

## Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

### Allocation Framework Redesign Update Webex to MnSCU Constituents

May 5, 2016

Below is a short recap of the discussion of participants from our unions and student associations that was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

**Participants:** Jim Anderson (MSUAASF), Sarah Berns (MSUSA), Magdalene Chalikia (IFO), June Clark (AFSCME), Tom Fauchald (IFO); Jim Grabowska (IFO); Dan Hulub (MAPE); Jeff Kolnick (IFO), Jerry Jeffries (MAPE), Kevin Lindstrom (MCSF); Laurie Luethmers (AFSCME); Darci Stanford (MCSF)

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1. *Student success measures:* Several faculty expressed continued concern about the unintended consequences of student success measures. Could learning be compromised if the focus is on completion? Could an unintended consequence of creating an incentive that rewards completion water down graduation standards? A persistence and completion measure may not be worth the risk. A preferred metric would measure student learning, rather than completion, although student learning is difficult to measure.
2. *Cooperation, collaboration and partnerships:* Articulation agreements and transfer pathways are examples of cooperation and collaboration. Removing barriers to cooperation may be an approach worth pursuing. Reducing the emphasis on FYE may not reduce barriers to cooperation.
3. *Student services and institutional support:* Do we look at student athlete costs in the student services model? Intercollegiate athletics is coded under the student services category for IPEDS reporting. We will look into and report back. [Susan Anderson has confirmed that the regression analysis of national spending in student services includes intercollegiate athletics. The expenses for athletics are not broken out in the IPEDS data.] What is the percent of on-line FYE? Should adjustments be made for on-line students or concurrent enrollment students?
4. *Comments invited:* All participants are invited to send comments, questions or suggestions to [Deborah.Bednarz@so.mnscu.edu](mailto:Deborah.Bednarz@so.mnscu.edu). Another WebEx will be scheduled for early June. A doodle poll will be sent out next week to schedule the meeting.