Real time data the catalyst for Cultural change:

The University of Hawaii system is excited to have flipped the orthodoxy and move into a real-time data construct with degree graduation rates and closing the attainment gap ... and the operationalization was simple, practical and effective, and we believe it was the natural next step in “15 to finish.”

15 to Finish version 2.0 is simply that... not only take 15 credits a semester but “15 credits that count” to students program of study. This measure is called “velocity”. Velocity is reported on a per program basis for the institution.

How is it implemented:

Simply put: of the credits the student is taking: how many count to their program and how many do not. This is recorded on a per program basis (manually or automatically) and with it, instantaneously the average graduate pace can be seen for any program of study... and should that not meet expectations, the foundation can be set for real time interventions.

What does it look like:

Academic Program Velocity: University of Hawaii Fall 2014

All of these students are full-time taking 15 credits
The challenge: Students on the left are taking courses that don’t count to their program

The University of Hawaii system is 100% committed to Student Success and to solve this specific challenge we essentially deconstructed the current graduation rate model and then wrapped it in a real-time data construct and scaled it back up to all our institutions on a program basis for collaborative consumption. We would like sincerely to thank our innovation partners Kresge foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates for their support.