

Community Needs Committee Report

The Community Needs Committee last met in December. At that meeting there was a decision to ask for more input from Gateway on the metrics currently being tracked to report to KCTCS and to determine success of initiatives. Ken Paul also met with me to discuss the possibility of combining the Metrics Committee with the Outcomes Committee. That decision was tentatively made with the realization that the outcome of the Retreat may re-direct our efforts.

Following the Retreat, Chairman Groob suggested a reduction in the number of standing committees with more issues being discussed with the entire Board. The Outcomes Committee was one of the proposed surviving committees.

My proposal for the Outcomes Committee is to identify and focus on a few key metrics that affect the College and can be developed as Goals for the Board to track and influence. If we take these one at a time, the Committee can bring to the Board information and suggestions for our participation in a better outcome. Suggested topics are:

Enrollment – numbers and trends by major program

Facility Utilization – as a percentage by campus or building

Default Rate – measure and causes

Online Enrollment – numbers and trends

Community Needs – job vacancies by industry

Along with input from this meeting, the Committee will meet again in March.

Respectively submitted,

Joe Creaghead