California Community Colleges Guided Pathways (CCC GP) Action Plan, Implementation Timeline, and Allocation Summary

Introduction

The State of California's \$150 million one-time investment in the Guided Pathways framework has provided an opportunity for colleges to launch Guided Pathways as a framework for college transformation. As part of this investment, each college will receive support to begin an intensive five-year planning and implementation process to rethink and redesign their institutions to be more student-centered. To begin this cultural and institutional transformation to make our colleges student-ready, each college was invited to complete and submit the California Community College Guided Pathways Self-Assessment Tool (Self-Assessment). The California Community Colleges Guided Pathways Action Plan, Timeline, and Allocation Summary (Work Plan) outline how the college will advance its work for each of the 14 key elements of the Self-Assessment. Completion of these documents will be needed to access available funding.

Purpose

This Work Plan provides a template for each college to outline next steps to advance toward or maintain full scale adoption on each of 14 Self-Assessment elements. Note that full scale adoption is not expected for every college on every element within the five-year time frame. Rather, each college, given its current adoption stages based on the completed Self-Assessment, should outline a plan and realistic outcomes for the time period between spring 2018 and summer 2019. College Work Plans covering this first phase of planning only need to address only those areas addressing planned activities. As a result, all 14 items are unlikely to include planning efforts and will vary college by college. The Chancellor's Office recognizes that these plans may also change as implementation efforts evolve. Those changes may be noted in future planning reports. The guided pathway effort will take time to implement, and these documents will cover just the first phase of what will be at least five years of planning and activity in order to achieve full adoption.

Use

Each completed Work Plan will be reviewed by Wednesday, May 30, 2018 by a team of reviewers who will supply feedback on the plan intended to support implementation efforts. A rubric will be developed to allow each reviewer to gather similar information from each college work plan to inform future capacity building support including resource materials, field guides, and online learning modules that will provide resources to support Guided Pathways inquiry, design, and implementation. A summary of the information gleaned from the college plans will be completed to provide context for the statewide guided pathways movement overall. This summary will also be provided to the legislature to support inquiries regarding statewide implementation.

Overview

The Work Plan covers Phase I (spring 2018-summer 2019) of the California community colleges guided pathways effort. Mirroring the Self-Assessment, an action plan template is provided for three categories— inquiry, design, and implementation—with a row for each of the Self-Assessment elements. It is not expected that colleges will be undertaking work on all of the elements during this Phase I time frame. For Phase I, the colleges should select which elements will be the primary focus during this first phase, and provide action plans for these. Many colleges will be at the inquiry stage and will not begin design or implementation efforts at this time. However, colleges who have already engaged in efforts regarding specific elements may continue focus efforts in these areas. For each of these elements, a local cross-functional team is asked to outline and vet plans to advance along the scale of adoption. Efforts and programs that will be aligned and integrated to support the work on each element should be noted.

Deadline

The completed Work Plans must be submitted via the online portal by Friday, March 30, 2018. Until the online portal is made available, colleges may use this Word document for preparing individual submissions.

Funding

If a Self-Assessment was completed and submitted by Saturday, December 23, 2017 and college representatives attended an IEPI workshop dedicated to the self-assessment process, the college's submission of a completed Work Plan will trigger the first <u>allocation payment</u>. The payments will be released by Monday, April 30, 2018.

Follow-Up

The Work Plan is a living document that will be updated periodically along with the Self-Assessment to document the college's process and progress for adopting a Guided Pathways framework. Colleges have the option to update their Work Plan at any time. However, an updated version of the Work Plan and the Self-Assessment will be due annually. The completion and submission of an updated Work Plan and Self-Assessment will trigger the second allocation payment. These payments are expected to be released in late spring every year through 2022.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES GUIDED PATHWAYS ACTION PLAN, TIMELINE, AND ALLOCATION SUMMARY (Note that these instructions include directions that will appear in the online portal that do not appear in the Word version)

Plan

- STEP 1: Print or download the college's completed Self-Assessment.
- STEP 2: Select your college from the dropdown menu at the top of the Action Plan page.
- STEP 3: Ensure that the pre-populated Scales of Adoption are correct for each element based on the completed Self-Assessment. If not, please contact guidedpathwaysinfo@cccco.edu.
- STEP 4: Outline plans—strategies, approaches, policies, activities, actions—that will move the college toward the next stage(s) of adoption for each key element described in the Self-Assessment tool. If your college will not address a particular element in during this Phase I, please select from the available dropdown menu: "Will not address during this time period." If that is selected, there is no need to outline plans, strategies or actions for this element. The timeline (see STEP 8) will provide an opportunity to indicate when you will anticipate incorporating the remaining elements into your plan.
- STEP 5: List the initiatives, programs, funding streams, and efforts that will be aligned and integrated to make progress for those elements that will be addressed in this Phase I timeframe.
- STEP 6: Indicate what success will look like—how these plans are anticipated to benefit the institution and its students--as a result of these efforts for each element to be addressed in this Phase I time frame? To what extent will efforts impact the college structure, culture, or key performance indicators?
- STEP 7: Select the change in the scale of adoption anticipated during the selected timeframe using the dropdown menu.

Implementation Timeline

STEP 8: Complete the GANTT chart to indicate the timeframe during which you would anticipate addressing each of the 14 key elements included in the CCC GP Self-Assessment. It is assumed that you will provide plans and strategies for those most germane to your college's current stage, but that you will be forecasting when you are most likely to address the remaining elements over the five-year timeframe. This can be revisited in future plans as your work progresses.

Key Performance Indicators

STEP 9: Review current KPI data. The KPI data will be automatically updated each planning period to invite reflection and inform future planning.

Allocation Summary

STEP 10: Estimate the anticipated percentage of the CCC GP allocation to be used for the various activities and expenses. The amounts will pre-populate automatically from the