

**DACC NCA-HLC Self Study
Criterion II: Preparing for the Future
Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Oct. 3 2006

Location: Laura Lee, Lincoln Hall

“Criterion Statement” The organization’s allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demand rates its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

Present: Viv Dudley, Suzie Hobick, Jonathan Jett, Debbie Knight, Susie Landers, Sarah Robison, Janet Redenbaugh, Janet Westberg

Agenda/Objectives

1. Key Definitions and Concepts
2. Examine Criterion Two General statement
3. Discuss Division of Labor and Structure of data Gathering
4. Brainstorm on Core Component 2a *“The organization realistically prepares for a future shaped by multiple societal and economic trends.”*

Core Component:

- Discussion Summary
The Committee reiterated that the resources are financial, physical, and human. Key emphasis must be based on the college’s mission, goals and core values. A process for evaluation is an important part of the overall process. The Committee was provided with Millikin University *“NCA Self-Study Criterion Two: Preparing for the Future Questions and Data Sources”* which provides a format for gathering the needed data. The Committee recommended that each component be brainstormed in general and assigned to specific members who will be supplied with the required information.

- **Key Terms**

Communication; The need to open communication both intra and inter in order to obtain needed data to carry out the mission of the committee.

- **Key Questions/Statements**

The committee noted that the community is changing. The population is decreasing while the educational needs of the community are increasing. DACC must meet the needs of the Community (students, current and future employers). There is an increased need to meet the educational needs of the Hispanic population and the influx of low income population from outside of the area. Childcare needs are also becoming more important as the population base of the students changes. Technological advancements will become more and more important and it will be important that DACC continue to be on the cutting edge in meeting these changes.

- **Resources**

The importance of obtaining the resources was discussed. It is important that DACC be on the cutting edge in regards to the changes that are taking place at an ever-increasing rate. We must be proactive in planning. Technology is continuously changing and the need to make needed changes proactively will be important to meet the needs of the community, students and faculty in order to deliver quality education in the future.

The importance of not only looking at future trends but also the past must be reviewed to ensure that we are leaders in the field of providing the needed programs and course required by the community.

- **Data**

The committee needs data from the state, county, city, educational system and the college to identify the community demographics and the needs of the current and future employers. The committee needs data on where the graduates are obtaining employment (locally or outside of area).

- **Action Steps and Activities**

Identify available data resources. Obtain information of place of employment of graduates.

- Announcements: Committee will meet during the In-service Oct. 10, 2006

Meeting Adjourned 2:05 pm

Next Meeting: Nov. 6, 2006/ 1pm/ Location: Laura Lee

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