

Minutes (Red items are things that were listed on the agenda.)

- Sandi Wong, Dean of the College/Faculty called the meeting to order. She began by announcing that President Tiefenthaler would not be joining the meeting as she was attending the funeral services for a current student who recently died.

- I. Update on Communications Plan / Handbill / Website – Jane Turnis
 - Powerpoint w/voiceover (posted on website under Steering Committee)
<http://www.coloradocollege.edu/dotAsset/09db5c53-42ff-4def-9348-28f0c5aba193.ukn>
 - Quick questions to current students alumni and current parents – Jane Turnis
 - Jane Turnis was absent, so Sandi Wong asked Jermyn Davis to give the update.
 - Jermyn presented the new power point on the website. During the presentation he showed the committee members various slides examples, so they could here the voiceover.
 - Jermyn commented that he would like to work with Jane and her team to figure out a way to have this presented without it being so problematic/troublesome to have sound working.
 - The handbills were not ready; however, Jermyn passed around a copy of the invitations being sent to both alumni and local community members for the SP informational sessions.
 - It was noted that the invitations have simplified questions from each of the three main topic driven committees. These questions will change slightly depending on the audience.

- II. Constituency Outreach Plan Update – Informational Sessions
(status update sent as attachment with agenda)
 - Completed
 - Student “pizza with Deans” – 9/12, 9/18, 9/20, 9/25
 - 9/19 – Social Science Faculty
 - 9/20 – Natural Science Faculty
 - 9/21 – Board of Trustees
 - 9/21 – Humanities Faculty
 - 9/24 – Block 1 Faculty meeting
 - 9/27 – Staff session “In the Loop”
 - During this part of the meeting Sandi asked for feedback as to how the meetings listed above have been going.
 - Overall the meetings have been going well.

- The student sessions have been well attended. Nathan has also invited the student representatives, which has worked well because students have been willing to ask students more questions.
- The various divisional meetings have also gone well. Each one has been distinct, but overall very informative.
 - Some of the main highlights have been:
 - Some cynicism as they have gone through this process several times and think nothing comes out of it.
 - We need to be working to provide the best education for students.
 - Identifying what we do well and improving on those.
 - It should be noted that the academic divisional meetings were not “informational” as the faculty have heard the information regarding the process several times. It was said that the President approved these sessions as being more input gathering, unlike what was originally intended.
- One note was made that we need to think about the relationship between Interdisciplinary studies and the Liberal Arts
- Heather Carroll reported that the trustee meeting went extremely well and they enjoyed being engaged. They particularly enjoyed hearing what was being said on campus. It will be important to keep them informed so there is no disconnect at the end.
 - Emily Chan noted that it was good to hear people that are not on campus everyday, as they sometimes give more optimism about different goals.
- A member of the steering committee mentioned that we need to come up with common language about the importance of diversity.
- Alistaire mentioned that feedback has emphasized staff/faculty engagement with students and internationalization as two genuine strengths that the college can leverage and build on in the future.
- Please let Lyrae know which of the Informational Sessions below you will be facilitating
 - 9/27 – Retired Faculty [1:15-2:00, WES room Worner Center]
 - 10/4 – Staff session [11:00-12:30 pm, Bemis Great Hall]
 - 10/9 – Student session [4:00-5:30 pm, TBD]
 - 10/10- Pizza w/the Deans [5:00 pm, Western Ridge]
 - 10/13 – Alumni/Parents Homecoming [1:30-3:00 pm, Packard Hall]
 - 10/16 – Staff Session [2:00-3:30 pm, McHugh Commons]
 - 10/17 – CO Springs Community [4:00-6:00 pm, Cornerstone Main Space]
 - 10/19 – Staff session [4:00-5:30 pm, Gaylord Hall]
 - 10/22 – Local Alumni [7:30-9:30 am, Cornerstone Main Space]

To do – coordinate and schedule student group outreach – in progress

- III. **A Place of Learning Committee Update – Professors Emily Chan and Christine Siddoway**
 - Christine and Emily primarily gave an update on the active initiatives that have surfaced through their committee work.

- IV. **Steering Committee Input/Advice**
 - **What are you hearing?**
 - **What else can we be doing?**
 - It was mainly noted that some people are saying can we get to where we were before economic downturn, and essentially begin planning from there. Some people are not feeling appreciated. (Field trip funding was given as an example.)
 - Sandi noted that hopefully the strategic plan will address those issues

Next Meeting – October 10, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm