GRCC College Action Project Update
Due to SLT Exec Council: August 1, 2013

Project Title:
CAP 1.1.3 Revise and create four-year articulation agreements for seamless transfer

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August 1 Update Questions

NOTE: All current CAP projects are scheduled to be completed by July, 2014.

The Champion’s responses should be direct and factual to provide a clear picture of its progress, accomplishments, and challenges.

1. *Describe the past accomplishments and the current status of this Action Project since August of 2012. Describe any changes to your implementation plan that you have made this year.*

Describe concrete achievements: meetings, data gathered and analyzed, plans made or implemented, changes in processes, and measured results. If your team hasn't made expected progress, explain why things are moving slower than planned. If you implementation plan has changed, please describe why.

Past Accomplishments/Current Status (Since August 2012)

a. Articulation agreement renewals: 14 agreements renewed, 2 agreements remain in the renewal process

b. New articulation agreements: 7 new agreements signed during 2012-2013 academic year; 8 new agreements in process; 13 agreements in pursuit (agreements have not started yet, still discussing whether or not the agreements are desired and possible)

c. Transfer and Articulation defined as an institution

d. Transfer and Articulation Process developed and implemented

e. Transfer and Articulation Communications plan developed; will be implemented in 2013-2014 academic year

f. Meetings: Team meetings took place in October 2012, November 2012, February 2013, March 2013

g. Data gathered: Alumni survey sent out in April 2013 and again in June 2013; results will be analyzed during the 2013-2014 academic year

h. Articulation embedded into the curricular process
Overall, the CAP 1.1.3 team has not only made expected progress, we have also exceeded our expectations. Having articulation embedded into the curricular process is a huge win for us, and this was outside of the goals we had originally intended.

2. Describe the next steps for this Action Project for 2013-14
   Be specific about the next critical steps planned to move the Action Project ahead for next year. In many cases you will need to assemble your team and develop a Work Plan that you all agree on. This plan should be detailed as to guide your team’s activities for the next year.

Next Steps (Final Year)

- Analyze data from alumni survey and glean ideas for future work to be done surrounding transfer at GRCC
- Consolidate and clean up all transfer web pages at GRCC
- Implement communications plan to communicate articulation with GRCC campus community
- Work with faculty/associate deans/deans to identify articulated programs that we want to continue at GRCC and work to clean up all equivalency guides associated with the articulation agreement to ready the articulated program for the 2014-2015 catalog
- Continue to work with curriculum office to embed articulation as the curriculum model is fully implemented
- Continue to pursue quality articulation agreements and finish agreements in pursuit/process

3. What challenges, if any, are you facing regarding this Action Project?
   This is an opportunity to get constructive, actionable feedback, advice, and help from the SLT Executive Team. In your response, specify blocks, gaps, sticking points, or problems.

One of the goals of the CAP 1.1.3 team was to market articulation agreements to students/parents via marketing materials. However, the budget request we put in to ask for money to support this goal was not successful and we never heard a response as to whether we will receive funds or not. We were able to work with the Admissions Department and will have post-secondary articulation included in a marketing piece they are putting together. However, we are unsure how to check on the budget request.

Another challenge that we face is the fact that our CAP’s goal is to renew and create articulation agreements at GRCC versus looking at all aspects of transfer at GRCC. There have been many times where faculty/staff have misinterpreted what the actual CAP goal is, and think that our CAP is a lot bigger than it is. Increasing the number of students who transfer to their preferred four year institution within six years is a goal that we certainly support through our work in CAP
1.1.3, but there are many other CAPs and campus initiatives that focus on increasing transfer at GRCC. Since transfer is such a hot topic at GRCC and much work is needed in this area, one idea that we came up with in our CAP is to write a new CAP for the next Strategic Plan about what we think should be worked on as far as increasing transferability outside of articulation agreements.

4. **What are the measures (data) you are using to document success of your project? How are you performing on those measures?** Each project champion should be collecting data that demonstrates the progress they are making. Provide a table outlining this data. The SLT Exec Team will use this data to evaluate the success of your action project to date.

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*Data gathered from Transfer & Articulation files*

The overall goal of the CAP was to increase the number of articulation agreements by 5% each year, over a three year period. As you can see from the table above, we have exceeded this goal and will continue to increase the number agreements over the 2013-2014 academic year.

5. **Do you anticipate that this CAP will NOT be completed by July, 2014? If yes, please discuss those components which you anticipate not being completed.**

Yes, this CAP will be completed by July 2014, and the work of this CAP will be continued by the Transfer and Articulation Coordinator.

6. **From your perspective as a CAP Champion, how could the strategic planning process be improved?**

The strategic planning process can be improved by using the same format each time reporting is necessary versus using different formats/forms each time. It is helpful to report out once a year as it helped me to go back and remember last year’s work, but the format is always different.