Student Success Network in the California State University
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Policy research
Evaluation
Capacity building

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Student Success Network

An independent network within the CSU of faculty, staff, and administrators

Builds on our collective work and advancing systemwide goals for student success
All students in the CSU 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 researchers, faculty, staff, and administrators across 113 colleges and over 2 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.
GROWING SUPPORT

Major Milestones

2013
Initial discussions; CSU Chancellor’s Office approves fundraising for planning phase

2014
Planning grants from The Kresge Foundation and The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation

2014-2016
13-campus Interim Advisory Board develops conceptual framework and strategic plan

2016 and beyond
CSU Student Success Network receives state funding

Outreach to all 23 CSU campuses via Provosts’ Offices

3 regional cross-campus meetings

Convenings, research, and communications launch; planning underway for Student Success Labs
State Funded

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

2016-17 STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUDGET

*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,
- Progression,
- Degree completion.
STUDENT SUCCESS NETWORK

How We Work

- **Applied Research**: Build knowledge about ways to support student success in the CSU.
- **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.
Key Benefits

STUDENTS

• Opportunities to participate in and shape Network activities.
• Enhanced support for a range of efforts focused on high quality learning, engagement, progression, and graduation.
Key Benefits

FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Greater access to colleagues and knowledge about effective practices across disciplines and campuses.
- Opportunities to experiment and share knowledge and lessons learned.
- Professional development and growth.
- Help more students reach their educational goals.
STUDENT SUCCESS NETWORK

Key Benefits

CAMPUSES

• New support for shared CSU campus and system goals.
• Accesses knowledge and effective practice from across CSU campuses.
• Growing evidence base to inform ongoing initiatives and investments.
• Vehicle for professional development.
All CSU campuses are invited to the Network
Getting Started

1. Identify topics for Student Success Labs, research, and convenings.
2. Participate in a Student Success Lab.
3. Lead or participate in a research project.
4. Host or join a regional Network convening.
Student Success Network

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