

# AACC Pathways Update

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Dear Pathways College CEOs,

## 1. Pathways 2.0

We want to let you know on this Friday afternoon that (as foretold at the Tempe Institute) Walter Bumphus has just sent out an announcement regarding a new round of Pathways Institutes. The national partners will remain involved and are important to the work.

The application packet is very much the same (except for changes in dates and a description of the fee-for-service structure) as the one we used in Fall 2015 for the original cohort of Pathways colleges.

The timeline for the application and selection process follows, and the application packet is attached.

### Readiness Assessment & College Selection Timeline:

- MARCH 31, 2017: Application materials due.
- APRIL 17 – MAY 5, 2017: One-hour scheduled interviews with finalist college president and two or three other institutional leaders.
- MID-MAY 2017: Project notifies colleges of selection decisions and works with selected colleges to launch advance work for Pathways Institute #1, November 16-18, 2017.

## 2. College Team Membership for Institute #5 and Institute #6

In accord with the consensus of national partners at yesterday's meeting in DC, we are sending out information to the Pathways College CEOs and (on Monday) the college leads and coaches, with updated recommendations regarding team composition for the final two institutes. These recommendations are consistent with advice we received from the CEOs at the Tempe institute, who feel that the work of their college teams is productive but very much "in the internal weeds." You asked that we issue clarification because some CEOs have issued invitations to external reps, and they want to release them from that commitment.

### Institute #5 (Mapping Pathways to Transfer and Employment)

College CEO

College Team Leader

College leader for work on university transfer

College leader for relationships/alignment with employers

Faculty member from arts & sciences program

Faculty member from CTE program

NOTE: With this revised recommendation, the project has removed the suggestion that colleges bring external employment/transfer partners.

Institute #6 (Policy Meets Pathways)

College CEO  
College Team Leader  
Governing Board Chair  
1-2 additional governing board members (not reaching a quorum)  
Chief Academic Officer  
[Chief Student Services Officer]

NOTE: With this revised recommendation, the project has removed the suggestion that colleges bring a state policymaker beyond the board level as part of their team and affirms that the major focus of the institute will be on institution-level policy. That said, there will be at least a session that addresses policy changes occurring at the state level, and partners agree that colleges within a state may wish to extend a joint invitation to a single representative from the state community college system/coordinating board, or the equivalent.

Hoping this finds you well,

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