

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Quarterly Update for the Blueprint for Higher Education
Coordinating Board for Higher Education
June 9, 2016

DESCRIPTION

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

Background

In 2014, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Department of Higher Education began work on a new coordinated plan for higher education in Missouri. The Coordinating Board is required by statute to create a coordinated plan for the state's higher education system. The last plan was adopted in 2008.

A 36-member steering committee assisted with the development of the new plan. Nine public hearings were held from December 2014 to June 2015 to collect information, hear testimony and view presentations from Missouri citizens, representatives from business and industry, community leaders, lawmakers and national higher education experts. Steering committee members participated in three work sessions to assist in creating the plan.

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:

The development of the plan was a monumental accomplishment by the Coordinating Board and the steering committee. However, without a mechanism to ensure a continuous focus on implementation, the plan will never reach its potential and the effort its development required might be wasted. In order to monitor the implementation process, the Coordinating Board directed the MDHE staff to develop a quarterly update on progress toward achieving the plan's goals.

Attached to this agenda item is the first Blueprint for Higher Education Quarterly Update. The update is intended to provide information about programs and initiatives that support the strategies for the plan's five goals: Each quarterly update will reflect the work of the MDHE within the plan's goal and strategy framework that is currently underway or anticipated in the near future. You will note the current update does not include items for all five goals. This should not be interpreted to mean that the missing goals are not important or low priority. It is simply a reflection of the recent legislative activities and the limitations of staff resources.

Annually, the MDHE will provide a more comprehensive summary of the programs and initiatives as well as progress being made toward accomplishing the overarching goals. Because of the nature of the related data points and data collection processes, the annual summary will include updates on goal-related measures but the quarterly reports will not.

From the staff perspective, the quarterly report process and structure continue to be a work in progress. We encourage comments and suggestions for improvement of these reports so they can become a useful tool in understanding the linkages between the work of MDHE staff and the goals and strategies contained in the plan.

STATUTORY REFERENCE

Section 173.020(4)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

Blueprint for Higher Education Quarterly Update

Preparing Missourians to Succeed



A Blueprint for Higher Education

Quarterly Report – June 2016

Initial Priorities

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"> Co-requisite at Scale Initiative – Missouri selected for national project 	Project completion – Fall 2017	Academic Affairs
1.1 Develop clear lower-cost pathways to degree and certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Bill 997 – Pilot program to implement Guided Pathways to Success 	Pilot program implementation – 2016-2017 Pilot completion – 2020	Academic Affairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Pathways to Completion – Missouri selected for national project 	Project completion – 2018	Academic Affairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Bill 997 – Pilot program to implement Concurrent Enrollment Program 	Pilot program implementation – 2018	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	Agency-wide

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Bill 997 – Missouri Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act 	By January 1, 2018, for implementation in AY 2018-2019	Academic Affairs
1.1 Expand alternative modes of delivery, including early-college, online, credit for prior learning and competency-based education programs.	<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>Ongoing</p>	<p>Academic Affairs</p> <p>Academic Affairs</p>
1.1 Organize an information campaign to encourage students to seek full-time enrollment (defined here as 15 credit hours a semester).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Bill 997 – develop policies to promote students’ on-time completion by taking 15 credit hours a semester 	Development 2016-2017, ongoing initiative	Communications and Student Access and Success
1.3 Increase efforts to assist students in completing college admissions and financial aid application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journey to College outreach programs Apply Missouri, FAFSA Frenzy and Decision Day – FAFSA Completion Project 	<p>Development and adoption of communication plan – 2016; promote programs and provide training – 2016; Implementation of all three components in 50 high schools – 2017-2018</p> <p>Baseline year 2016 – increase high school participation</p>	<p>Student Access and Success and Communications</p> <p>Financial Assistance</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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit – survey of Missouri institutions about military credit policies, practices and outreach. 	Survey completed April 2016; ongoing initiative	Academic Affairs

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
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capitalize on legislative interest including research into similar efforts in other states 	Dependent upon legislative action/interest	Legislative Affairs
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.	<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 	Phase I of portal develop – July 1, 2017	Agency-wide
2.6 Support initiatives to fund public higher education sufficiently to move “per full-time-equivalent student” funding to the national average.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY17 state appropriations – Four percent increase through performance funding. Piloting 6th performance funding measure on student outcomes (employment/education) 	<p>FY 2017</p> <p>FY 2018/FY2019</p>	<p>Legislative Affairs</p> <p>Legislative Affairs</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY17 state appropriations – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>A+ Scholarship Program</i> – \$2.5 M increase. - <i>Bright Flight Scholarship Program</i> – \$500,000 increase. - <i>Access Missouri Grant Program</i> – \$4 M increase. 	2016-2017	Financial Assistance
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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.

Strategy	Action	Target Dates	Responsibility
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Missouri Higher Education System Review Task Force 	Interim report – December 2016 Final report – July 2017	Academic Affairs
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Ad Hoc Career and Technical Education (CTE) Funding Committee 	Ongoing	Academic Affairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in DESE Postsecondary CTE Workgroup 	Ongoing	Academic Affairs