CSU Student Success Network

Network Overview for Academic Senate CSU – November 2016
Presentation overview

- Network origins
- Network work streams and goals
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Network origins – About EdInsights

- Education policy research center housed at Sacramento State.
- Mission is to inform and improve policymaking and practice for K-12 education, community colleges, and public universities. Tagline is, “Advancing research and policy for K-12 and postsecondary education.”
- Executes mission via policy research, program evaluation, and capacity building.
- Team is a mix of core staff, faculty fellows, and consultants.
Network origins

- Started with discussions in 2013 with Chancellor’s Office.
- Research and Planning Group of CCC model.
- Planning grant from the Kresge Foundation to reach out to all 23 campuses & develop a conceptual plan for the Network.
- Focus on providing space for “middle leaders” in the CSU to build capacity, experiment, and collaborate.
- Representatives of 13 campuses created interim Advisory Board to lead design; then engaged additional faculty, student affairs staff, and administrators via three regional cross-campus meetings (spring 2016).
- Approached by Department of Finance – 2016-17 State of California budget includes annual $1.1 million to support Network activities.
There are six “work strands”

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<td>Build a base of knowledge around barriers to student success and ways to address them.</td>
<td>Support cross-campus, cross role collaboration and experimentation around shared problems of practice.</td>
<td>Ensure “middle leaders” have opportunities to learn from one another.</td>
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**Infrastructure development** - Establish an operational backbone

**Network development** - Grow the network and ensure connectivity to other efforts
Year one outcomes

◉ Develop internal systems to support Network operations.

◉ Create a system for tracking and reporting on progress.

◉ Utilize Interim Advisory Board to provide input on key decisions.

◉ Strengthen relationships and engagement with “middle leaders” across the CSU, with the Chancellor’s Office and with Network experts nationally.

◉ Create prototypes for Network work strands and experiment together.
Medium-to-long term outcomes

- Support the development of a culture of inquiry and experimentation.

- Work collaboratively to support system goals and see changes for students (improvements in learning/engagement, reduction in time to degree, reduction in opportunity gaps, increased graduation rates).
Opportunities to engage

◉ Help us co-develop the Network.

◉ Help develop and implement the Labs.

◉ Take part in the Labs.

◉ Conduct research with us.

◉ Participate with convenings.
Questions/Discussion

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