

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Blueprint for Higher Education Quarterly Update
Coordinating Board for Higher Education
February 2, 2017

DESCRIPTION

This agenda item provides the Blueprint for Higher Education Quarterly Update.

Background

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education is required by statute to develop a coordinated plan for higher education in Missouri. In January 2016, the Coordinating Board approved the new coordinated plan, *Preparing Missourians to Succeed: A Blueprint for Higher Education*. The plan includes five goals and numerous strategies to support each goal.

- Goal 1: Attainment – Missouri will increase the proportion of working-age adults with high-quality, affordable postsecondary credentials to 60 percent by 2025.
- Goal 2: Affordability – Missouri will rank among the 10 most affordable states in which to obtain a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2025.
- Goal 3: Quality – Missouri will produce graduates with high-quality postsecondary degree and certificates that are valuable and relevant to individuals, employers, communities and the state.
- Goal 4: Research and Innovation – Missouri will be a top 10 state for investment in academic research by 2025.
- Goal 5: Investment, Advocacy and Partnerships – Missouri will promote greater investment in a culture of postsecondary education through increased advocacy and powerful partnerships with education, business, government and communities.

Quarterly Update

To monitor the implementation of the plan, the Coordinating Board directed MDHE staff to provide a quarterly update on progress toward achieving the plan's goals.

Attached to this agenda item is the fourth Blueprint for Higher Education Quarterly Update. The update reflects MDHE's work within the plan's goal and strategy framework that is currently underway or anticipated in the near future.

MDHE will provide a more comprehensive summary of the programs and initiatives as well as progress being made toward accomplishing the plan's overarching goals in its Annual Report.

STATUTORY REFERENCE

Section 173.020(4), RSMo – Responsibilities of the Coordinating Board

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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ATTACHMENT
Blueprint for Higher Education Quarterly Update

Preparing Missourians to Succeed



A Blueprint for Higher Education

Quarterly Report – February 2017

Goal 1: Attainment

Missouri will increase the proportion of working-age adults with high-quality, affordable postsecondary credentials to 60 percent by 2025.

Strategy	Action	Target Dates	Responsibility
1.1 Eliminate remedial education in favor of co-requisite models and similar proven models.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corequisite at Scale Initiative – Missouri selected for national project. A Missouri State Co-requisite Academy will be held Oct. 13-14, 2016, in St. Louis. - More than 130 participants from 21 Missouri colleges and universities participated in the Corequisite Academy Oct. 13-14 in St. Louis. 	Project completion – Fall 2017	Academic Affairs
1.1 Expand agreements to support the seamless transfer of academic credits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 997 and House Bill 2003 – develop student portal to provide one-stop access to higher education information including transfer of credit. 	Phase I of portal development – July 1, 2017 (A \$500,000 state appropriation to fund development of portal was restricted by the governor to balance the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. MDHE will continue to work on this initiative but will be constrained by the funding restriction.)	Agency-wide

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the absence of funding for the development of a student portal, MDHE has begun work on a new student-focused website that will provide information about degree completion, including information about the transfer of credit • Senate Bill 997 – Missouri Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act. - A Core Curriculum Advisory Committee has been assembled and met in December 2016 and January 2017 to begin work on developing a recommended lower division core curriculum of 42 semester credit hours and common course numbering equivalency matrix to aid in the transfer of credit. 	<p>Website to be launched in August 2017</p> <p>By January 1, 2018, for implementation in 2018-2019</p>	<p>Academic Affairs</p>
<p>1.1 Expand alternative modes of delivery, including early-college, online, credit for prior learning and competency-based education programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual Credit Policy (revised) – establishment of Early College Advisory Board (ECAB) • Senate Bill 997 – Dual credit certification, establishes a process for the CBHE to certify dual credit providers 	<p>ECAB meetings throughout 2016 to assist in establishing reporting instruments, methods and processes; ongoing implementation</p>	<p>Academic Affairs</p> <p>Academic Affairs</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A dual credit policy workgroup was established in October 2016 to create processes and reporting instruments for annual and quality reporting, updates on status, and appeals of approval status. The workgroup has met twice since October and is in the process of creating a timeline and milestones. 		
<p>1.1 Organize an information campaign to encourage students to seek full-time enrollment (defined here as 15 credit hours a semester).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 997 – develop policies to promote students’ on-time completion by taking 15 credit hours a semester. A 15 to Finish Forum will be held Oct. 12, 2016, in Springfield. - More than 150 administrators and staff from 25 colleges and universities attended the 15 to Finish Forum and Statewide kickoff Oct. 12, 2016, in Springfield. - Missouri was selected by Complete College America to participate in its national 15 to Finish scale initiative. 	<p>Development 2016-2017, ongoing initiative</p> <p>MDHE will have promotional materials for the 15 to Finish initiative completed in February 2017.</p>	<p>Communications and Student Access and Success</p>
<p>1.1 Develop clear and lower-cost pathways to degrees and certificates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 997 – Guided Pathways to Success Act - Pilot project underway will provide students with information that specifies clear curricular paths to a degree, 		

	<p>reducing the accumulation of unnecessary credits, the time it takes to earn a degree and the overall cost of obtaining a degree. Five colleges and universities have submitted proposals to participate in the pilot project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 997 – Concurrent Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilot project underway will allow students to be admitted to a two-year and a four-year institution concurrently as long as they meet the admission requirements of both institutions. This will provide students with a broader range of academic student support services while streamlining the path to degree completion. Seven colleges and universities have submitted proposals to participate in the pilot project. 		
<p>1.3 Increase efforts to assist students in completing college admissions and financial aid applications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey to College Day July 26 provided training to high schools and college outreach organizations planning to host Journey to College outreach events – Apply Missouri, FAFSA Frenzy and Decision Day – for 2016-2017. Information provided to high school administrators during the Department of Elementary 	<p>2016 baseline year – promote programs and provide training, increase participation; Approximately 65 schools have registered to participate in all three outreach programs; approximately 75 additional schools and college access</p>	<p>Student Access and Success and Communications</p>

	<p>and Secondary Education (DESE) annual conference for school administrators in July 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96 Missouri high schools participated in Apply Missouri during September and October. • FAFSA Completion Project Information provided to high school administrators during DESE’s annual conference for school administrators in July 2016. Website revamped to improve functionality and make it more user friendly. 154 Missouri high schools have registered to participate in the FAFSA Completion Project. • Approximately 130 high schools, colleges and other organizations hosted FAFSA Frenzy events to assist students and their parents with completing the FAFSA. 	<p>organizations have registered to participate in at least one of the programs.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>October 2016 through January 2017</p>	<p>Financial Assistance</p>
<p>1.4 Seek participation in flexible educational programs by adult students, including veterans; individuals seeking new job skills; and those with some college but no degree.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit – survey of Missouri institutions about military credit policies, practices and outreach. 	<p>Ongoing initiative</p>	<p>Academic Affairs</p>

Goal 2: Affordability

Missouri will rank among the 10 most affordable states in which to obtain a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2025.

Strategy	Action	Target Dates	Responsibility
<p>2.2 Form a robust state-level work-study program designed to provide real-world experience and promote skill development, including essential skills” that are highly sought after in the workplace and in life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalize on legislative interest, including research into similar efforts in other states 	<p>Dependent upon legislative action/interest</p>	<p>Legislative Affairs</p>
<p>2.5 Implement a web-based student portal that will serve as a one-stop shop for information about higher education, including applications, FAFSA rules, state student aid eligibility, transfer policies, reverse transfer, transfer-course library, and other information to help students plan for higher education and complete a degree in less time and at less cost.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 997 and House 2003 – develop student portal to provide one-stop access to higher education information including transfer. - In the absence of funding for the development of a student portal, MDHE has begun work on a new student-focused website that will provide information about planning and paying for college and completing a degree or certificate. 	<p>Phase I of portal develop – July 1, 2017 (A \$500,000 state appropriation to fund the development of portal was restricted by the governor to balance the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. MDHE will continue to work on this initiative but will be constrained by the funding restriction.)</p> <p>Website to be launched in August 2017</p>	<p>Agency-wide</p>

Goal 3: Quality

Missouri will produce graduates with high-quality postsecondary degree and certificates that are valuable and relevant to individuals, employers, communities and the state.

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<p>3.3 Review Missouri’s postsecondary education system – including governance and regulatory structures, efficiency, missions, adequacy of funding, and selectivity policy, to assess how effectively the system is meeting the needs of stakeholders and make recommendations as appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 14-member Task Force – comprised of representatives from each public higher education sector – met July 14 to begin work on the review. MDHE has contracted with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHMS) to assist with the review. (A \$150,000 state appropriation to fund the review was restricted by the governor to balance the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. MDHE obtained alternate funding for the review.) • The Higher Education System Review Task Force met in September, October and November to continue work on the review. The task force has developed recommendations for the academic program approval process. Individual institutions have received draft summaries of their mission and a comprehensive mission review will be provided to the board at a future meeting. More information at dhe.mo.gov/initiatives/systemreview.php • Interim report was approved by the CBHE in December 2017. The task force continues to work on ongoing issues, including mission review 	<p>Interim report – December 2016 Final report – July 2017</p>	<p>Academic Affairs</p>

<p>3.6 Participate in a comprehensive review of Missouri’s current system of career and technical education to affirm strengths and identify areas to improve efficiency and effectiveness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in DESE Ad Hoc Career and Technical Education (CTE) Funding Committee • Participating in DESE Postsecondary CTE Workgroup 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Academic Affairs</p>
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