GP Working Group Conclusion

PROGRAM MAPS AND ACADEMIC/CAREER PLANS (MAPS & PLANS)
The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Program Maps & Academic/Career Plans (Maps & Plans) working group was charged by Dr. Jane Gates, CSCU Provost and Senior VP Academic & Student Affairs, on July 3, 2018. This Guided Pathways (GP) group was led by Michael Buccilli (GCC), Dr. Francine Rosselli-Navarra (MCC), Heidi Zenie (TRCC), and Dr. Gayle Barrett (MXCC) and included faculty (including program coordinators and discipline faculty), advisors, counselors, Registrars, financial aid personnel, and administrators from across the CSCU community colleges, as well as CSCU System Office staff and other related stakeholders. The group reported to the Choice and Holistic Student Support Redesign (HSSR) subgroups of the CSCU Guided Pathways Task Force.

MAPS & PLANS 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 the development of templates and guidelines for academic program maps and individualized academic/career plans.

MAPS & PLANS ACCOMPLISHMENTS
• Performed a national scan collecting examples and best practices from other Guided Pathways colleges. This information was used to inform the design of a mapping tool for CT State.
• Generated a set of design principles to guide the design and mapping process.
• Tested the mapping tool utilizing the draft template. Feedback collected was used to refine the template and ensure alignment with Connecticut’s Guided Pathways practices.
• Developed a final program mapping tool for Faculty use consistent with Guided Pathways practices.
• Provided the abridged mapping tool to Faculty engaged in alignment work for CT State. Maps & Plans committee members volunteered to meet with Faculty to aid in the program mapping process.

CONCLUSION
The Academic and Student Affairs Division of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System Office is deeply grateful to all leads and members of the Maps & Plans team and all other parties involved for dedicating their time and expertise to complete the working group charge and for the achievements listed herein. The efforts of this team will have positive impacts on students across the state of Connecticut.

Working Group concluded by Dr. Jane Gates,
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