Northern Illinois Regional P-20 Network
Articulation Work Group

March 2, 2015, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Northern Illinois University
Lowden Hall, Room 304
Call in Number – 815.753.0016

Agenda

- Selection of a co-chair for the group
- Review of notes from February 10 P-20 Network Leadership Meeting
  CEOs
  - Find ways to engage state agencies directly in this work.
  - Ask each community college district team to bring at least one business leader to September 9, 2015 CEO meeting.
  - Maintain consistency and transparency as hallmarks of this group.
  - Organize CEO meeting differently, so as to allow for more conversation about each report.
  - Include community college co-chair of each work group in presentation of reports.
  - Provide highlights/newsletters at least twice between meetings.

All Work Groups
- Add a community college representative as co-chair for each work group.
- Conduct webinars on specific topics, such as analysis and applications of the workforce data reports
- Convene a joint meeting before June 30 of all work group participants to review activities, reduce overlap, and share findings.
- Take a team to Springfield to brief state agencies and seek their involvement in developing recommendations and action plans.

- IAI policy paper
- Guided pathways – review nursing model
- CCSS and large scale assessment implementation meetings
  - April Workshop
  - Coaching and Mentoring Workshop for Teaching the New Standards
- Illinois P-20 Council April Meeting
- Next Steps
  - Next work group meeting – early April
**Meeting materials**
Documents related to this topic are posted online at [www.niu.edu/p20network](http://www.niu.edu/p20network). Click on the Resources tab and then on the Articulation Work Group under Meetings and Materials. Feel free to send links to other documents that you recommend for this group to Debbie Pixton (dpxton@niu.edu).

**Location and Parking**
Lowden Hall is across a cul-de-sac from Altgeld, “the castle” and a 5 minute walk from Visitors Parking. Free parking is available in the Visitors Lot south of the Holmes Student Center. Tell the attendant that you are attending a P-20 Network meeting, so that you can park for free.

**Work Group Participants**
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John Coffin, Associate Dean for Student Success, Elgin Community College  
Laurie Cubit, Articulation and Transfer Coordinator, McHenry County College  
Judy Doyle, Assistant Director, Registration and Records, Northern Illinois University  
Jon Furr, Director, Education Systems Center, Northern Illinois University  
Peggy Gundrum, Director of Career Services and Development, Elgin Community College  
Sedgwick Harris, Vice President of Student Services, Kishwaukee College  
Cindy Henderson, Executive Director, Career Services, Northern Illinois University  
Vicki Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary, Rockford 205  
Melinda James, Vice President of Student Development, Waubonsee Community College  
Travis McGuire, Superintendent, Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429  
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Vicky Tusken, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, DeKalb CUSD 428

**Always in Mind**

**Goal:** Create seamless transitions across the education continuum from cradles to careers.

**White House Commitment:** Advise policy makers on simplifying transfer of credit procedures and reduce redundancy of courses required, so students can complete degrees and certificates.

**Next Steps to Meet September 2015 Objectives**

- Recommend use of competencies and/or student learning outcomes for making decisions on course articulation through the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI).
  - Complete and circulate a draft of a policy paper.
- Improve definition of guided pathways to degree completion and reduce redundancy of courses required.
- Develop additional models of pathways that encompass high school, community college, and four year university programs, adding nursing and manufacturing.
- Support the implementation of additional reverse transfer agreements for the six community colleges that are in progress and with additional colleges that have expressed interest.

- Engage NIU and community college faculty in CCSS and large scale assessment implementation meetings with middle school, high school, and community college faculty.
  - Hold meetings with faculty from across all three levels following the release of the results from the PARCC pilot tests to determine next steps in assessing validity.
  - Promote participation in the coaching and mentoring for CCSS workshop at NIU in June, 2015.

- Establish a formal relationship with the Illinois P-20 Council.
  - Present to the Illinois P-20 Council at its April 2015 meeting.
  - Engage in a dialogue with the P-20 Council about a role for the Regional P-20 Network in informing and implementing the work of the Council.