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## Partnership and Alignment

### Missions that serve Wyoming

### Wyoming Community Colleges

- Wyoming community colleges provide dynamic lifelong learning environments through higher education, workforce development, innovative partnerships, and civic and global engagement that lead to responsible citizenship and economic, social and cultural prosperity. The seven community colleges that comprise the Wyoming community college system provide associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs directed at the transfer and technical needs of the State’s citizens and the workforce needs of the State’s employers.

- Wyoming community colleges are an integral piece of Wyoming’s higher education system, providing opportunities for traditional and nontraditional students throughout the state.

### University of Wyoming

- We honor our heritage as the state’s flagship and land-grant university by providing accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality; rigorous scholarship; the communication and application of knowledge; economic and community development; and responsible stewardship of our cultural, historical and natural resources.

- In the exercise of our primary mission to promote learning, we seek to provide academic and co-curricular opportunities that will:
  - Graduate students who have experienced the frontiers of scholarship and creative activity and who are prepared for the complexities of an interdependent world;
  - Cultivate a community of learning energized by collaborative work among students, faculty, staff and external partners.
  - Nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, internationalization, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity and mutual respect; and
  - Promote opportunities for personal health and growth, physical health, athletic competition and leadership development for all members of the university community.
Educational Attainment—Everyone’s Business
Highlights of Joint Efforts

• Joint Meeting of Community College Commission and UW Trustees, 2017—each supported an attainment goal.
• Executive Order X2
• Legislation SEA 61
• Economic Diversification
• WICHE Attainment Taskforce & TA Grants
• Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS)
• Complete College Wyoming
• Recruitment and Retention Plan for Legislature
• HEA 47 and HEA 96—Common Transcript/Transfer Process
• Lumina State Policy Retreat X3
• Articulation Expansion
• Bachelor’s level completion statewide
Attainment Goals
Executive Orders and Legislation SEA 61 (2019)

• Executive Order 2018-1
  • Educational Attainment
    • 67% by 2025
    • 82% by 2040

• Executive Order 2018-4 and SEA 61 Educational Attainment Executive Council
  • Educational Attainment Executive Council
    • Establish a five-year and a 10-year strategic plan to reach the Wyoming educational attainment goal;
    • Convene stakeholders to develop these strategic plans;
    • Convene meetings with stakeholders and the public across Wyoming to obtain necessary information and suggestions on strategic plan elements;
    • Include an analysis of opportunities coordinated across priority economic sectors as identified by the ENDOW Executive Council;
    • Establish appropriate data metrics and performance indicators in the development of the strategic plan and communicate relevant data to the governor, state legislators, and the public;
    • The President of UW and President of one of the Wyoming Community Colleges are included as voting members of the Council and shall serve as co-chairs (or designee);
    • The council shall consist of 11 members.
Partnership and Alignment

*Meeting the State’s Needs*

*By the Numbers*

- To meet the attainment goals, Wyoming needs 55,000 MORE post-secondary completions
  - Only 5,400 HS graduates
  - If 100% matriculated, only 10,000 could be achieved.

- Four Big Metrics That Matter
  - Increase graduation rate of 9th graders by 10%
  - Increase HS to college matriculation by 20%
  - Double post-secondary completion
  - Triple the ADULT participation

- Total Number of Degrees/Credentials
  - 67% degree or certificate
    - 30% baccalaureate degrees*
    - 37% associate degrees, certificates, or credentials*

- This means:
  - 24,000 more baccalaureate degrees*
  - 31,000 more associate degrees, certificates, or credentials*
Specific efforts to reach attainment goals

1. Recruitment and Retention Plan

2. Ease of transfer electronically including reverse transfer via Common Transcript/Transfer Process
   - The Reverse Transfer Process is currently undergoing significant work in advance of the transfer process. This will get the process functional in preparation for the automated process.

3. Articulation
Recruitment and Retention Plan

• Summary of the Report Submitted on November 30, 2017

Wyoming’s higher education institutions will work together to expand postsecondary attainment for traditional and non-traditional students to benefit the future of our great state.

• 1. Create a College-Going Culture
• 2. Remove Barriers to College Participation
• 3. Create a Pipeline to Wyoming’s Colleges
• 4. Develop paths to re-entry into college for Wyoming high school graduates entering higher education from the workforce
• 5. Build Pathways to Completion
HEA 47& 96-Common Transcript/Transfer Process

(a) The commission shall perform the following general functions:

• (vi) Develop and maintain a common transcript system that uses common course numbering for all courses provided at the community colleges or the University of Wyoming. The system shall facilitate program planning and the transfer of students and course credits between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming. The development and ongoing maintenance of the statewide course numbering system, including determining course equivalencies, shall be accomplished with the assistance of appropriate committees that shall include faculty members and staff of the community colleges and the University of Wyoming.

• The community college commission, the community colleges of the state and the University of Wyoming shall work collaboratively to develop the common college transcript system under W.S. 21-18-202(a)(vi) as created by this act. The University of Wyoming and the community college commission, in cooperation with the seven (7) community colleges, shall submit a report not later than October 31, 2018 to the joint education interim committee that establishes a plan for development of an electronic transcript transfer system that allows each student information system to send and receive transcript data automatically and establishment of a course equivalence and common course numbering system. The plan shall include recommendations for resource needs and policy or statute changes necessary to accomplish this directive. The system shall be developed by July 1, 2020.
GRADUATE WYOMING
Articulation: 2+2 and MORE!!

• 2+2: Articulation agreements help to ensure that students earning an associate’s degree in a given major at a Wyoming community college can transfer to UW and earn their bachelor’s degree in the same major in two years. The 2+2 has been successful in expediting the process.

• Multiple transfer opportunities: Next Generation of Wyoming articulation to expand and elevate the transfer experience and degree completion through a broader profile of transfer situations.
Graduate Wyoming! Articulation

• Launches TODAY!
• Continuous improvement of transfer articulation
• Next generation complements 2+2 by elevating transfer experiences and degree completion that are
  • DESIGNED WITH THE STUDENT in MIND!!
• Transfer Planning Guides (TPGs)
• Reverse Transfer
• Direct student support including peer mentoring, reg days, and comprehensive student on-boarding
• Adults and non-traditional students
Graduate Wyoming Articulation Summit Goals

- Statewide dialogue about emerging transfer needs and ways in which articulation may best serve students
- Sharing updates from across Wyoming regarding progress on articulation efforts and other completion related initiatives
- Launching the Graduate Wyoming platform as the “next gen” platform for enhancing Wyoming transfer initiatives as a critical aspect of the educational attainment state priority