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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. A general update on FY17 goals included in this quarter's newsletter.

CCW Meetings

The CCW Team met on April 29th in Casper to review activities of FY 2015-16 and develop plans for FY 2016-17. Monthly phone conference meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. Anyone who is interested or would like to discuss an issue with the CCW team is welcome to attend.

CCW FY17 Goals & Progress to date

1. *Develop a strategy for revising the CCW Website to better meet current needs and to be more interactive.*

The Wyoming Community College Commission has agreed to take responsibility for updating the information on the site and will work with the CCW team to create a new and updated design.

2. *Host a fall meeting with, University, College and HS Math, Reading and English faculty.*
 - a. *Should be preceded by individual college contact with service-area high school faculty.*

The University and the community colleges have been working with their peers to facilitate the student transition from high school to college in math and English. A partnership workshop was held October 7 in Casper. Eighty-five people participated, including post-secondary and K-12 administrators, math and English faculty and high school counselors and college advisors. The goal was to continue the discussion of

how to make the transition more seamless for students.

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.*

The CCW chair has worked with the Wyoming Community College Commission staff and their contract programmer to define needed reports and the contractor is working on drafts at this time. This will allow for more consistent, accurate, and timely reporting for the community colleges and will allow individual institutions to access comparative reports when they wish. The goal is to have the reports completed by December. The University of Wyoming will continue to provide data for the dashboard separately but the ultimate goal is to include their electronically generated data as well. Discussions continue on this topic.

4. *Hold quarterly meetings in different locations so that CCW team members, staff from the institution hosting and statewide leaders from the area could participate.*

The CCW team is working to schedule these meetings.

5. *Develop a more systematic way to share best practices in remediation delivery and guided pathways.*

The annual update of activities was streamlined for readability and to better

address finding information. The team will continue to look for ways to share best practices including better utilization of the website for this purpose.

6. *Build relationships with K-12 partners by working more with the Department of Education, adding members to the team and sponsoring joint events.*

The CCW Chair and other team members met with the Wyoming State Board of Education on October 13 to discuss the college readiness definition and to update them on the projects underway in our state.

The October 7 Partnership Workshop involved faculty and staff in productive dialog on how better to serve our students in the math and English transition and in advising and counseling.

Individual institutions are working closely with service-area schools to streamline processes and expectations.

CCW is participating in various events sponsored in the K-12 arena in order to share information and build relationships (State Board meeting for the Wyoming School/University Partnership and WSBA Conference).

7. *Maintain an understanding of the Governance Institute for Student Success project the community college boards are undertaking, and CCW.*

The CCW Chair and other team members participated in the GISS Conference with the community College trustees and administrators and believe the two are compatible initiatives that can work well together to move our student-centered initiatives forward.

8. *Develop a leadership transition plan and take steps to carry it out during FY17.*

Some preliminary discussions have occurred and this will become a priority in coming months.

9. *Continue collaboration on the statewide college and career readiness definition.*

The CCW team has worked to be included in the Department of Education sub-committee working on this topic and will also work with the Wyoming State Board of Education. Our goal is that there be one definition that can be embraced by all entities in the State.

10. *Provide an opportunity to faculty representatives to become more engaged in CCW and make sure that every institution has an active appointee.*

This is an ongoing discussion and the CCW team discussed at its most recent meeting how to assure that this important group stays engaged. Our faculty members have been involved and have provided important insights to the process. We have several who have attended national conferences as representatives of the team.

11. *Develop strategies to make more direct connections with workforce partners and determine our role in helping with Wyoming's economic downturn.*

The team has had preliminary discussions in this area and our industry representative has been active and has provided good feedback. We need to become more proactive in this area.

Annual Articulation Meeting

The third annual articulation meeting took place in Laramie on September 30. Over 200 community college and UW faculty and administrators met to develop additional program articulation plans in 15 new areas. To date over 200 plans have been established.



Complete College Wyoming encourages involvement from all stakeholders in our State. Visit the website,

<http://completecologewyoming.org>