CSCU Working Group Charge

Choice Architecture

Group Name: Choice Architecture

Group Charge: To use Guided Pathways practices and existing expertise in the CSCU community colleges to design and recommend policies and practices that facilitate student retention and completion through encouraging early choice and removing student success barriers. The Choice Architecture team will help implement systemic change related to all four Guided Pathways principles: Developing coherent academic paths, creating meaningful learning experiences, helping students select an academic/career path, and helping students stay on their path. This work requires collaboration with the Support and Recruitment Architecture subgroups as well as the creation of specialized work groups. Specific tasks include but are not limited to: Organize existing academic programs into meta-majors, design a common first year experience for students, develop a protocol for academic program and discipline groups to use in mapping programs to end goals, and use evidence to foster culture change surrounding behaviors predictive of academic success (e.g., 15-to-finish, completion of college level math and English in the first year).

Group Leads: Guided Pathways Managers, CSCU: Francine Rosselli-Navarra (MCC) and Heidi Zenie (TRCC). The Choice Architecture subgroup reports and makes recommendations to the Guided Pathways Task Force.

Group Membership: Members should include faculty (including program coordinators and discipline faculty), professional staff (including advisors and registrars), and administrators from the CSCU community colleges, as well as CSCU System Office staff and other related stakeholders as determined by the group leads in conjunction with the CSCU Student Success Center.

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