Northern Illinois P-20 Network

Student Support Services Work Group

AGENDA

December 9, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove Campus, Student Center, Room 136
or 815.753.0019

Welcome and introductions

Eric Weldy

Updates

- Meeting with ECON Illinois
- Discuss draft Needs Assessment for Student Support Services Work Group

Next steps

- Location for future meetings—January 12
- Preparation for February 10 meeting

Meeting materials:
Documents related to this topic are posted online at www.niu.edu/p20network. Click on the Resources tab and then on the Student Support Services Work Group under Meetings and Materials. Feel free to send links to other documents that you recommend for this group to Debbie Pixton (dpixton@niu.edu).

Parking:
We're at Waubonsee Community College's Sugar Grove Campus in the Student Center, Room 136. The address is Rt 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove, IL 60554-9454. A map and directions are on the WCC website (https://www.waubonsee.edu/about/facilities/sugar-grove/directions/index.php).
REVIEW

Goal – Coordinate student support systems across institutions in the northern Illinois region to ease transitions and increase student success.

Revised Assignments

- Build a comprehensive, coordinated student support system that includes “soft skills” training, orientation courses such as UNIV 101, course advising, career planning, counseling and coaching, financial literacy, financial aid advising, impact of current choices on life, systems navigation, and mentoring.
  - January 2015 – Report on a survey of institutions to assess strengths and gaps in the region’s student support services and identify additional targets for development of regional services.
  - September 2015 – Present project plans to coordinate student services in areas of need.

- Build a comprehensive menu of financial literacy activities for P-20 students and families.
  - January 2015 – Identify existing programs at all levels and needs for development of new programs.
  - September 2015 – Share a full continuum of financial literacy activities for schools and post-secondary institutions with identified providers and resources.

- Organize a northern Illinois regional network of peer mentors, who receive training and support, to increase the success of students in high school and college.
  - January 2015 – Identify existing programs and best practices in peer mentoring, plus training and support. See ISAC Student Assistance Corps for one model.
  - September 2015 – Report on a regional conference on peer mentoring held in summer 2015 and next steps to expand and improve peer mentoring.