Expect the Unexpected!

Navigating the Roadblocks.



Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!



This is going to be so easy!

 2010 - Technical Writing Affiliate
2015 - Assistant Professor, Technical Writing Proposed establishing a MOU with CCD during Portfolio Review
2021 - Tenured, Program Lead Working on MOU with CCD

Identify Key Stakeholders: Kelly (affiliate MSU Denver & CCD) Chair of JMP: Shaun, Journalism MOU

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Kelly became full time at CCD

Shaun became AVP of Curriculum

Technical Writing moved from a Concentration to a Bachelor of Science degree

Karleanne joined the CCD team

Incorrect courses were entered for MSU

Entering Halfway Through

I got hired full time in the 21-22 AY

My commitment: English as a workforce-oriented discipline, not just a service program

Goal: A writing-focused track for CCD students (current English DwD is lit)

Kelly changed focus, so I took the lead on the CCD side—this will be a slam dunk for my first year full time, right?

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CCD prefix changes

New requirement: Any MOU needs to be based on a full program on the CCD side (multiple steps)

CCD dean became provost

New requirement: All new programs need to be approved by executive council

Executive council currently wants job placement data from MSU....and MSU does not have that data

What to expect now ...?

We remain committed to creating a valuable and reliable transitional path between CCD's program and MSU Denver's, giving our graduates the quality education that sets them up for success in the marketplace.

Take-Aways

- Identify your key stakeholders
- Align goals
- Get stakeholders invested in a timeline
- Expect set-backs
- Remember who you are doing this for

Questions?

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