Leadership Matters:
Re-Imagining Leadership to Sustain
Transformative Change Through
Guided Pathways
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Questions for Governance Board Members to ask staff at public board meetings:

“What is the urgency for initiating a guided pathways program now?”

This provides an opportunity to discuss the Governor and Chancellor’s expectation that Guided Pathways will be a vehicle to unite SSSP, Student Equity, and BSI and that by providing a unified approach to serving students Guided Pathways will also unlock the to-date unrealized potential of these programs.

“What are the benefits to students of a guided pathways approach?”

This provides an opportunity to discuss the fact that Guided Pathways adopts a student perspective in providing service to students, resulting in a more intuitive, coherent, and easily navigable college experience.

“What resources are necessary in adopting a Guided Pathways program?”

This provides an opportunity to discuss the fact that that much of what Guided Pathways represents is already funded either through the existing operating budget or through ongoing categorical funding such as SSSP, Student Equity, and BSI, that Guided Pathways is primarily the adoption of a systems approach that unifies existing programs and services. It is funded through rather than on top of existing channels. Moreover, the governor has provided $150 million to build the systems infrastructure that brings coherence and structure to existing programs and services.

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