MINUTES
Mendocino College Academic Senate
Thursday, November 16, 2017
12:30pm-2:00p.m., MacMillan 1220

Call to order
Edington called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm

Present
Doug Browe, Maria Cetto, Rachel Donham (left at 1:30), Jason Edington, Rhea Hollis (left at 1 pm), Martha Klimist-Zingo, Conan McKay

Absent
Taylor Cannon, Rodney Grisanti, Catherine Indermill

Guests
Ulises Velasco, Sabrina Meyer, Leslie Banta, Ginny Buccelli, Catherine McKay

Recorder
Janice Timm

Agenda Approval
M/S/C (McKay/ Hollis/Unanimous) to approve the agenda as amended.
- Remove approval of minutes from the 10/26/17 Senate meeting as they are not ready yet
- Move FLEX report ahead of the President’s report

Public Comment

Vice- President Student Services Ulises Vasco:
- From Arturo Reyes, College President:
  o Reminder re: Strategic Planning – would like to have as many faculty at as many meetings as possible
  o Dates are not firm yet, and will be forthcoming from Edington

Reports

FLEX Committee Report
Leslie Banta provided a written report
(Attachment 1)
Summary comments and Report Highlights from Leslie Banta:
- All members on the committee are new
- Not many changes have been made to the FLEX handbook, mainly clarifications – in general FLEX rules are pretty well understood
- Committee talked about conducting a more intensive review of the handbook in the future
- The FLEX Committee is asking for the Academic Senate to Support their recommendations, specifically that the FLEX committee be included in the planning of In-Service days and that those 2 days be limited to 6 hours each as per contract. (Details are in the written report.)
• FLEX committee is happy to survey the faculty (regarding In-Service topics) if the Senate wants
• Strongly recommends that there be Faculty evaluations of In-Service days

President’s Report
Edington did not provide a written report
• Attended Plenary – the link to the resolutions at passed (or a document) is available for anyone who wants it. Please let Edington know and he’ll send it to you.
  o AB 705 – on agenda later
  o Guided Pathways
  o A recommendation that course descriptions have a notation for "low cost" where relevant in addition to the "zero cost" already in place
  o Senators please take a look at what passed: https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/F17Resolutions_Final.pdf
• Attended one of the Middle College information sessions at Ukiah high School

SLOT (Student Learning Outcomes Team) Committee Report
Dan Jenkins (unable to attend, no written report)
McKay & Browe gave a general statement as they are both on the committee
• Committee is discussing how to create an “institutional uniform grading scale (0-4) to standardize and/or normalize grading scales and numerical assessments of Student Learning Outcomes and assessments so that comparisons can be made across areas and subjects (i.e. “apples to apples” comparisons) and whether this will even be possible in eLumen

Comments and Questions:
• a great deal of the meeting was spent discussing eLumen and what it doesn’t do – the SLOT committee felt blind-sided by how far behind the college is regarding the implementation of eLumen
• Is the intent to have departments define the grading scale of 0-4 for themselves? Or is the intent for all to have exactly the same scale with some exceptions?
  o The intent is that the departments can decide what level within their department would constitute a 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, but that the definition of each of these be the same (a 4 might be an ‘A’, but the percentage to obtain that ‘A’ might vary among departments, or perhaps even among courses)

Old Business/Action Items

Action Item 1. Appoint a Senator (McKay) to Enrollment Management Committee Co-Chair through the end of Spring 2018
M/S/C (McKay/Browe/Unanimous)

Comments:
• This call for a Senator to co-chair EMC came out at the summer Academic Senate meeting
• Appoint McKay (who has volunteered for the position)
• It was also mentioned that we will need to replace Roger Hock in Spring 2018 as he will be on Professional Leave

Action Item

2. Committee Assignments
Appoint Ginny Buccelli to Distance Ed, term through Spring 2019
M/S/C (McKay/Cetto/Unanimous)

Comments:
• The discussion focused on another committee that needs faculty: EAP (Education Action Plan)
• EAP would like to have someone from the Curriculum Committee
• Meeting times and dates for EAP will be in an email from Edington

Discussion Items/New Business

1. Integrated Plan (BSI, Equity, SSSP) Report
Review of the Integrated Plan Report due to the Chancellor’s Office
(Velasco – Attachments 2 & 3, BSI SE SSSP Integrated Plan 2017-2019 & Budget)
Velasco walked us through the documents, pointing out some specifics.
• NOW is the time for input (2 weeks)
• The new deadline for this document to be turned in to the Chancellor’s Office is January 31
• Part 1 of the document describes what the process is, Part 2 of the document describes the Program Goals and planning, and the Data is from the past 2-3 years
• Comments about the Integrated Planning Council (Foundational Skills, Student Equity, SSSP) which will likely be renamed the Student Success Council
  o Recommendation from Senate discussion to make the integrated committee structure clear now rather than later
• Comments about the Budget
  o Budget information is for the next 2 years – however, the spending is basically two years behind, so the figures for BSI won’t be spent for a year or two (we just received the budget figures for 2017-2018 on October 26, 2017)
  o Committees will have a say in specifics moving forward
  o The state wants a general plan and reassurances that the college has actually outlined a budget
• The link to the Executive Summary is live and will be updated as input arrives
• Senate input is wanted to detail what support will be needed from the Chancellor’s Office
• Points of contact regarding the Integrated Plan are Ulises Velasco and Debra Polak
• Edington asked that the senators take a deep look at this ASAP so that the Senate can provide feedback and recommendations to the Administration
• The link to the Executive Summary, as well as the document itself, will be sent
to all faculty with encouragement for review and input

2. Guided Pathways Self-Assessment Report

Review of the Self-Assessment due to the Chancellor’s Office
(Velasco – Attachment 4, CCC Guided Pathways Self-Assessment Tool)

- At the beginning of the attachment is an introduction from Debra Polak describing the timeline and process they have been working with to develop this document. Also, over the past month, there has been a lot of information at conferences, workshops, and statewide meetings about this document and its purposes and the guided pathways efforts in general.
- Originally, the document was prepared by a small committee including Debra Polak, Ulises Velasco, Jason Edington, and Tanja Ramming.
- A larger group met November 15 and looked over the work that was done on the assessment by the smaller committee
  - The original scores in all elements were discussed and there was general agreement on these original scores
  - The rationale in describing successes/challenges was reviewed and discussed
  - The feedback on the original summary was mostly “we forgot to add x-y-z”
  - There was agreement to move forward with the scoring as it was
  - Notes given to Velasco and Polak to update comments and summary
- From Tanja Ramming (these notes are to be implemented in the next iteration of the document:
  - described breaking up into groups
  - based on the overview, it seems that the administration is more progressive (regarding changes) than faculty
  - some faculty feel isolated
  - more faculty input is needed
- From Edington:
  - There has been discussion on the idea to obtain many copies of the book “Redesigning America’s Community Colleges” and have everyone read and study it

Discussion and Comments:

- Especially here at the beginning, we need more faculty and dialogue on the “big” committee creating this document – it is disheartening to see lack of faculty there, we are missing several key voices (encourage and reach out personally to faculty to take part)
- There is an opportunity here to brand what it means to have a ‘Mendocino College Education’
- There was some discussion of the Chancellors’ “Vision for Success”, specifically the goal of students taking less units. The emphasis really is on getting students to complete sooner – the statistics say that if a student stays at the college for 5-6 years then the chance for a successful completion is almost nil.
- How we are spending the initial monies needs more conversation
- Reminder that this document has the same timeline as the Integrated Plan: 2 weeks for input and a final deadline of January 31
Updated document will return to Senate in 2 weeks

3. Electronic Voting

Update on Goal to investigate and possibly implement a process for electronic voting for Senate (Browe)
Tabled until the next Senate meeting.

4. Part-Time Committee Assignments

Discussion of the Senate’s stance on assignment of Part-Time Faculty to standing committees
(Edington, Attachment 5, AP2131, statement on committee representatives)

- Cannon asked to postpone this discussion since he could not attend today; however he will also miss the next meeting. Klimist-Zingo is present to represent.
- This is a discussion begun several years ago, and continues to be raised. In the Public Comment section of the Academic Senate Minutes of 11/20/2014:
  - ...per the current Part-Time Faculty CBA section 18.5.2, the Part-Time Faculty union is responsible for appointing part-time faculty to college committees subject to Senate approval.
  - It was suggested that the language be changed to: “18.5.2 Nominations of part-time faculty for campus committees shall be gathered by the Part-Time faculty representative on the Academic Senate and submitted to full Academic Senate for discussion and appointment.”
  - This language was NOT changed.
- Edington: AP2131 and MPFA/CBA 18.5.2 are in opposition to each other.
- Edington stated that he and Cannon have spoken about this and that there is a concern that, while the Senate has 9-10 voting members, only 2 are part-time faculty (20%) which gives the impression that part time faculty are not able to choose who represents them on committees. Edington suggested that there could be language placed into the bylaws, if the senate chose, that showed our support of the part time input in the process of appointing part time faculty to committees. Something like ‘part time representatives will be given more consideration when it comes to the appointment of part time faculty to committees’.
- Edington also stated that Committees that faculty are on are “10+1” committees and there are about 7 standing committees that part time faculty are members of. Since there is no mandatory union enrollment for PT faculty, there is a concern that voices could be left out of the discussion if the union appoints the committee members.
- Other comments included:
  - This is a PT contract language issue – it is premature to have this discussion in the senate
  - Should there be a statement or language in the by-laws stating a Senate point of view?
  - Does it create more tension to step forward to all PT faculty and let them know that they are eligible to be considered for committee
appointments should they be interested?
  o What if complete respect was afforded to CBA by the senate to accept CBA recommendations?
  o A reminder that there is NO ACTION or RESOLUTION. This is a discussion only.

5. AB 705

Share information on the Student Success Act of 2012 – recently signed into law by Governor Brown
(Edington – Attachment 6, Summary of AB 705)

- AB 705 requires community college districts to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in math and English within a one-year time frame by utilizing assessment measures that include high school performance to achieve this goal.
- The one-year time frame is Summer/Fall/Spring – but not Fall/Spring Summer
- We create the path that makes it possible (doesn’t mean that the students complete the path)
- One senator asked about money issues. Many students have to work and support families – missed classes, dropped classes and other opportunities for completion are often linked to money (or lack of money), and completing in one-year is just not possible
- The State Academic Senate opposed this law
- Other comments included:
  o We will need to work within the law to do what is needed for our students. We can increase support in basic skills, perhaps create non-credit courses.
  o We need to look at the students coming in to accurately assess their needs
  o Often our students do not have a deep enough experience in full-time college attendance to succeed when they transfer

6. Senate Meeting Schedule for Spring 2018

Suggested meeting dates: Feb 1 & 15; Mar 3 & 15; Apr 5 & 19; May 3 & 17 (12:30-2:00 PM)
- We’ll vote on these next meeting

7. Faculty Meeting Schedule for Spring 2018

Suggested meeting dates: Feb 8; Mar 8; Apr 12; May 8 (12:30-2:00 PM)
- April 12 conflicts with Plenary
- Look at dates – we are ok with Edington not being at the April 12 meeting?

Open Forum

- Edington relayed that at a recent meeting, Dennis Aseltyne announced receipt of a $45K grant and a matching $45K grant for the creation of a Career Center
- Browe stated that there is intent from KZYX that there be some type of collaboration between the public radio station and the college
• Browe stated that there is a show at the college gallery. Open specific hours plus during performances at the Center Theatre
• Velasco stated that there is a Native American celebration tonight at 5 pm
• Edington stated that student artwork is being featured in the Learning Center
• Maria Cetto is applying for a leave of absence for Spring 2018 for family reasons.

NEXT ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING: November 30

*Meeting Adjourned*  2:05 pm  Respectfully submitted, Janice Timm, Recorder
Flex Committee Report to the Academic Senate Fall 2017

Committee Members: Leslie Banta (chair), Jody Gehrman, Roger Hock

The committee worked over the summer to revise the Flex Handbook for clarity and readability. As required in section 7.9.4 of the CBA, we did so in consultation with interim VP Polak and HR Director Meyer. Additionally, because flex is a contractual obligation, we consulted with MCFT Pres. Warf and Chief Negotiator Rawlinson. The process was fairly easy and straight-forward with all parties working toward a focused goal. Changes included revised submission timelines (adding an additional week for faculty) and a proportional flex allotment for those on professional development or load bank leaves. Additionally, a percentage allotment was made for specific types of wellness activities.

The committee has overseen its first full batch of flex agreement requests. We asked for clarification when needed to assure that the flex guidelines were appropriately met.

The committee has discussed professional development opportunities on campus and has some specific requests of the Academic Senate in this regard.

- Per the flex handbook, the Flex Committee, in conjunction with the Academic Senate, plans the activities for in-service days (pg. 2). The Flex Committee respectfully requests that we be included in such planning.
  - The Guidelines for the Implementation of the Flexible Calendar Program provided by the ASCCC state that “Faculty should not be subject to attendance mandatory activities or days unless agreed to by a shared governance process”.
  - The Flex Committee feels that, in recent years, the in-service days have become increasingly driven by Administration rather than by the needs of faculty. Suggestions for improving in-service include:
    - Surveying the faculty for activities they would like to see.
    - Returning to faculty designed and led activities after the first morning general session.
    - Including input from the Flex Committee in representing the faculty interest during the in-service planning process.
    - A faculty evaluation of the in-service activities that includes what participants think about the activities, what faculty feel that they got out of the in-service activities, and whether or not knowledge gained through in-service activities will be used to modify what they do on a day-to-day basis (Title 5, section 55730(d)).

- The CBA (7.1) and the Flex Handbook (pages 2-3) note that a flex day is comprised of 6 hours. This is in line with the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Flexible Calendar Program provided by the ASCCC (sect. 2A). Our last in-service flex day was scheduled for more than 6 hours. The Flex Committee would like to see the 6-hour day implemented for the two scheduled in-service days.

The Flex Committee looks forward to working with the Academic Senate to support meaningful professional development activities for our faculty.

Respectfully,

Leslie Banta

Flex Committee Chair
Part I – Deadlines and Important Information

- Submission deadline: **December 1, 2017**
- The 2017-19 Integrated Plan will cover two years. The budget plan will reflect the 2017-18 allocations.
- Integrated fiscal reports will be required on an annual basis.
- All programmatic and student outcome data will be collected via existing MIS reporting. No additional data submissions are required.
- Colleges are encouraged to align integrated program plans with their college and district strategic plans/education master plans.
- Identify one individual and an alternate to serve as the point of contact for your college.

PROGRAM INTEGRATION

The integrated SSSP/Student Equity/BSI program model promotes integrated planning and program coordination at the district and college levels. The three programs retain separate requirements as specified in Education Code and title 5 regulations; these requirements are built into the Integrated Plan to ensure compliance with applicable law and regulations. In coming years, the Chancellor’s Office intends to pursue changes in Education Code and title 5 regulations to achieve even greater integration and alignment of the three programs in subsequent planning cycles.

Plans are to be developed in consultation with students, staff, administrators, faculty, Academic Senate, and members of the community as appropriate. Your plan must be adopted by the governing board of the community college district and submitted to the Chancellor’s Office by December 1, 2017. A separate plan must be submitted for each college in the district.

DATA-DRIVEN PLANNING

An effective plan is grounded in data. In developing your integrated plan, refer to existing data from your previous plans, additional statewide data, and/or data collected at your colleges. The Chancellor’s Office will explore and develop mechanisms and tools over the coming months to assist and support colleges in their data analysis effort, although colleges should proceed with existing resources to complete the 2017-19 plan. Areas of focus for these new tools will include access and completion for basic skills, workforce and CTE, and transfer level courses.
Although you are not required under this plan to submit your data, analysis, and each goal you set, Education Code requires that you analyze data and develop goals to address the following and to retain that information as part of your institutional records:

- Goals for the general population and for identified student groups, disaggregated by gender, as well as activities designed to address disproportionate impact using one of the Chancellor’s Office-approved methodologies. Education Code requires that colleges analyze data for the following student groups and, if appropriate, develop subgroup-specific goals: current or former foster youth, students with disabilities, low-income students, veterans, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian students, black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, white, some other race, and more than one race.
- Success rates for students with basic skills needs using Basic Skills Cohort Tracker data that show (1) the number of students successfully transitioning to college-level mathematics and English courses, and (2) the time it takes students to successfully transition to college-level mathematics and English courses.

In addition, the following data should inform your planning:

- Trends for incoming students related to engagement in the following activities: (1) orientation, (2) assessment, and/or (3) education planning.
- The number of students on academic or progress probation, referred to follow-up interventions or services, and successfully moved from probation—disaggregated into the student groups that must be included in your disproportionate impact analysis.
- The number of noncredit CDCP certificates awarded, if applicable.
- Noncredit course success data, such as the percentage of students earning a grade of pass (P) or satisfactory progress (SP), if applicable.
- The number of students who transition from noncredit to credit.
Part II – Program Goals and Planning

PREVIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Questions 1 & 2 focus on what you *have accomplished during the 2015-16 planning cycle*.

1. Assess your college’s previous program efforts:
   a. In the table below, list progress made toward achieving the goals outlined in your 2015-16 SSSP, Student Equity, and BSI plans. Expand the table as needed so that all of your goals are included.

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<td>The percentage of students from Math 11 (Basic Mathematics to Math 45 (Pre-Algebra) will increase 2% annually in 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 over the rate in 2011-2012</td>
<td>Since this goal was originally written in 2014-15 as a long-term goal and then included in the 15-16 plan, Math 11 and Math 45 were discontinued to create and accelerated pathway through the Math program. A new course--Math 46 (Pre-College Mathematics) --was added as the basic skills entry point. Students who previously placed into Math 11 or 45 are placed into this class which leads to either Math 60 (Beginning Algebra for STEM and Business Majors) or Math 51 (Algebra and Logic for Statistics). Math 51 is the prerequisite for Statistics.</td>
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<td>The percentage of students who enroll in English 12 (two levels below transfer) and succeed in English 200 within four semesters will increase by 2% annually beginning Spring 2015 (students enrolled in English 12 Fall 2013) through Spring 2016. This percentage increase will be measured against the success recorded from Fall 2010 to Spring 2012</td>
<td>Since this goal was written in 2014-15 as a long-term goal and then included on the 15-16 BSI plan, the English department has created an alternative accelerated pathway to English 200. Students placing in English 80 or lower (English 10 or 12) can enroll in English 85 (Accelerated Preparation for College Writing) which leads directly to the first transferable level, English 200 (Reading and Composition).</td>
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<td>By Fall 2017, student participation in acceleration programs in both ENG and MATH will increase by 2% annually, and persistence to transfer level courses will also increase by 2%</td>
<td>Enrollment in English 85 has increased by 34% from Fall 2016 to Fall 2017. Enrollment in Math 51 has increased by 67% from Fall 2014 to Fall 2015. From Fall 2015 to Fall 2016, there was a slight decrease of 29%. From Fall 2016</td>
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annually, beginning in Fall 2019. 

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<th>to Fall 2017 there was a slight decrease again of 16%. The Math department has redesigned its math pathways to allow for further acceleration and implemented its redesign in the Fall of 2016.</th>
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| **By Fall 2017, 2% more multilingual students in basic skills level ENG courses will complete ENG 80 and ENG 200.** | In the Spring of 2013, Mendocino College introduced a remedial level course designed for multi-lingual students (one level below college level). Since then, the accelerated English 85 course has been designed and implemented with a section for multilingual students. The English 85 multilingual section was offered for the first time in Fall 2017 (current term), and no data is available. 

However, looking at historical completion data, in Spring 2013 71% of multilingual students successfully completed English 80, and of those who completed and enrolled in English 200, 75% were successful.

For Fall 2014, 46% of multilingual students successfully completed English 80, and of those who completed and enrolled in English 200, 100% were successful.

For Spring 2015, 88% of multilingual students successfully completed English 80, and of those who completed and enrolled in English 200, 59% were successful.

For Fall 2015, 65% of multilingual students successfully completed English 80, and of those who completed and enrolled in English 200, 91% were successful. |

| Increase access to all college services and programs for all students with special focus on targeted populations—Foster Youth, African American students, and Native | A large focus of Mendocino College’s 2015-2016 Student Equity Plan involved data analysis and better comprehension of our institutional shortcomings regarding access. While an initial activity to better understand ease of access for students was to conduct USC’s Equity Scorecard, our institution decided to take this a bit further. We entered into a 2-year partnership with USC’s Center for Urban Education (CUE). This |
American students. partnership led to a very comprehensive review of multiple access points for the institution. For example, a classified workgroup reviewed different access points on campus through various student services departments and provided vital feedback for continued improvement. As part of this process we have updated various campus signs with bilingual information making it easier for students to find their way around campus. While the partnership with CUE is almost over, the workgroups created during our partnership will continue to provide vital feedback to our District as we move to continue improving access at our institution.

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<th>Increase course completion rates for all students with special focus on targeted populations—Foster Youth, African American students, and Native American students.</th>
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| Mendocino College’s 2015-2016 Student Equity Plan identified these three student groups as the most disproportionately impacted. Among the activities outlined in the plan to help reduce the course completion gap were: provide students with starter kits, hire a worker for the Native American Student Resource Center and to hire a Native American Outreach Specialist. The starter kits began as an idea adapted from the EOPS program which provides students with binders, paper, pens and other supplies to help them start their academic year with some items. This idea morphed into the creation of a Student Equity Lending Library where students identified in our equity plan as disproportionately impacted could borrow textbooks for their courses. Also, this was further expanded by providing calculators and ChromeBooks for students to borrow as needed to complete their coursework. In the Native American Student Resource Center we’ve been able to provide additional resources including a part-time worker that provides assistance and linked the center with our thriving MESA program and Learning Center for Tutoring and support services. Lastly, we were able to hire a full-time outreach specialist that focuses on providing information and outreach to our Native American students, but also works with other students identified in our student equity plan as being disproportionately impacted.

In 2014-2015, there was a 73.65% course completion rate for all students. In 2016-2017 that rate had increased to 73.76%. The change has been minimal when we look at all students, but we’ve had significant
success with the course completion rates of the three identified groups. Foster youth had a 51.74% course completion rate in 2014-2015, but by 2016-2017 that rate had increased to 66.08%. African American students had a 56.44% course completion rate in 2014-2016, by 2016-2017 that rate increased to 64.92%. Lastly, Native Americans had a 57.60% course completion rate in 2014-2016, by 2016-2017 that rate increased to 63.01%.

| Increase success in Basic Skills courses for all students, with special focus on targeted populations—Foster Youth, African American students, and Native American students. | Mendocino College has undergone a significant review of its basic skills offerings and there have been mixed results among our students. While there have been significant improvements for Foster Youth, African American, and Native American students, we have seen a slight decline in our overall student basic skill course success rates. In Fall 2014 our students overall had a 69.17% success rate, but by Fall 2016 that success rate dropped to 68.56%. While not significant, we are trying to better understand the slight decline in our student’s success rates. However, all three disproportionally impacted student populations have seen a significant success rate improvement during the same timeframe. In Fall 2014, foster youth had a 57.15% success rate, by Fall 2016 their success rate had increased to 76.04%. African American students had a 52.26% success rate in basic skills courses in Fall 2014, by Fall 2016 their rate was 59.07%. In Fall 2014, Native American students had a 38.23% success rate, but by Fall 2016 their rate increased to 63.41%. Based on these early findings, we can clearly see that our focus on the disproportionally impacted student groups have yielded significant success which we hope to improve upon. |
| Increase degree and certificate completion among all students with special focus on targeted populations—Foster Youth, African American students, and Native American students. 2% increase. | One of the desired outcomes was that “College employees will have a better understanding of topics related to multiculturalism, and the needs of populations experiencing disproportionate impact.” This desired outcome stems from having a welcoming campus environment for all students, inclusive of their different cultural backgrounds. By having a welcoming environment, students will be more likely to remain enrolled and be on a good path to complete their certificate or degree. To that end, Mendocino College has greatly increased the organization and promotion |
of culturally diverse events on campus. We’ve had
campus celebrations recognizing the Native American
community we serve, film screenings relating to the
history of African Americans and had better
collaboration within the institution to promote these
events within our community. In 2014-2016 we had a
total of 382 students earn a certificate or degree. By
2016-2017, that number improved to 397. We did not
have any increase in degree/certificate completion
during that time for foster youth. We have a less than
1% increase in completion for African Americans, but
we did see an almost 2% increase for Native American
students.

| Increase percentage of students who transfer to a four-year college or university for all students, with special focus on targeted populations—Foster Youth, African American students, and Native American students. 3% more students will access Career-Transfer Center Services. | After many years of having a Career-Transfer Center on campus, the center itself went from understaffed to unstaffed as we tried to better understand the purpose and function of our Career-Transfer Center. In its previous incarnation, the Career-Transfer Center was a place where students could get information about careers they could obtain with a Mendocino College certificate or degree, learn about transfer opportunities. After many discussions within the institutions, we are moving to separating these two functions. The Transfer Center will be housed within the Counseling Office so that students can receive academic advising about transfer opportunities from their academic counselors. A Career Center is in the process of being created that will link workforce development and community opportunities as well as provide a location where students can get assistance with resume writing and the interview process. All these efforts will be in place to remedy the decline we’ve encountered in the number of students who transfer to a four-year institution. In 2014-2015 we had 176 students transfer to a four-year institution. By 2015-2016 that number increased to 195, but by 2016-2017 that number greatly decreased to 133. Our disproportionally impacted student groups had no improvement in this area. |
| Increase services to students on academic probation to improve retention rates among at-risk students. | The 2015-2016 SSSP plan identified students on academic probation as a group that needed additional services and support. At the time, Mendocino College had recently implemented the Early Alert system which allowed faculty to communicate with counseling services and other departments when one of their |
b. To what do you attribute your overall success or lack thereof? (This answer can be in narrative or bullet; 100 words maximum)

The successes we’ve had implementing components of our plans can be attributed to the collaboration between different constituent groups. We have relied on the committee process to develop and implement some of the activities aimed at improving overall student success. As we look forward we recognize that this collaboration needs to be more widely representative of all constituent groups. Additionally, we need to improve overall data sharing between departments and implementing better technology tools that will assist in implementing and tracking goal successes.

c. In the table below, identify one goal from your 2015-16 plans that intersects SSSP, Student Equity, and BSI and describe the integration activities. (Note: For the 2017-19 plan, integrated goals are required.)

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### 2017-19 Integrated Plan: Basic Skills Initiative, Student Equity, and Student Success and Support Program

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<td>Lending Library access to select course textbooks, calculators and Chromebooks.</td>
<td>Professional development for math and English faculty in accelerated curriculum.</td>
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<td>Bilingual matriculation services provided for off-site ESL courses.</td>
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2. Describe one strategy or activity that your college has implemented that is resulting in significant gains in student completion or closing of achievement gaps. The Chancellor’s Office will use this information to assist in dissemination of effective practices to other colleges.

The implementation of English Acceleration has resulted in significant gains in student completion. In Fall of 2015, a new course was delivered—ENG 85, Accelerated Preparation for College Writing— at one level below transfer English, an alternative, accelerated pathway to transfer-level English with no prerequisite course or score on the placement test needed. The original pathway still exists and includes courses at one, two and three levels below transfer. In Fall 2016, 11% of students enrolled in ENG 85 placed three levels below transfer; 39 placed two levels below; 29% had no score; 16% placed at one level below transfer. First, as an access point, this is significant in that at least 50% of the students enrolling each fall would have had to take two or three courses in the original pathway. If the students not taking the placement test are included, up to 80% of the students might have had to take two or three levels of English as opposed to this one accelerated course.

Furthermore, of the students who enrolled in ENG 85 in Fall 16, 72% were successful (completed with an A, B, C or Pass). Of students who remained on the traditional pathway and enrolled in the original course one level below (ENG 80), 58% were successful. This indicates that the accelerated curriculum, with its attention to metacognitive skills and an updated pedagogical approach to teaching reading and writing, promotes greater success.

Finally, of the ENG 85 (accelerated) students who persisted to transfer English (ENG 200) in Spring 17, 84% were successful. ENG 80 students persisting to ENG 200 were 78% successful. In contrast, of the students who historically enrolled in the courses two and three levels below transfer, only 6-12% persisted and succeeded in the transfer level course. The gain in student completion is clear as ENG 85 students succeeded at a higher rate and reduced the semesters in their pathway.

FUTURE PLANS

Questions 3-8 address the 2017-19 planning cycle.

3. Establish integrated student success goals to be completed/achieved by June 30, 2019, along with corresponding activities designed to achieve those goals. Goals must be outcomes-based, using system-wide outcomes metrics. For example:
   - Basic skills completion, including, but not limited to, (1) increasing the number of students successfully transitioning to college-level mathematics and English courses, and 2) reducing the time it takes students to successfully transition to college-level mathematics and English courses.
   - Closing achievement gaps for disproportionately impacted groups.
• Improving success rates in degree attainment, certificate attainment, and transfer.
• Improved identification of and support for students at-risk for academic or progress probation.
• Deeper collaborations with high school districts, workforce agencies, or other community partners, particularly to increase students’ college and job readiness.
• Improved noncredit student success for those with noncredit offerings (e.g., CDCP certificates awarded, course success, and noncredit-to-credit transition).

Select five integrated goals for the period covering this plan and complete the following table, showing how each goal connects across programs as well as the activities/steps you will implement to achieve each goal (Note: not all cells are required to be completed for each goal, but goals should cross at least two programs). Include at least one goal for each of three programs: Student Success and Support Program (core services), Student Equity, and Basic Skills.

Complete the table on the next page. Add rows as needed to list all five goals.
## 2017-19 Integrated Plan: Basic Skills Initiative, Student Equity, and Student Success and Support Program

### Goal

**Example:** Increase completion and persistence through the English Developmental Sequence

**Increase degree and certificate completion**

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<td>Develop follow-up services that encourage students to move on to the next semester of degree or certificate requirements.</td>
<td>Provide professional development which supports faculty in implementing practices and materials which promote student success and persistence.</td>
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**Goal Area**

- Access
- Retention
- Transfer
- ESL/Basic Skills Completion
- Degree & Certificate Completion
- Other:_________
| Improve transfer rates | Provide easily accessible transfer information within the updated Transfer | Do outreach for students in targeted populations about Transfer Center services. | Creation or mapping of pathways from basic skills courses through transfer degree programs to 4-year degree. | ✓ Access ✓ Retention ✓ Transfer □ ESL/Basic Skills Completion □ Degree & Certificate |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| opportunities for Counselors and classroom faculty to collaborate in discussing education planning and course sequencing. | Provide access to Lending Library items such as textbooks, calculators and ChromeBooks. | Provide supplemental instruction in targeted population cohorts. | Faculty mentors available in targeted population cohorts. Develop new faculty orientation that promotes equity practices. |
| Center. Identify a counselor or staff member who will lead the coordination of transfer related activities. | Develop bilingual transfer information. | Completion □ Other:_______
| | | ____________ |
| Continue the growth of College & University Day involvement. | Develop/host workshops geared for students seeking transfer opportunities. | |
| Implement technology that will make it possible for students to track their transfer degree progress. | Make information available to Veterans Center, Native American Student Resource Center and other student locations on campus. | |
| Make hardcopy information for students to obtain transfer degree information. | Provide professional development which supports faculty in implementing practices and materials which promote student success and persistence. | |
| Update Transfer Center information on Mendocino College website, include current transfer opportunity and event information. | Engage in guided pathways development through an equity lens. | |
| Improve success rates in below transfer ESL, English and Math; improve persistence to and through 1st transfer level | Provide Embedded counseling. Provide bilingual matriculation services for off-site non-credit courses. Include accelerated pathways in education plans. Provide counseling services and supportive early alert to students in basic skills courses. Assist students in planning for appropriate math pathway. Identify and implement multiple measures in English placement. Develop pathways from adult education to basic skills at high school to transfer, including opportunities for dual/concurrent enrollment. | Expand and improve Supplemental Instruction. Provide professional development to close achievement gaps in order to increase success rates. Offer paired courses to cohorts of students from targeted populations. Provide faculty mentors for students navigating basic skills to transfer. Integrate CCS curriculum across disciplines. | Expand and improve Supplemental Instruction. Continue to expand numbers of sections in accelerated pathways. Provide Writing workshops. Provide tutoring and tutor training. Provide opportunities for college, k12 and adult education faculty to share curriculum, teaching strategies, and develop pathways through basic skills to transfer. Provide professional development on relevant instructional strategies. |

**Access**

**Retention**

**Transfer**

**ESL/Basic Skills Completion**

**Degree & Certificate Completion**

**Other:**__________
Identify & support students who are on academic probation or in the dismissal process to increase their persistence

- Improve analysis of academic probation data to identify possible contributing factors.
- Identify and notify students of their status.
- Follow-Up with phone calls, emails and counseling appointments.
- Develop a mid-semester progress report for students in academic probation.
- Review and update as needed the academic probation policies and procedures for the institution.

Create a comprehensive resource and information program for students in academic probation, targeting disproportionately impacted students.

- Develop support workshops for students in academic probation.
- Promote use of lending library resources to students in academic probation.

Connect students to writing workshop, tutoring, labs, etc.

- Work with basic skills instructors to provide targeted interventions.

| Access | Retention | Transfer | ESL/Basic Skills Completion | Degree & Certificate Completion | Other:_________
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Improve access, success and completion for Native American students

- Develop a transition program for Native American students taking them from basic skill courses to college level.
- Partner with local Native American tribes to

Provide child care services to Native American students in this newly created program.

- Provide school supplies, calculators, textbook access, through the lending library.

Provide tutoring services to Native American students involved in the transition to college level courses program.

- Outreach and dual enrollment at adult education sites or with partner tribes.

Encourage participation in

- Access
- Retention
- Transfer
- ESL/Basic Skills Completion
- Degree & Certificate Completion
- Other:_________

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<td>Development of cultural and intellectual events on campus to promote cultural awareness.</td>
<td>Promote accelerated pathways.</td>
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<td>Provide matriculation services in Round Valley.</td>
<td>Recognize Native American contributions to the community and our campus by renaming the main gathering place on campus to Pomo Plaza.</td>
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<td>Provide matriculation services to K-12 and adult education when traveling to these locations (i.e. financial aid, counseling, outreach, dual enrollment).</td>
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4. How will your college accomplish integration of matriculation, instruction, and student support to accomplish your student success goals? Include in your answer how your college will ensure coordination across student equity-related categorical programs or campus-based programs. (500 words max)

In order to fully integrate matriculation, instruction and student support services we will need to re-imagine the committee structure initially developed to implement each individual program (BSI, SE and SSSP). In order to continue integration and to keep a focus on reaching the plan goals, we will need to fully integrate this process into the committee structure of the institution.

At the moment each program/plan has its own corresponding committee. In the past, these committees functioned independently and at different capacities to implement the goals and corresponding activities in their programs. For example, the SSSP committee advised the Dean of Student Services and Vice President of Education and Student Services on activities that may support the goals outlined in the SSSP Plan. Those activities were sometimes organized by the committee or assigned to staff. The outcomes and success monitoring of those activities were not always part of this process. Similarly, the Student Equity Committee advised the corresponding staff on activities but had a more direct oversight of this categorical funding. While communication was strong within the committees, that communication did not always extend to the other committees or programs on campus.

As part of a re-imagining for the committee structure that looks at fully integrating this and other programs, we will need to revisit the purpose of the BSI, SE and SSSP Committees and create a brand new committee. The new committee will be responsible for the development, implementation, and reporting of the Integrated Plan. They will develop the
integrated goals for the institution relating to BSI, SE and SSSP and be comprised on every constituent group on campus. The existing BSI, SE and SSSP Committees will become sub-committees that will recommend, monitor and assess the activities geared to achieve the goals set by the Integrated Plan Committee. The BSI, SE and SSSP sub-committees will report at every Integrated Plan Committee meeting on the progress toward achieving the developed goals. To further insure full integration between Academic Affairs and Student Services for the success of these goals, the Integrated Plan Committee will be co-chaired by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Vice President of Student Services. Representatives on the Integrated Plan Committee will also include staff, faculty and management involved in other categorical programs, including AEBG, Strong Workforce, EOPS, and First Year Institute. This will further promote coordination between programs within the District.

Lastly, Mendocino College is fully committed to the integration and continued collaboration between categorical programs. At the Fall 2017 convocation, information was shared to all attendees about the continued collaboration efforts and the District's commitment to the integrated plan. Also, some of the activities identified in our response to Question 3 will be funded utilizing funds that are not from the BSI, SE or SSSP allocations. Our institution is continuing to work collaboratively in the development of activities with representatives of multiple programs and departments so that they can align their goals and strategies with those of the institution and of our 2017-2019 Integrated Plan.

5. If your college has noncredit offerings, describe how you are including these offerings in moving students through to their goals, including post-secondary transitions and employment (250 words max)
Beginning levels of non-credit ESL are offered off-campus, to be closer to student residences. As students move up in levels, they are also expected to come to our main campus. This geographic scheduling supports our students to ease into a college learning environment. While attending off-campus courses, we provide childcare, embedded counseling, and schedule field trips to the main campus where they can get a student ID. Enrollment and Counseling services are offered in English and Spanish. Non-credit SSSP funding allows for bilingual enrollment services to occur at our off-campus sites.

Non-credit offerings in basic skills English and math support students to advance through the math and English sequences. English and math instructors are available in these lab courses to assist students with their coursework.

Basic Skills courses in high school equivalency are being implemented for the first time this fall (2017) semester. These courses will support students in earning a high school diploma or equivalent. A counselor is assigned to students in these courses so they will be supported in a transition to postsecondary. These courses have been developed in collaboration with
K-12 school districts in our Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Consortium, the Mendocino/Lake Adult and Career Education Consortium (MLACE).

Through MLACE we expect to continue to expand non-credit offerings to include some short term CTE. The materials and support services available through our consortium on pathways to employment will support those students in those offerings and our current non-credit offerings.

6. Describe your professional development plans to achieve your student success goals. (100 words max)
Professional development will focus on developing practices among faculty and staff which support student success as defined by our goals. Because of emerging technology in education planning, training will be needed to fully implement these important tools. Professional development on guided pathways which allows for inter-departmental collaboration will be key over the next two years. Also, professional development which allows for collaboration among faculty to examine their curriculum, practices and materials will be key in increasing student success. Finally, professional development which increases collaboration between Instruction and Student Services will support achievement of our student success goals.

7. How and how often will you evaluate progress toward meeting your student success goals for both credit and noncredit students? You could analyze milestones, momentum points, leading indicators, or any other metric you find appropriate for your college. (100 words max)
Mendocino College plans to evaluate student success goals and the end of each term, when student completion data is available for extraction and analysis. Working with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Grants, baseline information will be set to appropriately measure progress towards student success goal completion, as well as view and analyze the data disaggregated by ethnicity, gender and other equity indicators.

8. For multi-college districts, how will you coordinate your efforts for SSSP, Student Equity, and BSI, with other colleges in your district to achieve your student success goals? (100 words max)
Mendocino College is a single-college district. This question is not applicable.

9. Using the document “BSI SE SSSP Integrated Budget Plan 2017-2018” and your 2017-2018 annual allocation amounts, provide a budget plan specifying how you will utilize your BSI, SE, and SSSP funds to help achieve your student success goals.
See attached Integrated Budget Template.

10. Each college must create an executive summary that includes, at a minimum, the Student
Equity goals for each required student group, the activities the college will undertake to achieve these goals, and the resources budgeted for these activities. The executive summary for this plan must also include an accounting of how Student Equity funding for 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 was expended and an assessment of the progress made in achieving the identified goals from prior year plans. The summary must also include the name of the college or district official to contact for further information. The executive summary must be posted to the college website. Provide a link to your college’s executive summary below:

11. What support from the Chancellor’s Office (e.g., webinars, workshops, site visits, etc.) and on what topics (e.g., budget, goal setting, expenditures, data visualization, etc.) would help you to accomplish your goals for student success and the closing of achievement gaps? Mendocino College would encourage the continued offerings of webinar and workshop opportunities. As a rural college, these professional development opportunities are extremely value to the development and implementation of our goals and activities. Above all, it is always helpful to see what other institutions are doing, what works, what doesn’t work, and what are the best practices being implemented by our peers. Lastly, a site visit and technical trainings would be ideal to ensure that everyone involved in the implementation of our integrated plan has an opportunity continued support.

12. Identify one individual to serve as the point of contact for your college (with an alternate) for the Integrated Plan and provide the following information for that person:

Point of Contact:
Name: Ulises Velasco
Title: Vice President of Student Services
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Phone: 707-467-1037

Alternate Point of Contact:
Name: Debra Polak
Title: Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
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Phone: 707-468-3605

Part III – Approval and Signature Page
College: Mendocino College

District: Mendocino-Lake CCCD

Board of Trustees Approval Date: 

We certify the review and approval of the 2017-19 Integrated Plan by the district board of trustees on the date shown above. We also certify that the goals, strategies and activities represented in this plan meet the legislative and regulatory intent of the Student Success and Support (credit and noncredit), Student Equity, and Basic Skills programs and that funds allocated will be spent according to law, regulation and expenditure guidelines published by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

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Chief Business Officer       Date                     Email Address

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Chief Instructional Officer  Date                     Email Address

________________________________________________ uvelasco@mendocino.edu________
Chief Student Services Officer Date                     Email Address

________________________________________________ jedington@mendocino.edu________
President, Academic Senate   Date                     Email Address
## Planned Expenditures

Report planned expenditures by program allocation and object code as defined by the California Community Colleges (CCC) Budget and Accounting Manual. Although they appear in the CCC Budget and Accounting Manual, not all expenditures listed are appropriate. Refer to program funding guidelines for more information.

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**Match**

**BSI, SE, & SSSP Budget Total** $1,356,861
To: Academic Senate  
From: Debra Polak, Interim VP of Academic Affairs  
Date: 11/12/17  
Re: Guided Pathways Self-Assessment Tool

I’m writing this introductory note to the Self-Assessment Tool to describe the timeline and process we have been working with to develop this document. Also, over the past month, there has been a lot of information at conferences, workshops, and statewide meetings about this document and its purposes and the guided pathways efforts in general.

Timeline

The self-assessment tool was made available to us in September with the expectation that we would involve a “cross functional” campus-wide group to participate in its completion. At that time, the due date was in November. This was a tight timeline to begin with, and the fires, of course, made it even tighter. We did, however, get a small group together, consisting of Ulises Velasco (VP Student Services), Jason Edington, (Academic Senate President), Tanja Ramming (Guided Pathways faculty liaison), and myself. Together, we worked on the content for a draft of the self-assessment. Fortunately, the due date was extended to December 23 and we are now assembling a much larger group of people to review the draft and give input. This is occurring on November 15, the day before your Senate meeting. Therefore, you are receiving this draft without the input from that group. However, VP Velasco will be able to report on the input we receive when he attends the 11/16 Senate meeting. Then, I will be able to incorporate all of the input received from the 11/15 meeting and Senate into a final version you will have the opportunity to approve on 11/30.

Self-Assessment Purposes

It is important to understand that this self-assessment tool should be reviewed as a dynamic document. The Chancellor’s Office has been clear that the expectation is that this tool will be a “temperature check” at this moment but that it should be continually revisited and used as a benchmarking tool as we build our guided pathways work. In other words, we should be honest about how we rate ourselves and, beyond the due date, continue to involve more and more members of our campus community in the conversation around the key elements described on the tool. Please review the document with these purposes in mind.

General Guided Pathways information

I will look forward to talking to Academic Senate in general about Guided Pathways. I know there are concerns about this direction. Another clear message from the Chancellor’s Office is that this work will look different at each college, and we are encouraged to make it our own. I personally believe that the guided pathways approach provides a lot of opportunity to improve the way we work with students and better support them in reaching their goals. I believe we can support students on a clearer path to their goals while maintaining opportunities for enrichment and exploration.

Thanks in advance for your feedback on this draft!
## GUIDED PATHWAYS SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

### Self-Assessment Outline

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### INQUIRY (1-3)
Engage campus stakeholders in actionable research and with local data; create consensus about core issues and broad solutions.

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Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)
1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. While there has been much progress on our campus in the area of examining research and local data, little of this work has been done around Guided Pathways. Around issues of equity and closing the gaps, Mendocino College has some of the characteristics described in Scaling in Progress. However, there has been a limited amount of student voice captured in the analysis of data and research, and the conversation is just now shifting toward Guided Pathways.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. Through our Student Equity work with the Center for Urban Education, faculty and staff have engaged in a deep look at achievement data and examined the campus for equity gaps and obstacles for students. An evidence team was formed to examine achievement data and to understand equity gaps, particularly in math and English. Additionally, a Faculty Institute was implemented to lead faculty in examining their own achievement data and to participate in peer observations of their classroom practices done through equity lenses. The English and Math departments also are examining data to understand the success of their acceleration courses. The Mendo Lake Adult and Career Education Consortium (AEBG consortium) brings together educators throughout the region to understand the needs of adult students (current and prospective).

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. Getting a cross-functional inquiry group together is challenging because of the limits on people’s time. The individuals we need in the room are often the same ones participating in multiple committees already. Additionally, there is still resistance and skepticism among faculty.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
### INQUIRY (1-3)
Engage campus stakeholders in actionable research and with local data; create consensus about core issues and broad solutions.

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<td>College is using clearly identified benchmarks and student data to track progress on key activities and student academic and employment outcomes. Those benchmarks are shared across key initiatives.</td>
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1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. Mendocino College regular measures and sets Student Achievement Standards which are reviewed annually at a Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC) meeting, shared with the Board of Trustees and shared at convocation for all faculty and staff. There is disaggregated student achievement data provided to departments and available on the Institutional Research site; however, more can be done to incorporate this information into all levels of planning at the college. The data is made available for departments to refer to in program review. This does become part of the analysis departments incorporate into their planning requests and becomes a part of the decision-making occurring in committees which influence the allocation of resources. Additionally, the CTE departments and our AEBG Consortium is beginning to collaborate with state and regional organizations to better track employment data.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. A regular review and re-setting of Student Achievement Standards has been institutionalize over the past three years so that the process and the benchmarks are familiar data points for the college community. Data around achievement gaps have become more widely recognized and are a more regular part of the conversations across campus as a result of Student Equity work and the work of the English and Math departments around acceleration.

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. Mendocino College has work to do to create a culture of inquiry which occurs at all levels of decision-making.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
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<td>College-wide discussions are happening with all stakeholders and support/commitment has been expressed by key stakeholders to utilize the Guided Pathways framework as an overarching structure for the college’s main planning and resource allocation processes, leveraging existing initiatives and programs such as (but not limited to):</td>
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1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. If this key element was not described in terms of Guided Pathways, we would have been able to score ourselves higher than Early Adoption. Much work has been done toward integrated planning and a broad base of constituencies have been brought into this discussion. However, we are just beginning to explore the Guided Pathways framework as the overarching structure of the college’s main planning and resource allocation processes. We have been using the current committee structure around Student Equity, SSSP and BSI to develop and disseminate the goals of the Integrated Plan and a new Student Success Council has formed to move this work forward. College governance bodies such as Academic Senate and the Planning and Budgeting Committee have been kept apprised of the

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. Even before the Integrated Plan Template was introduced, Mendocino College was engaged in leveraging initiatives and creating coherence among the many programs on campus with overlapping goals and activities, including SSSP, BSI, Equity, AEBG, and CTE programs.
3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. *Concern that Guided Pathways may threatened the diversity of course offerings is presenting a challenge.*

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
**DESIGN (4-8)**

Establishing and using an inclusive process to make decisions about and design the key elements of Guided Pathways.

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<td>College currently has not organized or is planning to organize cross-functional teams or share governance committees that will inform and guide the Guided Pathways effort.</td>
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College has identified key leaders that represent diverse campus constituents to steer college-wide communication, input and decisions regarding the Guided Pathways framework.

Constituents have developed transparent cross-functional work-teams to provide the Guided Pathways effort with momentum and regularly provide opportunities for broad college-wide input.

In addition, this plan strategically engages college governance bodies college-wide.
Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. While cross-functional teams have been involved in the integrated planning process and exist across our committee structure, we are at the beginning stages of infusing these structures with Guided Pathways work. Our emerging Student Success Council, which will provide oversight for the Integrated Plan will likely lead the Guided Pathways implementation. Our first real work on Guided Pathways is to reflect on this Self-Assessment tool.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. The College has a solid committee structure which is inclusive of all constituent groups. Our recent work on Integrated Planning has been inclusive and transparent. Faculty have appointed a “Guided Pathways Faculty Liaison.”

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. There has been a voice of opposition to some of the goals of Guided Pathways. Those that champion Guided Pathways will need to understand that opposition and address the concerns in a thoughtful manner.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
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1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. Our district has a strong connection with the K-12 districts in our region. We also partner regularly with the Mendocino County Office of Education and the Lake County Office of Education on events and initiatives. Mendocino College has made a concerted effort to partner with all districts to create a healthy pipeline of high school students to the college. It also familiarizes students with the college process and promotes a college-going culture. We have dual/concurrent enrollment opportunities at every public high school in our district. Additionally, a Middle College will begin in Fall, 2018. Adult Education partnerships are also very strong through our AEBG Consortium. Recently, those partnerships have branched out to local employers through an Adult and Career Education Summit. Our College has also developed strong partnerships with other community colleges through CTE initiatives. Because our campus does not have a...
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<td>6. GUIDED MAJOR AND CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES</td>
<td>○ College is currently not implementing or planning to implement structures to scale students’ early major and career exploration.</td>
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The development of a robust dual enrollment program has been appreciated by the K-12 districts in our region. Our AEBG Consortium has been highly successful at collaborating to map pathways and streamline programs for adult learners.

Distance from four-year universities makes deep collaboration challenging.

College has structures in place to scale major and career exploration early on in a close local four-year university, those partnerships are more challenging; however, we still host transfer events and have strong partnerships through MESA.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. The development of a robust dual enrollment program has been appreciated by the K-12 districts in our region. Our AEBG Consortium has been highly successful at collaborating to map pathways and streamline programs for adult learners.

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. Distance from four-year universities makes deep collaboration challenging.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
College has not yet created foundation courses, gateway courses or other scalable mechanisms for major and career exploration. Designed to help students choose a major early on. Cross-functional teams including instructional, counseling, and student support faculty and staff from different departments and divisions collaborate on clustering programs. Student input is systematically included into the process.

Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. While some discussions are occurring in this area, they have not begun among faculty in an active manner. There are faint beginnings in this area through a recent Hispanic Serving Institution Grant which organizes students into cohorts in our First Year Institute. These are very broad cohorts such as: CTE and Transfer. Additionally, Faculty Advisors are being trained to work with cohorts and share their discipline expertise. These faculty can be key participants in the move forward to support students in early major and career exploration. There is also some work in categorical programs such as CalWorks which includes career counseling at intake. Also, we recently developed a position and hired an Adult and Career Education (ACE) counselor with AEBG and CTE funding. CTE faculty meet monthly and are taking on Guided Pathways as a key topic but are still at the beginning exploration stages.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. The efforts described above include the hiring of an Adult and Career Education counselor who focuses on finding the best starting point for a student based on their educational and career goals, and current skills. Some pathways have been mapped through the work of the AEBG Consortium.
3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. The College has historically relied on this work to occur within departments or in special programs. There will need to be a shift to provide broad opportunities for students to explore and narrow their career goals.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
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<td><em>(Help Students Choose and Enter a Pathway: Ensure Students are Learning)</em></td>
<td>○ College is currently not engaging in or planning to develop strategies to improve student access and success in transfer-level math and English coursework.</td>
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College is implementing evidence-based practices to increase access and success in college and/or transfer-level math and English, including, but not limited to:

- The use of high school performance for placement (i.e. cumulative GPA, course grades, non-cognitive measures) for placement
- Co-requisite remediation or shortening of developmental
Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. *There has been much work done in acceleration in both the Math and English Departments. English has developed a class one level below transfer with no prerequisite requirements but a co-requisite lab. This pathway for students has been highly successful. In Math, a pre-statistics course was developed that reduces the pathway for developmental students by two-levels and is continually refining its pathways for various cohorts. Math has implemented the use of high school performance for placement. The College is engaged in reviewing and revising all of its placement tools and will soon include high school performance in English as well.*

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. *The successes described above have been accomplished by a strong commitment of the faculty to examine its own practices and also the support of administration to allocate resources for professional development in this area. Acceleration has been supported by multiple initiatives (BSI, Equity and AEBG).*

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. *In order for the accelerated courses to be successful, instruction must be highly effective. Scaling this work means identifying and developing highly effective instructors. We have excellent instructors, but since so many are part-time, it is difficult to insure that the instruction is being reinforced in all classrooms.*

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?

- Curricular innovations including creation of math pathways to align with students’ field of study.
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<td>8. CLEAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</td>
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1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. *Mendocino College has been engaged in this work; however, it has not been in the context of Guided Pathways. Through regularly scheduled curriculum review, programs are consistently modified. Our College has also been very active in developing Associate Degrees for Transfer. Additionally, there has been a recent effort to update and publish departments’ four-semester sequences. Scheduling patterns are also being analyzed each semester to increase opportunities for students to develop a full and efficient schedule. However, this work has not begun in developing meta-majors or interest areas and have not yet occurred with cross-discipline teams.*

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. *One potential model for guided pathways is the Theater Conservatory Program that has been recently developed. In this program, students are guided in cohorts through a series of courses which model a conservatory program. The theater courses are typically scheduled in the late afternoon to early evening to leave morning open for general education requirements.*

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. *In order to achieve cross-discipline collaboration, faculty will need to be fully engaged in these efforts.*
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<td>9. <strong>PROACTIVE AND INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS</strong></td>
<td>☐ College is currently not implementing or planning to implement proactive and integrated student supports.</td>
<td>☐ The college has begun conversations about increased coordination and collaboration between student supports, instruction, and counseling. Processes and tools are in place to monitor student progress and provide timely support; but are only used by a few staff and/or departments and are not used consistently. There are few and/or irregular structures that allow for support services staff, counseling faculty, and instructional faculty to meet, collaborate, and discuss ideas, the challenges students face, and ways to improve coordination and supports.</td>
<td>☐ Collaboration between the instructional and support services occurs in specific programs. Processes and tools are in place to monitor student progress and provide timely support; and are used by most staff and/or departments, but may not be used consistently. There are some structures that allow for support services staff, counseling faculty, and instructional faculty to meet, collaborate, and discuss ideas, the challenges students face, and ways to improve coordination and supports.</td>
<td>☐ The college has been able to scale ways in which proactive supports are provided to most students. The college is able to track in which program each student is, and how far away students are to completion. Student progress is monitored; mechanisms are in place to intervene when needed to ensure students stay on track and complete their programs of study. There are several regular structures that allow for support services staff, counseling faculty, and instructional faculty to meet, collaborate, and discuss ideas, the challenges students face, and ways to improve coordination and supports.</td>
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*(Help Students Stay on the Path)*

College provides academic and non-academic support services in a way that is proactive and aligned with instruction, so that all students are explicitly engaged in these services.
discuss ideas, the challenges students face, and ways to improve coordination and support services.

Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. The College has made much recent progress in this area. There is growing collaboration between different student services departments to identify student who are in need of academic intervention. Our instruction and counseling faculty utilize an early alert system; however, its use is not widespread or consistent. In the last year, our SSSP/Equity Coordinator has worked closely with our Admissions & Records Director to identify students who are under academic probation so that those student can be supported with assistance to improve academically. Students are linked to workshops and other resources. However, our institution has not done a good enough job to help students track their progress toward degree completion. We are planning on implementing the Colleague tool Student Planner, which should allow students to have a better understanding of the length of time it will take to complete their degrees.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. Our strengths in this area tend to occur within specially funded programs. In the First Year Institute students are monitored closely by their counselors and take a College Career Success course with them. There is communication with instructional faculty through grade checks and faculty advisers to increase the collaboration with instruction and student services.

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element.

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<td>• Link student demand to scheduling</td>
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<td>○ The college currently does not have or plan to build an integrated technology infrastructure.</td>
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(e.g., Starfish, early alert system, etc.)
- Data on career and employment opportunities including salary and requirements (e.g., SalarySurfer, other)
- Others

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1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. Our technology is currently not capable of consistently providing long term degree planning and progress. Instead, we have some tools available for faculty and staff to be able to do some small-scale planning processes when advising a student. These technology shortcomings are now well-understood and we have plans for implementing technology that will allow for progress tracking for multiple purposes. Students will be able to track their paths and be informed if they are off-track. Counselors will be assisted by this technology when advising students. Administrators and instructional faculty will be able to obtain more robust data to aid in the creation of schedules and future program planning.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. The college has recently successfully implemented Canvas for all of our online and on-ground classes. This allows for much better tracking of student progress in classes and more access for students to their real-time achievement in classes. Also, Canvas will allow for interfacing with other systems.

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. Technology implementation takes time and much professional development to be well utilized.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
**IMPLEMENTATION (9-14)**  
Adapting and implementing the key components of Guided Pathways to meet student needs at scale.

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| 11. STRATEGIC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ○ College is currently not offering or planning to offer professional development (PD) opportunities aligned with needs and priorities identified in integrated plans, program review, and other intentional processes. | ○ Professional development is provided to faculty, staff and administrators but the development and offerings of PD is not aligned with the college’s strategic goals identified in an integrated planning process, or there are gaps in systematically identifying and meeting those goals. | ○ Some but not all PD opportunities are developed to intentionally support the college’s strategic goals identified as part of an integrated planning process. Strategic professional development includes systematic, frequent and strategic attention to:  
- Using learning outcomes assessment results to support/improve teaching and learning.  
- Providing updated information across the college to enable faculty and administrators | ○ PD opportunities are available for staff, faculty and administrators and are strategically developed to meet the college’s overarching goals, shared across initiatives. Assessment of learning outcomes and other data driven processes are continuously used to identify the areas of greatest need for PD to help the college meet its overarching strategic goals. Strategic professional development includes systematic, frequent and strategic attention to:  
- Using learning outcomes assessment results to |
| staff to refer students to academic and non-academic supports and services as necessary. |
| Improvements in those college processes directly serving students. |
| Leadership capacity and stability for all areas on campus and the college as a whole. |
| Practice analyzing student data (qualitative and quantitative) and identifying structural decisions that can be based directly around student need. |
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| Providing updated information across the college to enable faculty and staff to refer students to academic and non-academic supports and services as necessary. |
| Improvements in those college processes directly serving students. |
| Leadership capacity and stability for all areas on campus and the college as a whole. |
| Practice analyzing student data (qualitative and quantitative) and identifying structural decisions that can be based directly around student need. |
| Continued broad engagement in cross-functional decision-making. |
| Regular and consistent training on the use of technology to support |
Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

5. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. Our professional development opportunities have been intentionally developed to meet the goals of our various initiatives. We are very close to a “Scaling in Progress” in this area as we have been designing professional development opportunities that do support the goals of our initiatives and are helping our staff and faculty to engage in data and research. The shortcoming keeping us in “Early Adoption” is that we haven’t yet fully engaged the planning of professional development with our Integrated Plan or Guided Pathways as that work is just beginning. However, we have leveraged the work of our BSI committee with funding from Student Equity to plan and fund Teacher Institutes and other professional development that supports the goals of both programs. We also intentionally plan our convocation “Inservice” each semester to move forward the strategic goals of our campus and of our initiatives. Overall, the District has supported professional development across all constituent groups; however, in order to rate higher, we will need to develop a broader and more coherent plan.

6. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. Our Classified Leadership are presenting by invitation at their State Leadership conference as a result of their engagement in the work of our Equity Plan. Classified Staff participated in and led workgroups to examine the processes and physical spaces on our campus, which may present barriers for student success. Their recommendations and conclusions are being incorporated into facility proposals, process planning and have resulted in direct services for students. The Center for Urban Education (CUE) commended Mendocino College for engaging the Classified staff in a way they hadn’t seen at other campuses. Another successful professional development effort is related to our work around acceleration. This work is key to the success of goals of most of our initiatives, including BSI, SSSP, Equity, AEBG, our FYI program, and CTE degree completion. The college has invested in the work of our English and Math department to pursue this important work and has supported professional development for full- and part-time faculty.
7. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. *Our challenge in this area has been to better design our program review process and review to engage individual faculty and departments in requesting professional development that supports the goals of the District and our initiatives. Additionally, we need an improved process for evaluating and supporting those requests that originate from the program review process.*

8. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
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1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. *Mendocino College had a well established Learning Outcomes cycle that is incorporated into program review and all of our resource allocation processes. Additionally, there is a process for SLOs to inform PSLOs and then be incorporated into ISLOs. In order for us to reach Full Scale, however, there needs to be an improved campus-wide engagement in a deeper analysis of SLOs. Faculty and departments do complete SLO/SAO assessments; however, there can be more done to inform a cycle of improvement as described in the Full Scale rating.*

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. *As demonstrated through our latest accreditation process, all Mendocino College constituent groups are committed to contributing to our SLO processes and recognize the need to include outcome assessment results in our budget allocation decisions.*

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. *As mentioned in an earlier section, Mendocino College is engaged in creating a more robust culture of inquiry. This will be important in supporting our Learning Outcomes work to be more meaningful and impactful.*

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
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(Ensure Students are Learning)

The college tracks attainment of learning outcomes and that information is easily accessible to students and faculty. Consistent and ongoing assessment of learning is taking place to assess whether students are...
mastering learning outcomes and building skills across each program and using results of learning outcomes assessment to improve the effectiveness of instruction in their programs.

Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. *Early adoption was selected to rate this key element; however, most programs do “examine and use learning outcomes results to improve the effectiveness of instruction.” At this time, though, assessment results are not made readily available for students and faculty to access. As described in the last key element, the District is committed to the Learning Outcome assessment cycle as it has been established and institutionalized.*

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. *Recently, during our accreditation processes, every constituent group agreed to have reference to Learning Outcomes assessment included in their evaluation instruments.*

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. *We are in the middle of an implementation of a new information system for Curriculum, SLOs and Program Review. This has taken longer than expected and has challenged our efforts to continue to improve our program review process.*

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
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| **14. APPLIED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**<br>
(*Ensure Students are Learning*) | Pre-Adoption | Early Adoption | Scaling in Progress | Full Scale |
| Students have ample opportunity for applied/contextualized learning and practice. Opportunities have been coordinated strategically within and/or amongst programs. | ○ College is currently not offering or planning to offer applied learning opportunities. | ○ Few courses and programs systematically include applied/contextualized learning opportunities such as projects, internships, cooperative education (co-op), clinical placements, service learning, study abroad, etc. | ○ Some courses and programs systematically include applied/contextualized learning opportunities such as projects, internships, co-ops, clinical placements, service learning, study abroad, etc. Opportunities have been coordinated strategically within and/or amongst programs. | ○ Students across most or all disciplines and degree areas have ample opportunity to apply and deepen knowledge and skills through projects, internships, co-ops, clinical placements, service learning, study abroad, and other active learning activities that program faculty intentionally embed into courses and programs. |
Please respond to the following items (500 word maximum per item)

1. Please briefly explain why you selected this rating. Mendocino College has a work experience program and some of our CTE programs do incorporate internship requirements and opportunities. These are integral to some programs such as Nursing, Human Services, EMT and Fire Science courses where there are clear requirements for work based learning. Additionally, the campus houses a Mini-Corps program which works with college student prospective teachers. However, there is much room for further developing applied/contextualized learning opportunities.

2. Describe one or two accomplishments the college has achieved to date on this key element. Mendocino College has been actively developing opportunities for students in its CTE offerings. For example, Mendocino College and Shasta College are collaborating to offer a Physical Therapy Assistant program. This program was developed as a result of a thorough analysis of labor market indicators and because of commitments from regional hospitals and clinics to offer internship sites for students. This is a unique program in that the two Colleges are collaborating to share curriculum and faculty to make this a fiscal possibility at two small rural colleges.

3. Describe one or two challenges or barriers that you anticipate may hinder progress on this key element. In a small rural district such as ours, internship opportunities are limited. There are few large employers and a limited variety of industries represented.

4. Comment (optional): is there any additional information that you want to add that is not addressed sufficiently in the questions above?
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS (500 word maximum per item)

1. Based on the Self-Assessment above, what do you think best describes your college’s guided pathways work overall?
   - Pre-Adoption
   - Early Adoption
   - Scaling in Progress
   - Full Scale

Please briefly explain why you selected this rating: The simple reason “Early Adoption” best describes Mendocino College’s overall guided pathways work is that it was the rating most often chosen throughout the self-assessment. This rating also makes sense for us because our college has a strong foundation in almost all of the Key Elements described in this tool. However, we are at the early stages in guided pathways work. We still have to engage faculty leadership and make this a campus wide efforts. Executive and middle leaders are strong champions of this work and some faculty and staff are as well. We have been developing the committee and workgroup structure and many of us are looking forward to next steps.

2. What kinds of support would be most helpful to you as your campus begins or continues its work on guided pathways? Are there resources or supports that would most help your college progress on any particular element? Please describe: It would be very helpful to have continued opportunities for colleges to learn from one another and share best practices, challenges and solutions.

3. Comment (optional): Please share any guided pathways practices or processes that were particularly successful for your college.

4. Comment (optional): Are there any questions, comments and/or concerns or additional information that you want to provide that has not been addressed sufficiently in this tool?
Guided Pathways Award Program Self-Assessment Signature Page

In submitting this document to the Chancellor's Office, and by our signatures, we the undersigned certify the information outlined in our Guided Pathways Award Program Self-Assessment was informed by input and agreement among a cross-functional team that spans the constituencies of the college. With submission of this document, we indicate our commitment to adopt a guided pathways framework.

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PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

The following procedures have been developed in order to implement provisions of the Education Code enacted by AB1725, related Administrative Code Title 5 regulations, and Mendocino College Board of Trustee Policy 213 with regard to participation in local decision-making. These procedures are predicated upon a sincere commitment on the part of all participants to work together for the good of our students, our professions, and our institution.

1. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

In accordance with Board Policy 213 and with District practice, the various constituencies of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District, including faculty, students, classified staff, management/supervisory/confidential employees, and administration shall be represented on college committees concerned with broad policy and planning matters.

Unless otherwise provided in Board policy or procedure regarding staff participation, the following constituent groups are recognized by the Board of Trustees as responsible for recommending the appointment of representatives to serve on appropriate college committees.

- The Academic Senate
- The Management/Supervisory/Confidential Group
- The Classified Senate
- The Student Senate (Associated Students of Mendocino College)

Each of these groups’ representatives has a responsibility to both represent the views, concerns and ideas of its respective constituency and to provide expertise in appropriate areas of policy development.

The Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC)

The PBC is responsible for overseeing the development of and recommending to the Superintendent/President the various planning documents of the District, including the Strategic Plan, the Educational Master Plan, the Facilities Plan and the Technology Plan, and for prioritizing budget requests based upon those planning documents. The PBC receives recommendations from the other shared governance planning committees once they have reviewed and prioritized program and staffing requests submitted through program reviews.

The PBC also establishes the “Guidelines for Effective Participation in College Governance” and ensures that all constituent groups are given the opportunity to participate in decision making.

The President's Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC)

The PPAC is responsible for providing a forum for all participant groups in the governance process to be informed about the policy and procedure development activities and to provide an opportunity for appropriate input. The PPAC provides a convenient and timely means for all parties to ensure that appropriate input has been considered prior to the final drafting of a policy or procedure.
A new policy or a policy revision may be initiated by the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent/President, or any of the constituent groups listed above. After a first reading by PPAC, new and revised policies are disseminated to all employees and students through their constituent groups. At the second reading, PPAC receives and considers all comments and makes a recommendation to the Superintendent/President for the policy’s submission to the Board of Trustees.

2. THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF ACADEMIC SENATE REGARDING ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

The provisions of AB1725 established methods for the Academic Senate to “consult collegially” with the District. “Consult collegially” means that the district governing board shall develop policies on academic and professional matters through either or both of the following methods, according to its own discretion:

2.1 Matters for Which the Board of Trustees Elects to Rely Primarily Upon the Recommendations of the Academic Senate

The Board of Trustees or their designee will rely primarily upon the recommendations of the Academic Senate, including the decision-making structure by which the recommendations are achieved, with respect to the following academic and professional matters:

- Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
- Degree and certificate requirements
- Grading policies

If any such recommendation is not accepted by the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees or its designee, upon request of the Senate, shall communicate its reasons in writing to the Academic Senate.

2.2 Matters for Which the Board of Trustees Elects to Seek Mutual Agreement with the Academic Senate

- Educational program development
- Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
- District governance structures, as related to faculty roles
- Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
- Policies for faculty professional development activities
- Processes for program review
- Process for institutional planning and budget development
- Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate

The Superintendent/President and the President and Vice President of the Academic Senate will determine the process to seek mutual agreement. In instances where mutual agreement is not reached, existing policy shall remain in effect.

Action with respect to academic and professional matters pursuant to these provisions may be initiated by the Academic Senate or by the Superintendent/President.

*Adopted: October 1992*
*Revised: June 3, 1998, April 14, 2011*
AB 705 requires community college districts to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in math and English within a one-year timeframe by utilizing assessment measures that include high school performance to achieve this goal.

**What is the intent of AB 705?**

The text of this bill can be read in full [here](#). The Legislature provided a number of findings, and declarations to guide system and college implementation of this new law. Included in the findings and declarations, the Legislature noted:

- Assessment instruments and placement policies have serious implications for equity, since students of color are more likely to be placed into remedial courses; and, students placed into remediation are much less likely to reach their educational goals.

- Evidence suggests that community colleges are placing too many students into remediation and that many more students would complete transfer requirements in math and English if allowed to bypass remedial prerequisite courses and enroll directly in transfer-level English and math courses.

- The goal of AB 705 is to ensure that students are not placed into remedial courses that may delay or deter their educational progress unless evidence suggests they are highly unlikely to succeed in the college-level course.

- Community colleges are prohibited from requiring students to take a prerequisite course unless they are highly unlikely to succeed in a higher-level course without it, pursuant to Section 55003 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, but this policy is not followed in practice.

- Colleges are required to use multiple measures in determining course placement, pursuant to Section 55522 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, but Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations does not provide enough guidance in the use of multiple measures to ensure that students are not excluded from courses in which they can be successful.

- Evidence suggests that when used as the primary criterion for placement, assessment tests tend to under-place students; and, a student’s high school performance is a much stronger predictor of success in transfer-level courses than standardized placement tests.

**Will the CCCCCO provide guidance and definitions to colleges?**

AB 705 authorizes the CCC Board of Governors to establish regulations governing the use of high school performance and other measures, instruments, and placement models to ensure college implementation meets the goals of this legislation.
To advance this work, the Chancellor’s Office will be assembling an AB 705 implementation team to assist with the guidance and practices associated with the legislation. The CCCCO is committed to ongoing support for colleges and keeping colleges informed about training and technical assistance available for successful multiple measures approaches, including providing information to explain how to access the training and technical assistance for upcoming assessments.

For now, additional information and background resources for various aspects of multiple measures and their use can be found on the Chancellor’s Office website.

When does AB 705 become effective?

AB 705 was signed by the Governor on October 13, 2017, and will take effect on January 1, 2018. While the statute becomes effective on January 1, 2018, the CCCCO will issue guidance that provides phased-in implementation. The CCCCO is committed to ongoing support for colleges and keeping colleges informed about training and technical assistance available for successful implementation of AB 705.

What is a college required to do in placing a student under the provisions of AB 705?

A college is required to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe, and use, in the placement of students into English and math courses in order to achieve this goal, one or more of the following measures:

(a) High school coursework

(b) High school grades

(c) High school grade point average

Is a college required to use multiple measures?

Yes, a college is required to use multiple measures, and may do so in such a manner that either of the following occur:

(a) Low performance on one measure may be offset by high performance on another measure. (Compensatory)

(b) The student can demonstrate preparedness and thus bypass remediation based on any one measure. (Disjunctive)

Multiple measures must be used in a way that maximizes the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe.

What if a college is unable to obtain or otherwise use high school performance information?

When a college is unable to obtain high school transcript data, or when that data is not available or logistically problematic to use, a college may use:
(a) Self-reported high school transcript information; or,

(b) Guided placement, including self-placement for students.

Currently, CalPASS Plus has data sharing agreements that cover about 80% of California public high school students. The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) is working with the California Department of Education (CDE) to expand the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and provide access to course and grade data available in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS).

**How do these requirements apply to students who seek a goal other than transfer?**

This legislation should not be interpreted to require students to take coursework that is not applicable to their goals. For students who seek a goal other than transfer, and who are in certificate or degree programs with specific requirements that are not met with transfer-level coursework, a college maximizes the probability that a student will enter and complete the required college-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe. If necessary, the CCCCO and Board of Governors will provide additional guidance and regulations on this matter.

**How does this legislation impact remedial coursework requirements?**

Pursuant to AB 705, a college shall not require students to enroll in remedial English or math coursework that lengthens their time to complete a degree unless placement research, that includes consideration of high school grade point average and coursework, shows that those students are highly unlikely to succeed in transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics.

A college may require students to enroll in additional concurrent support, including additional language support for ESL students during the same semester that they take a transfer-level English or mathematics course, but only if it is determined that the support will increase their likelihood of passing the transfer-level English or mathematics course. The college shall minimize the impact on student financial aid and unit requirements for the degree by exploring embedded support and low or noncredit support options.

The CCCCO is committed to providing support for colleges and keeping colleges informed about training and technical assistance available for successful implementation of AB 705 and will provide additional guidance and support to improve remedial education pathways.

**How does this legislation affect English as a Second Language courses?**

AB 705 finds that “instruction in English as a second language (ESL) is distinct from remediation in English. Students enrolled in ESL credit coursework are foreign language learners who require additional language training in English, require support to successfully complete degree and transfer requirements in English, or require both of the above.” Under the provisions of AB 705, colleges shall use evidence-based multiple measures for placing students into (ESL) coursework. For those students placed into credit ESL coursework, their placement should maximize the probability that they will complete degree and transfer requirements in English within three years. If necessary, the CCCCO and Board of Governors will provide additional guidance and regulations on this matter.