Strategic Plan Update
September 20, 2019

Team B: Course Offerings & Placement

Team B is led by Kristine Ricker-Choleva, interim dean of Business & Technology, Linda Scott, director of academic advising services and Allison Wrobel, associate registrar. The team has identified two Year 1 action items: scheduling and credit for prior learning:

1. Scheduling
   a. Late Start Pilot
      - Implement first late start 12-Week pilot for Fall 2019
      - Work with IR and stakeholders to assess student success in the pilot compared to non-pilot students
   b. Scheduling Improvements
      - Standardize class schedule, create a one-year schedule for FY 2021 and explore options for block and cohort scheduling
      - Consider mapping of certificates and degrees to completion

2. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)
   - Inventory existing CPL opportunities, review pass rate data and track CPL credits attempted and awarded
   - Work with admissions and advising on advising students on CPL and how CPL credits will be identified
   - Develop a marketing strategy targeting adult learners and focused on options for CPL.
Team B members were assigned to the following tasks (full names/titles appear the first time they are listed):

**Late Start Pilot:**
- Outreach with faculty and students: Shannon Sarkisian, community outreach admission counselor, Frank Johnson, coordinator of the Writing Center, Andrea Picard, coordinator of Experiential Learning, Karen Derouin, director of Financial Aid and Kim Hicks, dean of Arts & Humanities
- Data collection and analysis: Linda, Frank, Eric Farrell, coordinator of Student Records
- Spring 2020: Kris, Linda, Allison and Kim Hicks

**Scheduling Improvements:**
- Standardized class schedule: Linda, Kris and college deans
- Create one year schedule: Linda, Kris, and college deans
- Explore options for block and cohort scheduling: Linda, Kris and college deans
- Explore options for mapping certificates and degrees to completion: Jenilee Cochran, dual enrollment coordinator, Lori Wayson, New Directions coordinator, Shannon, Elizabeth Busker, president of Student Senate, Eric F. and Andrea

**Credit for Prior Learning:**
- Coordinate with CFE on faculty engagement: Allison Hrovat, human services faculty, Eric Carreira, mathematics instructor, and Steve Winters, environmental science faculty
- Work with admissions and advising on CPL messaging: Kermit Dunkelberg, assist. VP ABE & Workforce Development and Eric F.
- Determine how CPL credits identified for degree completion, transfer and financial aid: Mark Broadbent, coordinator, transfer affairs & articulation, Jennifer Keenan-Jolie, associate director of Financial Aid, and Karen
- Develop marketing strategy targeting adult learners with CPL focus: Lori, Kermit and Shannon

**Highlights!**
The Late Start Pilot is underway with 70 unduplicated students enrolled in 10 gen ed classes. The purpose of this 12 week pilot is to help new students succeed even though they registered late. Starting on September 30th instead of September 3rd, the pilot gives students additional time to complete their financial aid, acquire books and get prepared for class.

Team B is engaging in professional development for themselves and inviting the HCC community to learn more about the topics covered in their Year 1 action items. These include:

- Transferring Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Session at Westfield State University 9.17.19
- Massachusetts Community Colleges PLA Consortium 9.27.19
- PLA workshop for the HCC community on 9.23.19 @ 1:00 pm in KC 303
- Understanding the Gray Associates Report: discussions in the Center for Excellence:
  - 9.19.19 @ 2:30 pm
  - 9.25.19 @ 12:30 pm
  - 9.27.19 @ 2:30 pm.

Stay tuned for more highlights from our dedicated Strategic Plan Teams.

Kind regards,
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