

Columbia State Community College
2010-2011 Planning Council
Minutes
May 5, 2010

Present: Nancy Ramsey, Shanna Jackson, Cecelia Johnson, Crystal Venturi, Christa Martin, Janet Smith, Victoria Gay, Barry Gidcomb, Joni Lenig, Rion McDonald, Margaret Smith, Sandra Serkownek, Lauren Maxwell, and Emily Siciensky

Facilitators: Nancy Ramsey and Joni Lenig

The meeting came to order at 8:30 am.

The following committees provided a brief report of activities:

1. Resources – Crystal Venturi had scheduled a meeting which had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. She will reschedule a meeting after Finals and Graduation. She has collected data from the previous strategic plan.
2. Partnerships (Goal 3) – Shanna Jackson and Sandra Serkownek have met once and worked with the committee to understand the foundation of the goal and the process for planning. Another meeting is scheduled for May 5 to determine what partnerships currently exist and to identify various groups where partnerships may need to be developed. The committee is focusing on personal education growth and business/community partnerships.
3. College Culture (Goal 2) – Christa Martin and Lauren Maxwell have worked with the committee through email. There are questions concerning the foundation of the goal. A meeting is scheduled for May 7, and Nancy Ramsey has been invited to assist the committee with direction and understanding.
4. Student Success (Goal 1) – Cecelia Johnson and Emily Siciensky reported that the committee has been established and the first meeting will be scheduled following Graduation.
5. Programs and Services (Goal 4) – Joni Lenig, Victoria Gay and Barry Gidcomb reported that the committee has met twice. They spent time explaining the foundation of the goal. They are discussing flexible scheduling, cohort system, ways to enroll students, adult students, embedded certificates, and alternative programming for allied health.

The Planning Council voted to accept the following mission statement:

Columbia State Community College enhances the lives of citizens and the communities of southern middle Tennessee through teaching, learning and student success.

Dr. Janet Smith brought the council up-to-date on Performance Funding and the Formula Discussions. The committee met and defined the broad categories under consideration for the formula: student progression, AS degrees, Certificates, developmental/remedial, job placement, degree FTE, workforce training. In regards to the sub populations, THEC is considering a scenario where they pick two subgroups and the colleges pick two. There is concern and discussion regarding setting the three year average benchmarks based on the current high enrollment due to the economic downturn.

Concerning the unified Community College System, the consultants have reported to the presidents that TBR is essentially operating as a unified system. They do not believe TBR has done an adequate job of informing the state of the systematic approach among the community colleges. They will have recommendations in the area of more uniformity in accounting reporting, data reporting. They recognize the need for a statewide community college mission and values statement. Their recommendations are going to be more about policies and efficiencies than consolidating departments at TBR.

The Council has decided to meet weekly through July.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.