**Connect 2016 Denver Discussion Summaries**

The following are the obstacles, successes, and action items noted by the teams during both Denver Connect sessions. If you have questions, please contact Catherine Watt at [cwatt@educause.edu](mailto:cwatt@educause.edu) for assistance.

**Investment/Resources**

Obstacles:

Budget

Buy-in

Professional development

Culture change

Infrastructure

Retention

Successes:

Quick wins

Action items;

Ask questions to address obstacles

Network with similar working groups

**Decision-making culture**

Obstacles:

Money where your mouth is

Can’t agree on data for measurement of success

Removing data silos

People are set in their ways

Successes:

Descriptive analytics

Dashboards

Culture changes

Identify success strategies

Demonstration of positive outcomes

Action items:

Celebrate successes of all sizes

Build a culture around analytics

Learn to use analytics successes from other institutions

Take a small group to go through the Analytics MI

**Policies:**

Obstacles:

People hate them

Application of them

Consistency

Interpretation

Successes:

Ownership of policies

Leveraging failures

Stomping spiders --- where are there data weaknesses – and getting rid of them

Action items:

Identity management

Data stewardship

Data masking

**Student Success---**

**Leadership, Collab and Involvement**

Obstacles:

Buy-in

Universal and consistent use

Prioritization

Successes:

Leadership support

Advising support

Success coaches