**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 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