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- NWCCU rec'd grant from Gates Foundation
- Grant is for years: \$1.5M Year 1; \$2.5M in Year 2; and \$3.5M in Year 3 and every year after— Funds from Years 2 & 3 and beyond will be heavily invested in the colleges and universities
- Effort surrounds closing equity gaps
- Two Initiatives
 - Initiative 1: Institutional Transformation Assessment (ITA)
 - 100-question survey, administered online to 15-20 people
 - About our institutional capacity
 - After the survey results are analyzed by NWCCU, there will be a 3-hour “Meaning-Making Meeting” (MMM), sharing the results, discussing
 - Would like to have the MMM completed by June (before faculty go away for summer)
 - ACTION ITEM: We need to identify people, and a couple of dates in May that will work for the MMM.
 - The other institutions who are in this initiative:
 - Chief Dullknife (Tribal)
 - Nevada State
 - Southern Nevada College
 - University of Alaska Anchorage
 - TVCC
 - Aggregated results will serve as “Best Practices” to other institutions in Northwest
 - Initiative 2: PDP
 - About ½ of NWCCU’s institution’s have volunteered
 - PDP is a data collection tool that uses a Tableau interface, uses NSC data
 - All costs (almost) are borne by grant, including IT implementation costs
 - Once in place the PDP reporting system will meet all the NWCCU accreditation requirements for analyzing “disaggregated student achievement data” and will give us capacity to benchmark across institutions
 - The only additional cost (to TVCC), is for the schools that are using Jenzabar. However, the grant is covering the technical assistance, and they want to make it so that it is under a 40-hour implementation for these schools.
 - NWCCU contacts will be,
 - Jess Stahl (Chemeketa, leading the data effort)
 - Jeff ?, from the UC system, has done equity training for the Peace Corps
 - Will be helpful with Guided Pathways, and potentially integrated into parallel grant from the Gates Foundation to the John Gardner Institute. Drew Koch is the President of JGI, and suggested we may want to speak to him

Cheers,
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