri	VP of Student / Academic Affairs			Х