

APLU IFS Newsletter September 2023



Series Spotlight: University of Wyoming's Transformation Journey

Earlier this month, we posted the second installment in our series on *The University of Wyoming's transformation journey on the PxP Learning Exchange*. Several members of the multidisciplinary Student Success Institutional Transformation Taskforce (SSITT) shared what can be achieved through cross-departmental collaboration, smashing silos, and fostering a student-centric approach. Their work within the IFS initiative has led to innovative programs, improved student retention, and a culture of care and support. Check out the full article [here](#) and leave a comment with your thoughts/insights!

We'll See You in The Emerald City

Five years of Powered by Publics—let that sink in. As we approach the finish line of this ambitious initiative, the APLU Annual Meeting in Seattle serves as a perfect moment for reflection and forward-thinking. We're having a PxP Luncheon on Sunday, November 12, from 11 AM-1 PM, not as a farewell to our ambitions but a 'see you later' as we pivot toward the next stage of 'Innovation for Impact' journey. IFS also stands as a continuation of the PxP legacy, demonstrating that our collective efforts have set the stage for future work. (More details on Page 3!) Though the PxP and IFS initiatives are finishing up this year, our work is not yet done. Far from it. We're still hungry, still pushing, and still not satisfied with the status quo. We've learned so much together, and we've wasted no time putting these discoveries into practice. We've asked ourselves (and each other), What worked? What didn't work? What is the impact? How do we know? And now, 'What's next?' We've got some ideas cooking. This 'ending' is merely the beginning of countless possibilities. So, let's challenge each other to be ambitious, audacious, and aspirational. Because if not us, then who? And if not now, when?

In partnership,
Greg Thornton & Robin Ellis (your APLU service team)

September Notes

- Your feedback and evaluation are needed for the *Advising Success Network*, *Introduction to Strategic Finance in Higher Education*, and *Data Literacy Institute Lite* services! Details and survey links on page 2.
- Attending the *APLU Annual Meeting*? We will cover allowable travel costs for 2 individuals per IFS cohort institution!

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SERVICE UPDATES



Every Learner Everywhere: The goal of the **Every Learner Everywhere** service is to build capacity among faculty and staff to expand equity and improve student outcomes through evidence-based and student-centered teaching practices. The five-service phase began in April 2022, laying the groundwork for transformative change. After pausing for the summer, cross-functional teams from **Clemson University**, **Montana State University**, **New Mexico State University**, the **University of New Orleans**, and **Rutgers University–Newark**, have entered the final phase, **Iterating and Scaling**, in which they'll focus on strategies for scaling personnel, technology, and professional development across the institution. It encompasses cross-institutional collaboration and sharing in addition to applying a continuous improvement approach.

The first session on September 12 reflected on the implementation experience, examining strengths, challenges, and opportunities. Participants shared successes and lessons learned from the implementation, as well as preliminary data and results. There were discussions around identifying effective practices to support scaling, approaches to guide efforts, stakeholders to involve, and spreading initiatives more broadly across the institution in a sustainable way. Three subsequent sessions will dig deeper into data and outcomes to shape next steps, before pivoting to sustainability and how to ensure these changes last. Participants will develop their action plans for refining and expanding their interventions, culminating in what are sure to be exciting presentations to showcase their work! Our colleagues will be well supported in evaluating interventions, identifying necessary modifications, and preparing to scale promising practices by the ELE team and coaches.



Feedback Requested for Advising, Data Literacy, and Strategic Finance Services: As our IFS journey winds down, your insights are pivotal. With all but one of our services concluded, we're reaching out to learn about your experiences. Your feedback will guide the evolution of service design and delivery, as well as contribute to broader institutional transformation efforts. Our post-service evaluation surveys are designed to: 1) gauge the knowledge and skills you've acquired, 2) measure the effectiveness of

service design and delivery, and pinpoint areas for enhancing/refining these services. Your responses will remain anonymous, as we will not collect names or email addresses. Each survey is concise, taking approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your insights are crucial to our commitment to continuous improvement. Thank you for your time and contributions. Please select the evaluation for the service(s) in which you engaged with below. Also, please forward these links to your participating colleagues.

- [Advising Success Network Evaluation \(NASPA\)](#)
- [Introduction to Strategic Finance in Higher Education Evaluation \(rpK GROUP\)](#)
- [Data Literacy Institute Lite Evaluation \(AIR\)](#)

Upcoming Dates (All times Eastern unless noted)

- **ELE Iterating and Scaling Session 2:** Tuesday, October 3, 2:00-4:00 PM
- **ELE Iterating and Scaling Session 3:** Tuesday, November 7, 2:00-4:00 PM
- **Powered by Publics Convening:** Sunday, November 12, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM *Pacific*
- **APLU Annual Meeting begins:** Sunday, November 12, 1:30 PM *Pacific*
- **APLU Annual Meeting ends:** Tuesday, November 14, 4:15 PM *Pacific*
- **ELE Iterating and Scaling: Share and Celebrate Success:** Tuesday, November 28, 2:00-4:00 PM

APLU UPDATES



Join Us at the 2023 APLU Annual Meeting: Register now for the [2023 APLU Annual Meeting](#) taking place in Seattle, Washington, at the [Hyatt Regency Seattle](#), from Sunday, November 12, to Tuesday, November 14. The University of Washington and Washington State University will serve as host institutions. This is *the* premier event for senior leaders from public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems.

The program is designed to ensure collaboration and give attendees practical strategies they can use on their own campuses. The [agenda](#) is live and will be updated with speaker information as it becomes available. Our Keynote Speaker will be David Calhoun, President & CEO of Boeing. In addition to Council and Commission specific meetings/activities, **APLU** staff are diligently working to create nearly 40 sessions in line with this year's theme of *Innovation for Impact*. The Powered by Publics led sessions are **Strategies for Improving Data Literacy and Data Culture on Campus** (Sunday, 11/12, 3:30–4:30 PM), **Investing in Impact with Sustainable University Business Models** (Monday, 11/13, 9:00–10:15 AM), and **Talking Transformation: Does Your Campus Have What It Takes** (Monday, 11/13, 11:15 AM–12:15 PM). Additional sessions will delve into institutional strategies on AI, proactive approaches to campus crises, upholding research integrity/security, creating a sense of belongingness for all students, and a host of other exciting and timely sessions. To secure accommodations at the [Hyatt Regency Seattle](#), please [book online](#) or call Hyatt Central Reservations at 800-233-1234 (mention group code G-APLU). Be sure to do so by October 17 to ensure you get our group rate. For transportation details, including parking, visit [here](#). *APLU will cover allowable travel costs to the APLU Annual Meeting for 2 individuals per IFS cohort institution. Please inform Greg Thornton (gthornton@aplu.org) once you've registered.*

POWERED BY PUBLICS UPDATE



Powered by Publics Luncheon at APLU Annual Meeting: Mark your calendars for a special pre-conference luncheon program celebrating five years of the Powered by Publics initiative on **Sunday, November 12, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Pacific Time** during the [APLU Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA](#). The luncheon will feature thought-provoking speakers from various institutions that have leveraged PxP for further innovation.

Attendees will have the opportunity for discussion, Q&A, and most importantly, networking with colleagues to explore future collaborations. Space is limited, so **please [RSVP here](#) by Friday, October 27**, to secure your spot. Please note that this event is exclusive to registered attendees of the APLU Annual Meeting. [Click here to register for the APLU Annual Meeting](#). There is no separate fee for the luncheon. It is included in the Annual Meeting registration fee.



Core Data Metrics Deadline Extended to October 2: We're in the final stretch of the 2023 Core Data Metrics collection. This vital information serves multiple purposes: it gauges our collective strides in degree completion and reducing equity gaps, allows institutions to self-assess on pivotal student success metrics, and equips APLU with the means to identify larger educational trends, especially when the data is disaggregated by various student demographics (race/ethnicity, gender, Pell status, etc.). The deadline for submission has been extended to **Friday, October 2**. For further guidance, including a data dictionary and FAQ, visit our [Core Data Metrics website](#). For any questions or if you require an extension, please reach out to the team at CDM@aplu.org. We strongly urge all member institutions to contribute, as doing so also grants access to the VSA Analytics platform for custom data visualization.