



Community Needs, Programs and Outcomes Committee

Report from March 4, 2015 Meeting

The Community Needs, Programs and Outcomes Committee [The Committee] met on Wednesday, March 4. Attending were Dr. Michelle Deeley, Dr. Patricia Goodman, Jeff Groob, Ken Paul, and Joe Creaghead. Absent were Julie Smith-Morrow, Chad Day, and Iversy Velez.

This meeting was focused on the merging of the Metrics Committee and The Committee. It was concluded this can be accomplished because the “Outcomes” portion of The Committee is based upon metrics.

It was concluded The Committee would first focus on enrollment at Gateway. We were provided information from Dr. Goodman on enrollment in terms of headcount, credit hours, and FTE for the past five years. The Committee concluded it would be helpful for our efforts to have this data further segregated into each of these categories by program – encompassing primary majors [departments] as well as unique groupings such as Workforce Solutions and On-Line Enrollment. We believe it is important to identify the total number of students involved in Workforce Solutions and On-Line Enrollment separately because of the unique resource requirements vs. traditional course pursuits. From this we can evaluate trends and confirm goals for the coming year. Dr. Goodman indicated this data is available.

We then moved to a discussion about community needs and decided to focus first on Manufacturing since this has high visibility in the community at this time. For this we would like to receive the same type of information in terms of headcount, credit hours, and FTEs involved in any manufacturing program for the past 5 years. Along with this a summary of all credentials awarded by type in the “manufacturing related” programs for the past 5 years would indicate a trend in this area. Again, we believe a goal for the coming year for this data would be important.

We then discussed default rate and the implications of this rate for the College. The Committee is interested in understanding what contributes to this default rate and actions planned to reduce the number in the coming year. While we understand there are several factors contributing to this rate which appear to be out of the College’s control, the fact that competing colleges are using this against us is troubling.

In the future The Committee intends to continue to expand its evaluation of community needs and identify ways to track our efforts to meet those needs.

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