MOA Implementation Team Phone Meeting

April 22, 2010

9:00 Call-in

Attendance: Anne Clark, Barry Good, David Hall, Jane Karas, Jeri Pullum, Jim Cargill, Joe Schaffer, John Cech, John Garic, Judy Heiman, Mary Moe, Rolf Groseth, Stefani Hicswa and Travis Reindl (Anneliese Ripley and Daniel Bingham – excused)

1. Lumina RFP

(Mary) noted that we discussed the RFP on April 8 and were torn between “Can we afford to extend our efforts?” and the obvious value of tying the new RFP to our existing Lumina Project. Since April 8, Joe Schaffer and Jeri Pullum have explored the RFP further and would like further discussion with the Implementation Team (IT).

(Joe) interested in doing a comprehensive audit adults with some college, but no degree. A centralized transcript auditing process would identify adults who either have enough credits for an associate degree but don’t have one or adults who are close to a degree and we could provide programming, probably online, to help them complete the degree.

(Jeri) RFP is looking for large scale – probably a statewide project. However, the annual funding is about $200,000, which goes pretty fast. Is there enough money to carry out such a project? (Judy) concurred with Jeri’s assessment in terms of scale and funding. She said the proposed project might strike Lumina as “low-hanging fruit,” but not really the systemic change they’re looking for. She cautioned about having OCHE lead the project because the College!Now agenda is so demanding.

(Travis) supported Judy’s assessment and also noted this project requires a 35% match-about $70,000/year.

(Joe) imagines the possible proposal to be similar to the WIN-WIN project he witnessed at AACC. Mine the data warehouse, automatically search/audit, compare with potential degree options, have students focus online courses for completion.

(John C.) will share a tape of a keynote from a meeting he attended recently that is quite similar.

(Stefani) could the central office mine data and report results to each campus?

(Mary) do we have data from Community Colleges?

(Jane) that can be made available.

(Rolf) many former students at the four-year campuses might also be eligible for a 2-year degree.

(Jeri) would it have to be people that have left?

(Rolf) a lot of people on track for a 4-year degree do not complete.

(Mary) the audit could lay the foundation for the adult-engagement activities in College!Now and many of you seem to have an interest in fleshing out the “nugget” Joe and Jeri have identified.

Anyone interested in helping Joe & Jeri work on the proposal, please send Mary an email by Friday (tomorrow) and she’ll send Joe a list.

Bruce Vandal (Education Commission of the States) has talked to Mary and Joyce Silverthorne about submitting a regional proposal. The small amount of money divided by several states makes this less desirable, but it might keep our foot in the door for learning more in this area.

Pam Tate (CAEL) has a project partially funded by Lumina that focuses on Prior Learning Assessments (PLA) for experiential learning. CAEL has observed that single campuses, especially the smaller ones like Montana’s, don’t have enough resources to take on PLA and piecemeal efforts at PLA often meet resistance when students try to transfer them. CAEL is
trying to put together a large scale project that would create a national center for PLA. Mary will send out an email about participating on a conference call with Pam.

2. Regents Transfer Core
   The workgroup has been very helpful in developing the proposal and will provide feedback on the draft Mary sent to the IT by April 23. At that point, Mary will send the proposal to the Chief Academic Officers to vet on their campuses for applicability to their majors. College!Now currently has one campus willing to pilot the RTC next year, so we’d like to bring a proposal to the regents in May. The IT is encouraged to direct feedback that will improve the proposal to Mary by May 3.

3. COLLEGE! NOW Online (for participating campuses)
   The discussion focused on the collaborative agreement. After much discussion about the FERPA release provision for the on-site facilitator, the campuses agreed to strike the provision in order to come to consensus on the agreement.

Next steps:

We need to complete the collaborative agreement by Monday or Tuesday. OCHE is working on completing the OCHE website material, specifically:
- Catalog course descriptions for the offered courses, which will be linked to each course
- A brief program description
- Placement testing and textbook costs by course.
- FAQ’s or basic information to be provided to students/parents and school administrators.

Mary asked the campuses to provide any helpful information they can by tomorrow because the website needs to be reasonably helpful within a week.

9:45 Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 6, 2010
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