# **CSU Student Success Network**

Network Overview for Academic Senate CSU – November 2016





# **Presentation overview**

- Network origins
- Network work streams and goals
- Next steps
- Oiscussion



# 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 crosscampus 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"

#### **Applied Research**

Build a base of knowledge around barriers to student success and ways to address them.

# Student Success Labs

Support crosscampus, cross role collaboration and experimentation around shared problems of practice.

#### Convening

Ensure "middle leaders" have opportunities to learn from one another.

# Communication and Dissemination

Share lessons learned to various stakeholders/entities.

Infrastructure development - Establish an operational backbone

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



### Year one outcomes

- Oevelop 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.



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