

**College Success Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for April 28, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Dr. Molly Harris, Dr. Jordan Utle, Vicki Anderson, Dr. Debbie Smarr, Dr. Jamie McKinney, Robbie Trissell, Rhea Bermel, Dr. Kelli Bowen, Dr. Dava Washburn, Dr. Chase Machen, Nancy Luthe, Dana Kermanian, Dr. Jeremy McMillen, Brandi Furr

**Hope Lab Survey Results:**

- Dr. Debbie Smarr summarized the high points from the surveys GC students took.
- Dr. Debbie Smarr shared both attachments on the Trellis and Hope Lab survey results.
- She summarized GC results compared to the national percentages on homelessness, hunger, stress, pandemic repercussions, emergency aid percentages, and more.
- The survey showed that 74% of GC students on the survey did not think they would be eligible for EA funds.
- Dana Kermanian asked if students were not aware of Emergency Aid funds because of how targeted the student groups were.
- Dr. Molly Harris shared two separate funding sources: CARES and Emergency Aid, and that only students who qualified for CARES funds got direct communication on Emergency Aid. Dr. Harris explained that lots of communication went out in the spring and less in the fall due to limited funding.

**Trellis Survey Results:**

- Dr. Debbie Smarr also summarized the Trellis Survey Results GC response rate was 10.2% from the student population, and GC exceeded their expectations.
- Students responded to the survey well thanks to Marketing and Communications.
- The Trellis survey focuses on Financial Stability, student debt, mental well-being, and more.
- Dr. Smarr is scheduling some time with Anderson and Dr. Harris, and she will get data showing which students answered that they couldn't get access to \$500 to see if those students already exhausted their EA funds.

**Strategic Target Board Goals:**

- Dr. Jeremy McMillen shared some updates that they have identified the new primary targets by the board after much discussion in the board meeting. There is still work to be done with two QEP targets and designated timelines. Dr. Dava Washburn is getting clarity to make steps in the right direction on timelines.
- The Board Retreat tentative date is June 3rd. We will share strategies with the board.

**Promise Program:**

- Dr. McMillen shared the data from the GC region showing the changes over time for students after their HS graduation.
- GC is looking at tracking the pipeline in higher education and hopes that we can help give support to students early and help them along the way to help them get into college.
- He summarized the amount of return that local high schools could get if we invest in our high school students and help them along the way with the promise program.
- The regions with this program have seen an increase in students going to college.
- Dr. Molly Harris will share the Promise Program's presentation.
- Dr. Dava Washburn and Jamie McKinney congratulated Dr. Kelli Bowen on earning her doctorate.