How Can Peer Networks in the Community Colleges and CSU Work Together to Improve Student Success?

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Many campuses at work on student learning, engagement, progression, and degree completion initiatives

Across the system, many passionate professionals have ideas and energy to help more students succeed
Student Success Network

An independent network of CSU faculty, staff, and administrators

Building on our collective work and advancing systemwide goals for student success
All students in California experience the highest possible quality undergraduate education with a focus on closing opportunity gaps and achieving equitable outcomes
A PROVEN MODEL

RP Group Serving California Community Colleges

✓ Connects faculty, staff, and administrators across 113 colleges, 72 districts, and 2.1 million students
✓ Supports sharing, adoption, and implementation of effective practices and policies across the system
✓ Applies data- and evidence-based approaches to challenging problems and opportunities
State Funded

$1.1 million* for CSU Student Success Network activities supporting evidence-driven systems change

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*Additive—does not take funds away from regular CSU State funding
ABOUT THE NETWORK
What We Create

OPPORTUNITIES that support a culture of
• Inquiry and experimentation
• Collaboration and sharing
• Learning and growth

MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS that
• Span roles and responsibilities
• Spread knowledge and ideas
• Integrate and expand effective practices

SUPPORT FOR SHARED GOALS to improve student
• Learning
• Engagement
• Progress
• Degree completion
How We Work

**Applied Research**
Build knowledge about ways to support student success in the CSU

**Middle Leader Academy (Student Success Labs)**
Support experimentation and collaboration through team- and project-based professional development opportunities

**Convenings**
Provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and administrators to identify problems of practice, exchange ideas, and learn from one another

**Communications**
Share findings and lessons learned with all who play a role in supporting student success
Centered in student needs
Independent and collaborative
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Objective: Brainstorm answers to questions that will inform partnership work that the networks could do together across systems, given what you now know about how they operate and who they serve.

- Each table picks the question(s) that resonate most, and brainstorm individually on small sticky notes for 3-5 minutes
- Share sticky notes around the table and group stickies into categories of similar ideas on the sticky sheets.
- Think BIG!
- Arrange sticky notes in categories, and write headings for the categories onto the sticky sheets.
- Be prepared to share.
Questions

1. What could system-based networks/partnerships do together to support students’ college readiness? What should be happening across systems with regard to supporting students’ college readiness?

2. What could system-based networks/partnerships do together to support improved transfer rates and transfer student success in the CSU? What should be happening across systems with regard to supporting transfer rates and transfer student success?

3. What could system-based networks/partnerships do together to support new forms of professional learning. What should be happening across systems with regard to professional learning and toward what end?