Dual Enrollment Expansion Workgroup Call
April 3, 2014


Absent: Amy Verlanic, Dena Wagner-Fossen, Kimberly Schrunk, Neil Moisey, John Paxton

- Items to cover today:
  o Seek advice of group for ELG Dual Enrollment presentation
  o Reminder of in-person meeting on April 16th in Helena

- ELG Committee, interim committee between legislative sessions, has requested an update for Dual Enrollment and use of OTO Funds
  o John prepared a draft update, gave group a brief summary of each section
  o Comments from group:
    ▪ Presentation looks good, however would ELG like updates from selected campuses such as Great Falls College or Helena College (colleges that have significant Dual Enrollment)?
      • Group agrees to move forward with this suggestion
    ▪ Great Falls College has welding project, worked with Great Falls Public Schools to create a dual credit program
      • Students went thru application process
      • Attend high school in the morning, travel to Great Falls College in the afternoon
      • Will complete CAS in welding technology prior to graduation from high school
      • 12 students anticipated to complete program
      • 8 or 9 general education courses
      • Half tuition and no mandatory fees apply
      • Trying to initiate similar program with carpentry
      • John is interested in how students are funding this
        o Higher economic students?
        o Heidi will look into it and see what she can find out
    ▪ Scholarship funds for carpentry students, SWAMMEI project will help with this
    ▪ Propose to legislature the need for addition funding to support tuition costs
      • Are AWS and NCER credentials available?
        o Yes, trying to set up so students can receive credentials in a variety of ways
    ▪ Missoula College has a CAD Certificate Program with Hellgate High School
- Faculties are working together to develop a one-year program, working with a variety of areas, most would probably be concurrent (at high school campus) and/or online components
  - Flathead Valley Community College is working with Columbia Falls High School to offer a three course block in building trades starting this fall
    - CFTN131, MATH 111, WRIT 122
    - Classes offered at Columbia Falls High School, concurrent enrollment
  - City College is focused on ed in transfer courses (particularly math courses) for Billings
    - What courses are transferrable?
    - Working with Laurel as well to offer math and writing courses
  - Question posed to group: How can my student going onto college shorten his/her time for degree completion?
    - Should be addressed, not all students are career/technical education driven-some students just want to go on to four-year colleges
  - Anaconda offers a lot of general education courses
    - Students graduating high school with 20-25 credits
    - Action step: John asked group for e-mailed lists of general education courses
  - Resources and funding will be important for these opportunities to students
  - Terry K offered a comment via email after this conference call: “It would be good to have a high school representative come with one of the Colleges to show the importance of the partnership between the high school and the college, talk about if they see an increased interest in college-going because of dual enrollment (they better say yes) and if they know some students can’t afford dual enrollment. Perhaps someone from Great Falls could come up with Heidi”.
  - Proposal to change Policy 730 discussed