Meeting the Community College Mission While Adding Bachelor’s Degrees

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Background & Rationale

- The “Charge”
- The Need
- The First Degrees: BSBA & BASS
Plan for Bachelor’s Degree Development & Implementation

- Accreditation
- Quality Team
- 16 One College Teams e.g. New Program Development, Student Support, Fiscal Impact, Facilities, Marketing & Recruiting, etc.
Dry Runs

- Accreditation Liaison - 1st Visit in March, 2010
- Accreditation Liaison - 2nd Visit in September, 2010 & 16 One College Team presentations
- Presentation by 16 One College Teams to the College Leadership Team in December, 2010
- A “Practice Visit” in early February, 2011
Bachelor’s Approvals

- CMC Board Resolutions passed in November, 2009 & December, 2010
- Governor Bill Ritter signed SB 10-101 authorizing CMC’s bachelor’s degrees in May, 2010
- The HLC Substantive Change Requests and CDHE New Program requests submitted in December, 2010
- HLC Team Visit in late February, 2011
The “Real” Visit

- Planning for the HLC Team Visit
- Needs of the Visit Team
- Most of the 16 One College Teams presented, along with the showing of a video about CMC
The HLC Visit Team Report & Recommendations

- During the visit, the HLC Team recommended we not create obstacles for students by making them complete an Associate’s degree prior to allowing them to take upper level classes.

- The HLC Team reported that we were prepared and committed to creating and sustaining these bachelor’s degrees.

- They recommended we get approval for our first bachelor’s degrees.
The Bachelor’s Roll-Out

- **Timing** “getting the word out” e.g. press releases, advertising

- **Planning** every detail of the roll-out e.g. admissions process, course development, financial aid, advising, hiring of faculty & staff, etc.

- **Implementation by fall 2011**
The First Year of Implementation—So Far

- Positive feedback from students, faculty & staff
- BA AQIP Project
- Recommendations for Improvement
Looking to the Future

- Bachelor of Applied Science, Teacher Education & Nursing degrees

- CMC’s “First Choice” Vision
Discussion?

Questions?