Welcome to AIMS²(HSI-STEM Grant) Meeting # 43
JD 1568
2 PM – 4 PM, May 19, 2016
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# Logic Model for Bridging the Gap: Enhancing AIMS² for Student Success

## Problems

**Current Conditions**
- Students challenged to balance coursework, work, and family
- Students challenged by course management, time management
- Low math prerequisite course completion rates
- Pre-transfer students experiences disconnected from CSUN campus and CECS departments
- Transfer students challenged to navigate, negotiate campus services/processes
- Students lack connections to successful role models in business and industry

**Current Practices**
- Minimal student contact with faculty and between students outside of class
- Limited opportunities for students to develop meaningful relationships with faculty and peers
- Undergraduate research participation and academic support restricted to small group of students
- Few student career-related connections business and industry

## Resources/Input

**Financial Support**
- Student incentives to participate in research
- Faculty and staff support for project activities

**Intellectual Resources**
- PI/Co-Pi training and disciplinary backgrounds
- Faculty mentor research and teaching expertise
- Faculty backgrounds
- Tech expert training
- Advisory Board member affiliations

**Physical Resources**
- Print/digital books
- Interactive material
- Social media
- iPads/tablets with engineering apps
- Student academic and social space

**Business Partners**
- Advisory board members
- Regional employers

## Activities

**Faculty Mentoring**
- Faculty mentoring students groups by site/department
- Faculty-led student meetings, talks, workshops
- Faculty-student participation in professional events

**Peer Mentoring and Tutoring**
- Pre- and post-transfer peer-peer mentoring and tutoring
- Transfer-ready and senior-standing students mentor incoming students

**Academic Support**
- Programming fundamental crash course
- Calculus interactive materials/course section
- Academic advisors/tech expert workshops
- Customized workshops in math and English
- Dedicated library books
- Online video tutorials

**Student Research**
- Faculty summer and academic term research

**Career Preparation**
- Student participation in career workshops and professional associations/events
- Summer job internships

## Outputs

**Student-Faculty Mentoring Relationships**
- Increased contact between faculty and students
- Weekly meetings with faculty mentors who guide/support students
- Faculty communication via email, LMS, etc.
- Student-faculty interaction in professional settings

**Transfer Student Support**
- Peer mentors associated with each faculty mentor student group
- Peer tutors assigned to each site/department
- Frequent quality social interaction at events
- Support for calculus prerequisite course completion
- Transfer video resources

**Student Design Projects**
- Student development of Senior Design Projects and engineering projects across sites

**Career and Pre-Professional Experiences**
- Career workshops
- Professional association events/activities

## Outcomes: Short-Term

**Student Attitudinal and Behavioral Changes**
- Enrollment, next-year retention, gateway course success, and successful transfer
- Development of academic self-confidence, self-efficacy, and validation
- Development of course success skills

**Transfer Student Socialization and Transfer Shock Mitigation**
- Enrollment, gateway course success, on-track completion, and actual completion
- Skills and knowledge to successfully navigate transfer process
- Calculus course success

**Student Research Skills**
- Development of research skills and attitudes about research in engineering and computer science

**Career Placement and Development**
- Successful placement and promotion in careers in local and regional engineering and computer science fields
- Network of alumni who serve as role models for the next generation of students preparing for careers in engineering and computer science

## Impacts/Outcomes: Long-Term

**Student Transfer, Completion, and Post-Graduation Success**
- Development of long-lasting, meaningful relationships with faculty and students (transitioning to colleagues) to support successful student outcomes and graduate school/year career needs
- Internalization of a suite of student success skills—cognitive and non-cognitive—that guide students into post-graduation career and/or academic activities
- Development of long-term support/value for engineering and computer science education and research

## Current Assumptions:
1. Current AIMS² project model development
2. Partnership engagement and institutional interest and support

## Context (External Factors):
1. Disciplinary training/research orientation of CSUN and community college faculty
2. Institutional changes across collaborative partnership sites and CSU-HSI STEM network
3. Market specialization of local/regional businesses/nonprofit organizations

## Assessment Data
1. Pre- and post-test survey data of engineering majors
2. Institutional data on enrollment, achievement, transfer, and completion
3. Interview data on student-faculty and peer interaction
4. Pre- and post-test survey data of engineering majors
5. Pre- and post-test survey data on undergraduate research participation
6. Interview data on career placement/experiences
Absolute Priority 1

An application that proposes to develop or enhance tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success, including innovative and customized instruction courses (which may include remedial education and English language instruction) designed to help retain students and move the students rapidly into core courses and through program completion.
Absolute Priority 2

An application that proposes activities to increase the number of Hispanic and other low-income students attaining degrees in the STEM fields and proposes to develop model transfer and articulation agreements between two-year HSIs and four-year institutions in STEM fields.
Competitive Preference Priority 1

- Applications supported by evidence of effectiveness that meets the conditions set out in the definition of “evidence of promise.”

- Worth one additional point.
Competitive Preference Priority 2

- Applications supported by evidence of effectiveness that meets the conditions set out in the definition of “moderate evidence of effectiveness.”

- Worth three additional points.
Review and Evaluation Categories

- Quality of Project Design (30 points)
- Quality of Project Services (20 points)
- Significance (20 points)
- Quality of Management Plan (10 points)
- Quality of Project Evaluation (20 points)
A. **Quality of Project Design** (maximum 30 points)

1. The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population of other identified needs. (up to 10 points)

2. The extent to which the design of the proposed project includes a thorough, high-quality review of the relevant literature, a high-quality plan for project implementation, and the use of appropriate methodological tools to ensure successful achievement of project objectives. (up to 5 points)

3. The extent to which the proposed project is supported by strong theory. (up to 5 points)

4. The extent to which the proposed project represents an exceptional approach to the priority or priorities established for the competition. (up to 10 points)
Selection Criteria

B. **Quality of Project Services** (maximum of 20 points)

1. The extent to which services to be provided by the proposed project reflect up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (up to 10 points)

2. The likely impact of the services to be provided by the proposed project on the intended recipients of those services. (up to 10 points)
c. **Significance** (maximum 20 points)

1. The potential contribution of the proposed project to increase knowledge or understanding of educational problems, issues, or effective strategies. (up to 5 points)

2. The likelihood that the proposed project will result in system change or improvement. (up to 15 points)
D. Quality of the Management Plan (up to 10 points)

1. The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks. (up to 5 points)

2. The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project. (up to 5 points)
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E. Quality of the Project Evaluation (maximum 20 points)

1. The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable. (up to 5 points)

2. The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (up to 5 points)

3. The extent to which the methods of evaluation will, if well-implemented, produce evidence about the project’s effectiveness that would meet the What Works Clearinghouse Evidence Standards with reservations. (up to 10 points)
Allowable Activities (20 U.S. Code § 1101b)

- Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific/laboratory equipment for educational, instructional, and research purposes.
- Construction, maintenance, renovation and improvement of instructional facilities.
- Support of faculty exchanges, fellowships and development; and curriculum development.
- Purchase of library books, periodicals, and other educational materials.
- Tutoring, counseling, and student services designed to improve academic success.
- Joint use of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries.
- Establishing or improving a development office.
- Establishing or improving an endowment fund.
- Creating or improving facilities for Internet or other distance education technologies.
- Establishing or enhancing a program of teacher education.
- Establishing community outreach programs that will encourage elementary and secondary students to pursue postsecondary education.
- Expanding the number of Hispanic and other underrepresented graduate and professional students that can be served by the...
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Meeting Calendar for Spring 2016

✓ Jan 21, 2016*
✓ Feb 18, 2016*
• Mar 24, 2016*
✓ April 21, 2016*
✓ May 19, 2016*

*Monthly meetings above are scheduled from 2 PM – 4 PM in JD 1568.
• June 9, 2016**

** External Advisory Committee Annual Meeting – Year 5 – Orange Grove Bistro (luncheon followed by meeting)