

Northland Pioneer College
Strategic Planning and Accreditation Steering Committee (SPASC)
March 4, 2011

Members in attendance: Russell, Dickerson, Claude Endfield, Andrew Hassard, Blaine Hatch, Eric Henderson, Gary Mack, Mary Mathias, Debra Myers

Advisory members in attendance: Trudy Bender, Ann Hess, Cindy Hildebrand, Jeanne Swarthout

Guests: Curtis Casey, Colleen Readle (recorder)

- I. We have Curtis Casey as a guest and he has agreed to be a portfolio member.
- II. Approval of Minutes from 2/18/11
 - a. Motion to approve by Blaine Hatch; second Andrew Hassard
 - i. Unanimously approved
- III. Review the college comments on MyNPC Strategic Planning Input
 - a. Mary displayed the MyNPC discussion board for Strategic Planning Input/Pillar comments
 - i. Trudy suggestion of adding to pillar one to evaluate the student use of resources & improve use of funding
 1. If it was in the plan it may be easier to implement
 2. Add classes for basic computer skills before taking online courses
 - ii. Mary showed a suggestion for the possibility of child care at WMC
 - iii. Suggestion by Curtis Casey for when FTSE (for multiple labs) reporting is done, for an auto-response upon completion of entering each lab
 1. He has sent requests to Jake Hinton for this type of response system but not heard anything back
 2. Cindy had an idea to send the suggestion through the public NPC website and then Jeanne and Mark would receive email copies.
 3. Trudy suggested having multiple people make the suggestion or have SPASC or the enrollment committee make the suggestion
 - iv. Suggestions to add announcements to MyNPC or group voicemails to get messages to faculty
 - v. Discussion of different type of discussion boards for faculty and person to monitor it to get input and ways to get specific questions out
- IV. Check in with Pillar Leads
 - a. Eric Henderson
 - i. Donna Ashcraft (faculty) and Kathy McPherson (staff) for Pillar One and we hope to meet next week
 - b. Mary asked for other updates and if anyone else had met with their teams yet
 - i. We should have a draft to read over by the April 1st meeting
 - c. Eric asked – there is not a lot of changes or updating? The document doesn't change enormously from year to year
 - d. Jeanne needs to sign out and meet with lobbyists, but Pillar Four has a team put together, it's Peggy Belknap, Bobbi Sample, MiAnna Tyler and Clover Baum-Gordon

- e. Curtis asked what is the basic charge of the committee is – to review these as they come in?
 - i. Mary – yes review the comments as they come out and updating the strategic plan and starting the planning for the accreditation cycle
 - f. Mary asked if there was any other questions
- V. Community College Presidents' Strategic Vision
- a. Mary asked if anyone had questions from last time regarding the information we went over or have looked through this document (Mary showed the document that Eric Bishop had sent out)
 - i. Russell thinks that the pillar leads need to look at the information that are under the headings Achieving our Goals and after looking at those goals compare to our pillars and particular areas. That's where we are looking for overlap between this general community college system plan and our own strategic plan.
 - ii. Eric Henderson suggest posting that document on the SPASC website
 - 1. Mary will send out the document to Curtis and others
 - iii. Russell – this document continues to be refined through each successive meeting and scaled back in terms of how much detail it gives. It's changed more to a vision-type document. It shows the key indicators, which are set up so that anyone looking at this document can see and compare the performance of the community colleges within Arizona. This document has been continually refined by ACCPC. It will go to the district boards for approval at some time.
 - iv. Mary asked if the reason they removed the timeline is so they can't say people are not meeting their goals.
 - v. Russell – yes, they didn't want it to be situation where they will say we're going to cut you another 25%
- VI. Other
- a. Trudy asked if there was a decision about the "I have an idea" email.
 - i. Mary said it is a public website
 - ii. Blaine asked if anyone was making in any input there.
 - iii. Mary stated that Jeanne and Mark receive an email and neither of them is here today.
 - iv. Mary asked if anyone knew where it was on the www.npc.edu website.
 - 1. Several thought it was right on the homepage.
 - 2. The website was searched for the "I have an idea" link
 - b. Motion to adjourn Russell; second by Andrew
 - i. Unanimously approved