MOA Implementation Team Phone Meeting

February 4, 2010

9:00 Call-in

Attendance: Barry Good, Dan Bingham, Jane Karas, Tammi Miller substituting for John Cech, John Garic, Mary Moe and David Hall (Rolf Groseth and Stefani Hicswa – excused)

1. Travis Reindl “talking point” materials

Mary indicated the material is still being tweaked, with the current version getting very good reviews. Most seem to like the College!Now name. Participants generally appreciated the more positive tone of the revision, but made these observations:

- Tammi indicated that name was used at MSU Billings with their adult marketing program. (Mary will check with Dan Carter as to how this will impact MSU-B’s efforts/the Two-Year Initiative.)

- There was discussion on the last paragraph of page 1 assuring this is not an attempt to change the governance or authority of Montana’s two-year colleges. Daniel made the point that there may be some changes in governance or structure and the language should not close the door to that.

- Jane suggested that the term “overwhelming” be eliminated in the last paragraph of page 4. She was also concerned with the reference to the University of Phoenix and Western Governors University on the top of page 5 since they are not comparable models.

- The emphasis on the colleges of technology delivering the community college mission as branches of their affiliated university could be stronger.

Mary noted that although what the team is seeing is a document, it is meant to be “talking points” for the College!Now initiative, not a brochure. For instance, Commissioner Stearns will use these talking points as the basis for her presentation in Missoula next week. Several suggested the document needs to be written as if it were going to be released in written form, because it will inevitably get out to the public and press. Mary said she would revise it to address the concerns expressed and get the document back to them in a week.

2. Workgroup Update

- Developmental – Barry will be implementation team liaison. Workgroup will be launched in February but we need to have campuses with multiple suggestions select the member.
- ABLE – Launch meeting scheduled for 2/22 in Helena. Anneliese is IT Liaison. Daniel noted that David Strong is UM-H’s representative.
- Transfer – (Mary would like John Garic, John Cech, and Barry to be involved in these changes since their campuses will be the ones affected.)
- Adult Access – April launch planned – IT as a whole will be engaged.
- Workforce Responsiveness – Pat Wise will meet with a business leaders group prior to workgroup meeting in March/April. Jane Karas and John Cech will co-chair.
- Implementation of Regional Hubs – Need a face-to-face daylong meeting of IT in May or June. Regional service area and concept needs to be refined. The progress of the Workforce
Responsiveness and HS/College Transitions Workgroups needs to be clearer before the concept can be refined. The actual roll-out of the regional hubs will likely also involve college name changes as a last step. Roll-out is targeted for Summer/Fall 2011.

- High School/College Transition – Daniel will be IT Liaison. Joyce Silverthorne may want her own sub-committee. Teachers union wants to be involved. Mary is working with Academic Officers to get the data foundation for the discussions.
- Curriculum Coordination and Alignment – Rolf and John Garic are IT Liaisons. For the related instruction alignment, Mary is preparing a document outlining related instruction in all AAS and CAS programs. Hoping to get the group together this month to discuss. For the focused transfer core, that group should be launched as soon as possible.
- Technology Transfer - DCC and MCC working to implement BANNER, Jim and Stefani are IT Liaisons.
- Virtual College – All MSU-linked IT members are liaisons on the long-term project. For the short term, Tom Gibson is chairing a work committee assigned during last week’s conference call to report back to this group by the end of February. Tom will be in touch with those who volunteered to help or designate someone from their institution to serve.
- Performance –based Funding – Joe will be the IT Liaison to this committee. In late Spring/early Summer 2010, he’ll chair a data-gathering group on two-year funding and performance indicators. The work of Deputy Commissioner Robinson on this topic is exploratory at this point; nothing will happen in this area this biennium.

3. Faculty Development Opportunity

John Garic is planning to host a professional development activity featuring Marc Prensky. He was looking for interest from the group. UM Missoula COT, UM Helena COT and FVCC all indicated they would have faculty interested. John will continue with the plans and keep the group informed.

4. NGF Proposal

Mary reported she has been working with Dan Villa from the Governor’s Office to submit a National Governor’s Foundation grant request to fund a forum in Kalispell dealing with Engaging Adults in Higher Education.

9:45 Adjourn

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