VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
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Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.
Key Activities:
- Karla Nash, Director of Financial Aid for the Colorado Community College System, presented financial aid information to the Colorado Commissioners of Higher Education (at their annual retreat on August 3rd) as the representative for the Colorado Tier 3 schools, which include community and district colleges. The presentation was designed to illustrate the special needs of state financial aid funding as they relate to schools in this tier. The importance of state grants and work-study programs to community colleges student success and retention was emphasized.
- Carl Einhaus attended the “Pathways to Respecting American Indian Civil Rights” conference on August 8th on the Auraria Campus. Many sessions, including a student panel, stressed the need for American Indian role models in the education system to assist youth in seeing that a positive and productive future is possible. Severe poverty and substance abuse were reported to continue to be significant issues on many reservations. The amount of regionally accredited community colleges on reservations has increased over the years which have resulted in some increase in degree/certificate attainment as well as providing a healthy outlet for community organizing.

Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.
Key Activities:
- Geri Anderson attended the Lumina National Convening on Prior Learning Assessment.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.
Key Activities:
- CCCS was awarded $100,000 to validate and extend its participation in the Gates funded PAR Framework project. The Predictive Analytics Reporting (PAR) Framework helps predict risks to student retention and progress toward degree completion, and allows institutions to remove obstacles to student success and demonstrably improve rates of student retention.
- CCCS and the Piton Foundation sponsored a three day professional development activity for new TaxHelp faculty.
- CCCS Career & Technical Education staff planned and hosted a tour for USDE Assistant Secretary for Adult and Vocational Education, Dr. Brenda Dann Messier. Dr. Messier tour the Adult Basic Ed programs at Northeastern Junior College and Front Range Community College and the Career and Technical Education Programs at Morgan Community College and Greeley School District 6. Each visit included a short tour and an extended roundtable conversation with students, faculty, administrators and community partners.
- Scott Stump, Assistant Provost presented at the International Society for Business Education / SIEC is the Societe Internationale Pour L'Enseignement Commercial international conference held in Denver on the current status of American Career and Technical Education.
Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

Key Activities:

- For the past year, the Chief Student Conduct Officers have been meeting to develop a unified set of common student conduct codes. On August 1st, the group met at Front Range Community College and a final draft of common codes has been established. Colleges are to vet the new standards with all appropriate groups for publishing in the spring and implementation in fall 2013.

- The Office of Veterans Education and Training staff attended the annual summer conference for the National Association for State Approving Agencies (NASAA) on July 28-August 1. A major change for FY 2012 was to begin conducting Compliance Survey Reports, a form of “audits” performed at educational institutions. Dave Eberle, the program assistant for the Veterans Education and Training Office, created an internal data base system that allows the staff to copy the VA data needed for compliance visits into the format that is required for submission of the report, which has led to great efficiencies in the pre-visit and post-visit preparation. Dave presented this system at the NASAA conference and was provided a standing ovation at the conclusion. As a result, other State Approving Agencies (SAA’s) and the National Executive Board of NASAA have contacted us to help standardize this data base throughout the country.

- Dr. Geri Anderson served as the keynote speaker at the Annual 2-Year Colleges Recruiters Conference.