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Complete College Wyoming (CCW) is a statewide organization focused on access, success and completion. There are many initiatives underway with a focus on scaling up our efforts. General updates on goals, meetings and an institutional success story are included in this month's newsletter.

### **CCW Meeting**

The CCW Team met on April 29th in Casper to review activities of FY 2015-16 and develop plans for FY 2016-17. The team discussed being more systematic with the dashboard and the data that feeds it so that it could become sustainable and mainstream. The new community college data system will facilitate the process. Discussions are underway with the University of Wyoming to provide data to the system in the future.

The team discussed leadership going forward and will develop a strong succession plan in the coming year. Jackie will continue to serve as the chair for another year and Western Wyoming Community College will cover her costs.

### **CCW FY17 Goals**

1. Develop a strategy for revising the CCW Website to better meet current needs and to be more interactive.
2. Host a fall meeting with College and HS Math, Reading and English faculty.
  - a. Should be preceded by individual college contact with service-area high school faculty.
3. Collaborate with the Wyoming Community College Commission staff, UW staff, and DRIG Council to create reports that can be run automatically to populate the database for the Dashboard.
4. Have quarterly meetings in different locations so that team members, staff from the institution hosting and statewide leaders from the area could participate.
5. Develop a more systematic way to share best practices in remediation delivery and guided pathways.
6. Build relationships with K-12 partners by working more with the Department of Education, adding members to the team and sponsoring joint events.
7. Maintain an understanding of the GISS project the community college boards are undertaking and CCW.
8. Develop a leadership transition plan and take steps to carry it out during FY17.
9. Continue collaboration on the statewide college and career readiness definition.
10. Provide an opportunity to faculty representatives to become more engaged in CCW and make sure that every institution has an active appointee.
11. Develop strategies to make more direct connections with workforce partners and determine our role in helping with Wyoming's economic downturn.

*Complete College Wyoming, appointed by Governor Mead, facilitates cooperation among community colleges, the University of Wyoming and other key stakeholders in focusing on student access, success and completion.*

### ***New Members***

The CCW team added Senator Jeff Wasserburger as a new legislative representative to the team in May. Jeff represents Campbell and Converse Counties. We also are working to add a high school principal and more business and industry members to the CCW team.

### ***15-to-Finish Conference***

Three people will represent Wyoming at the CCA-sponsored 15-to-Finish session in June in Minneapolis, MN. Casper College, Northwest College and the Department of Education will be represented.

We will be highlighting institutional activities for the next several newsletters in an effort to illustrate how the priorities of the Complete College Wyoming initiative have been carried out in practice by our institutions.

### ***Pathways Highlighted***

Western Wyoming Community College has been working for several years to enhance the student experience and to create a systematic approach to moving through systems and course planning.

WWCC's first step was to restructure academic advising to better meet the needs of the students. A faculty and student services advisory committee was established to develop a professional advisor/faculty advising model. Students work with professional advisors as they enter and then transition to advisors in their major field. In addition, the committee recommended that advising should be required so that students could not register until they had met with their advisors. Finally, WWCC introduced 16-to-Succeed which provides a \$1000 incentive to students who complete their degree on-time by taking 16 credit hours for 4 semesters. This program is sponsored by the Foundation and the BOCES.

WWCC recognized the need to streamline and systematize services and programs from recruitment to completion. The Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee, a cross-campus Pathways subgroup, was established and charged with working through the student matriculation and completion process. As a result of their recommendations, WWCC implemented three things: 1) the General Education Review (another SEM subgroup), 2) the evolution of a required freshman experience course, and 3) the redesign of all academic programs.

During this period, WWCC applied and was accepted to the American Association of Community College *Pathways Project*. WWCC is one of 30 institutions who are committed to address student programs and limit excessive and overwhelming options in course selection. The goal is to create eight meta-majors that replace general studies and undecided programs, and helps students investigate options in areas where they have the greatest interest. All majors will be "in" the area and will have specified requirements, limiting general education courses to those that are most appropriate to the major. It is an opt-out vs opt-in system for student course selection.

In addition, WWCC is implementing *Navigate* from the Educational Advisory Board which begins with student onboarding and continues through their time at the college. It provides greater ability to investigate majors and career opportunities and helps students understand the consequences of course selection decisions such as opting to drop a math class needed for the next level.

With all of these initiatives, WWCC is completely revamping of the student experience with the expectation that it will enhance student knowledge and facilitate persistence and completion.



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***<http://completecologewyoming.org>***