Educational Master Planning Committee
Recommendation for Task Force to Replace Taskstream

Background

During its regular meeting on April 28th, 2016, the Educational Master Planning Committee discussed the current Department Planning Portfolio (DPP) portal and related issues.

- The current portal was built on old architecture that must be updated to continue to receive the same functionality or to build newer functions into the portal.
- SCC's plans to transition all planning processes and documentation into Taskstream have been halted. There is a need to identify a different outcomes assessment management solution entirely because Taskstream will not be able to affordably and effectively allow SCC to meet the new accreditation standards.
- There is a growing frustration with having disparate tools and templates for outcomes assessment, annual planning (DPPs), program review, resource prioritization and allocation, and budgeting.

Status

There is a need to move away from Taskstream. Without additional funding SCC cannot afford a commercial or homegrown solution that will satisfy the institution's outcomes assessment, program review, integrated planning, and resource allocation needs.

Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative Funding

The Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative is a collaborative effort to help colleges and districts improve their fiscal and operational effectiveness and promote student success, while also reducing accreditation sanctions and audit findings. The state has invested resources to make partnership resource teams available to colleges and districts that express interest in receiving support on self-identified issues. Team members are selected from a pool of subject matter experts and are committed to making at least three visits to a college or district to help them develop an innovation and effectiveness plan. Grants of up to $150,000 in seed money will be available to expedite plan implementation.

Recommendation

Create a task force to determine the desired functionality of a Taskstream replacement, to evaluate potential commercial and homegrown solutions, and to utilize IEPI Technical Grant funds to implement the solution selected by the task force.

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