



## **VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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### **Academic Affairs and Workforce Development**

CCCS and Colleges finalized five micro-credentials through collaboration and alignment conversations with the Behavioral health Administration (BHA) and industry partners, two of which are Medicaid reimbursable.

The Skill Advance Colorado program has approved the following funding for customized workforce training for re-skilling, up-skilling, and next-skilling employees of Colorado businesses:

Workforce Training Innovation Program: \$36,178, Pickens Technical College Restaurant Industry Dual Language Development project (PTC program development and training implementation).

Existing Industry Job Training Program: \$1,054,419, customized workforce training to 14 businesses; colleges servicing the grantees include NJC, CCD, PCC, ACC, FRCC, PCC, PTC and Aims Community College.

The Foundation awarded \$325K to the 13 colleges (\$25K each) to support projects that would lead to increased credential attainment of adult learners of color.

### **CCCOOnline / CO @ Online**

CCCOOnline Academic Affairs continues the process of transitioning online courses from CCCOnline to Colorado Online. The Dean, Associate Deans, and Department Chairs are coordinating with other areas to ensure a smooth transition. As disciplines transition, the pertinent department chairs also depart from employment with CCCOnline.

CCCS has gone out for RFP for a digital accessibility tool that integrates with D2L. The vendor presentation will occur on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Three colleges have volunteered to pilot the accessibility tool in Spring 2024.

Simple Syllabus has been awarded the RFP for a systemwide syllabus management tool in response to student feedback requesting consistency in syllabus formatting and presentation. Several college stakeholders are attending the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 kickoff meeting. Simple Syllabus will have an integration with Banner and D2L. The goal is to pilot Simple Syllabus with a FRCC program in Spring 2024 and go-live for the Summer 2024 semester with all courses.

## **Career and Technical Education (CTE)**

November concluded the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) process that is statutorily required by Perkins (the federal statute that governs CTE and provides the federal investment in programs). The Colorado CTE conducted sessions in Sterling, La Junta, Alamosa, Durango, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Denver, Fort Collins, Grand Junction and Montrose. All Perkins participants will sign off on the strategies generated by December 1st. This will dictate spending for the next two years. Colleges will receive a summary of the needs as well as some goal statements to achieve the needs in the January as they align to new Perkins State Plan for 2024 -2028.

## **Student Affairs**

The System Student Affairs team initiated a successful pilot process in collaboration with Red Rocks Community College to identify and eliminate fraudulent enrollment early in the semester. Following the successful pilot, the process has been streamlined and extended to all thirteen colleges for implementation in the upcoming spring semester. Efforts are also underway to remove or disaggregate fraudulent enrollment in reports to ensure more accurate data and comparisons in the future.

Additionally, the newly hired Reisher Scholarship Navigators have begun working with students, CCCS Colleges, and University partners to ensure that the first batch of Reisher Scholars have academic plans in place for Spring 2024 and are on track to graduate.

### *Equity and Inclusion*

Dr. Ross and Dr. Moore are actively collaborating with colleges to obtain the necessary annual reports for compiling the annual Equity and Inclusion report. A significant highlight was the successful engagement of Dr. Brenda Allen, who conducted a training session on leadership and belonging for the Vice Presidents council. There is a keen interest in further exploring and deepening this training for the VP group.

### *Financial Aid*

CCCS Financial aid collaborated with CCCS legal to respond to borrower defense allegation notices from the Department of Education. A business process, complete with instructions and templates, was created to assist financial aid directors in responding to these claims.

## *Veteran Affairs*

The Joint Peer Review Group is scheduled to meet from November 17-22, 2024, to assess each State Approving Agency's performance in Fiscal Year 2023. The official rating letter is expected by the end of December 2023.

Public Law 117-333, passed on January 5, 2023, mandates the release of a uniform application, which will standardize the approval process for the GI Bill® across all state approving agencies. We anticipate the application to be approved and released soon.