Chancellor Harris and Chancellor Van Hook welcomed the committee and made introductory remarks about the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) and Advisory Committee. In a nutshell, the IEPI aims to (1) identify metrics for a Statewide Indicator System that will (2) provide information about which colleges need assistance in which areas in order to be deemed “effective.” The Advisory Committee has representatives from 17 groups; there are 6 CIOs involved.

Overview of the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)

The goal of the initiative is to help advance colleges’ institutional effectiveness and in process, significantly affect the number of accreditation sanctions and audit issues, and importantly, the system’s ability to effectively serve students. An important focus of the grant is to draw on the exceptional expertise and innovation from within the system in advancing best practices and avoiding potential pitfalls.

Major components of IEPI:

- **Indicators**
  Develop a Statewide Indicator System by June 30, 2015, that includes student outcomes, accreditation status, fiscal viability, and state and Federal programmatic compliance. Every effort will be made NOT to create more work for colleges and to use existing metrics (such as Scorecard measures) instead. There was some discussion about the necessity to minimize comparisons among colleges (the “Scarlet Letter effect”) and focus on having colleges set their own targets.

- **Technical Assistance Teams**
  A major component of the IEPI is to make subject matter expert teams available to colleges who express interest in receiving assistance from them. Technical assistance can include grant funding of up to $150,000 with the expectation of maintenance after the grant funding ends. Teams will consist of experts from within the CCC system.

- **Professional development**
  A major component of the IEPI is to enhance professional development opportunities for colleges related to institutional effectiveness through an online clearinghouse and additional drive-in/fly in workshops. The goal is to begin workshops in Spring 2015; enrollment management and the new accreditation standards were mentioned as top needs.

- **Policy**
  Develop recommendations to the IEPI Executive committee on policies or system-wide practices that impact institutional effectiveness, especially those related to accreditation and audit.

The Advisory Committee’s meeting schedule was reviewed and a discussion took place on the Advisory committee’s role to help advance the IEPI. The Advisory Committee will divide into four workgroups to address the bullet points above and will meet again on February 5, 2015.