



October 2015

Complete College Wyoming (CCW) continues to provide support and dialog regarding student success and completion in our state. Highlights and general updates since the June newsletter are included in this month's update.

1. Continued Momentum

The Complete College Wyoming Team continues to work on key projects and communicate the college completion message in our state. Through monthly meetings via conference call, team members remain active in and committed to the completion agenda in Wyoming. New goals have been established for FY16.

1. Complete the feedback loop for the College Readiness Definition, approve, and forward to other key stakeholder groups for endorsement.
2. Focus on educating key stakeholders on the completion agenda.
 - a. Develop strategies to better reach different audiences and decision-makers.
3. Create and distribute the first dashboard and annual update of our metrics.
 - a. Gather success data on some of the initiatives.
4. Develop stronger collaborative relationship with the Department of Education and K12 Partners.
5. Add additional team members from under-represented groups (Industry, K-12, and Legislature).
6. Continue to develop new approaches for remediation and sharing best practices.
7. Continue expanding the guided pathways initiative (2 year plans, 4 year plans, and 2 plus 2 plans).

2. The Metrics

The first round of metrics data has been submitted to the CCW chair. A draft dashboard will be available by December. There is still refining to do but there is some initial benchmark data which will allow for tracking trends and determining how successful we are at meeting the success goals.

3. College and Career Readiness Definition

The CCW College and Career Readiness definition has been shared with various groups including superintendents, principals, high school counselors and various audiences on the college campuses. There has been wide distribution but very little feedback. The team will review feedback and create a final recommended draft to be shared with the presidents, boards of trustees, Commissioners, Department of Education and other key decision-makers for endorsement or approval.

4. Transfer from CCs to UW

The Fall Articulation Summit took place in Laramie. Attendees included Vice Presidents of Student Services and Academic Affairs and faculty and student services staff from all of the campuses. 176 people attended. Some faculty groups were finalizing their 2+2 agreements and some were beginning the initial discussions. It was an excellent day with plenty of constructive dialogue about programs and making the transfer experience easier for our students.

5. Statewide Marketing Efforts

The CCW marketing subcommittee has developed a marketing plan for the coming year. Dr. Freeze met with the Community College PR committee on July 7 and on the phone monthly to talk about joint statewide efforts for FY16. The colleges are gathering student testimonials to use on the CCW site and in presentations.

The first Wyoming Public Television Wyoming Chronicles segment on student persistence and completion in Wyoming aired on Sept 18. It showcased the evolution of CCW and why student persistence and completion is important in Wyoming. It included a segment from Governor Mead. A panel consisting of Superintendent

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Jillian Balow, Representative John Freeman, Casper College Trustee, Kathy Dolan, and CCW Chair and Western Wyoming Community College VP for Student Success Services, Dr. Jackie Freeze. The group set the stage for future segments that will talk more specifically about the goals and benefits in Wyoming.

The video can be viewed on the Wyoming Public Television site <http://video.wyomingpbs.org/video/2365564334/> or by going to the CCW site and selecting the link under important links.

6. Completion Conference

WACCT will not be providing a Summit this year so the community college vice presidents of student services and academic affairs are hosting a completion day on Oct. 28 in Casper. The day is designed to provide updates and data on programs offered throughout the state. The day ends with a CCW update that we are hoping some of the Joint Education Committee might attend.

Wyoming Higher Education Completion Conference

October 28, 2015
Casper College, Gateway Building

9:30 a.m. **Welcome and General Comments**
Room 225

10-10:45 **Session One**

Program REvolution: Promoting Student Success through LCCC's Curricular Evolution

CC Early Remediation Program

11-11:45 **Session Two**

Student Loan Default Prevention: How CWC Went from a 22.6% Cohort Default Rate to 8.06% within 3 Years

Leaping Ahead: Redesigning and Implementing LCCC's Developmental English Program

High Impact Practice: Mandatory New Student Orientation

Alternative Placement and Support Models for Math and English Students at NWCCD

12-1:30 **Lunch/Updates from CC's and UW**

1:30-2:15 **Session Three**

Vice Presidents Unite! (Is it true that Student Affairs is from Venus and Academic Affairs is from Mars?)

WWCC's and EWC's Jump Start to College: The Who and What of Complete College at WWCC's Summer Bridge Program for Remedial Students

200% Increased program enrollment in 1 year? Faculty/Admissions Partnership Works!

2:15-3:00 **CCW Update and Future Planning**

Panel discussion and update from the CCW Team (Dr. Jackie Freeze, Chair, VPSS, WWCC; Representative John Freeman; Patrice Noel, Director of Transfer Relations, UW)

3:00 **Closing**



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