

Actions of Effective Boards

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Set the Strategic Direction for Student Success

1. Do you have a collective vision of your potential future?
2. Have you made student success with equity a central priority?
3. Does your vision/plan address the needs of your service area?
4. Do you conduct regular reviews of policies to support student success?
5. Do you use retreats and study sessions to review results and focus on future priorities?

Create the Culture for Change and Transformation

1. Are you aware of the major transformative developments in community colleges?
 - *Transformation of basic skills/developmental education
 - *Math pathways
 - *Guided Pathways
2. Do you link priorities to the allocation/reallocation of resources (budget)?
3. Do you have strategic alliances with K-12 districts and universities?
4. Is the Board ready to support prescriptive practices (orientation, advising, student plans) to increase success outcomes?
5. Do you provide the support for your CEO to lead courageous work?

Monitor What Matters

1. Are you willing to create a culture of inquiry, evidence, and accountability?
2. Have you adopted a limited set of metrics to monitor what matters?
3. Do you understand the characteristics of new students?
4. Do you hear and discuss reports on the progression of students through the college?
5. Do you periodically discuss results on leading indicators of student success with equity?