

Recommendations for Action Aug 2009 (1)

Conversation Day Follow-Up - Idea Analysis Reports

Table 1

Idea Title: Increase distance education options for learners

We propose: Increase technical support available to faculty to enhance development of distance education.

Because: This will enhance learning and increase education opportunities for potential students

Table 2

Idea Title: Awareness, Availability, & Access

We propose: That increased awareness of learning opportunities and increased availability through flexible schedules, sufficient financial aid and accessibility to a safe and clean learning environment will increase student learning.

Table 3

Idea Title: Increase the number of courses for long distance learning

We propose: to commit technology/staff to increase the number of course offerings for long distance learning.

Because: we increase our access to learning and invest our communities

Table 4

Idea Title: Retention

We propose: collaboration with K-12, industry and business

Because: A better prepared student is a more successful student.

Table 5

Idea Title: Underprepared students

We Propose: a better process for identifying and following up the underprepared student.

Because: we need to better serve these students with language, knowledge, and skill deficiencies; we need to be an excellent student centered institution.

Table 6

Idea Title: Creating a culture based on education in community colleges

We propose: promote education, recruit

Because: more educated community and more staff

Table 7

Idea title: Keeping pace with technology

We propose: new technology across campus

Because: improve college and recruitment

Table 8

Idea title: Changing the perception of community college and CTE

We propose: to start thinking "outside the box" in terms of course delivery methods and marketing

Because: to increase enrollment – our current methods are unsatisfactory

Table 9

Idea Title: Achieving awareness by utilizing existing and cutting edge of technology

We propose: to utilize existing and cutting edge technology (increase classes offered ITV)

Because: in order to reach an underserved population in an isolated area

Table 10

Idea Title: Reaching a new segment of the community/service area

We propose: to become more aggressive marketing underserved population and non-traditional students

Because: we still lack in serving this demographic.

Table 11

Idea Title: Communicate existence/functionality of website

We propose: breakout sessions/group lessons in what is needed vs. not needed on website (in-service training?) input basically

Because: we have a great website; however it might be too layered - too many clicks to get where you're going.

Table 12

Idea Title: Adapting to changing society/workforce

We propose: that the college survey the area workforce for current or future employee needs, pursue grants for employee continuing education, and research what attracts students to a school of choice.

Because: our community/society deserves a well educated workforce

Table 13

Idea Title: Improve workplace efficiency

We propose: there is a large segment of faculty and staff that is frustrated with lack of ease to access of important information in the workplace.

Because: there is a lack of time due to work overload for these who know how to access information, for faculty to be taught information access

Table 14

Idea Title: By providing advanced and green technology. The college can meet the expectations and needs of the potential students.

We propose: look at each program on campus to determine green technology and relevant technology.

We also propose that we take a critical look at the Colvin Center and their lack of technology.

Because: the school is behind in technology

Table 15

Idea Title: Campus wide technology staff development

We propose: hire a trainer/IT support person to train one individual per department to handle general technology issues

Because: it will help the IT department to have time for the major technology issues

Table 16

Idea Title: Fulfilling the needs of the community

We propose: a survey of employers to identify the needs of the community to create new programs

Table 17

Idea Title: Market SCCC/ATS programs to the industry employers of the community

We propose: a proactive marketing collaboration of SCCC/ATS and local business and industry employers

Because: we need to strengthen and build our community

Table 18

Idea Title: Resources to establish business partnerships based on community needs

We propose: host a business/SCCC/ATS meet and greet to develop business partnerships (financial or other) based on employer needs

Because: employer satisfaction increases employment, college revenue and decreased student loans

Table 19

Idea Title: New program development

We propose: rapid research and development to establish programs in identified areas of need, specifically oil, natural gas, ethanol, medical and agriculture technology consideration.

Because: successful completion would boost enrollment, keep SCCC/ATS competitive in educational areas, and enable us to better serve our community, students, and economy.

Table 20

Idea Title: Establish a partnership between SCCC & Business/Industry in our service area

We propose: that the college expands the facilities and personnel for GED/ESL programs and develop an office to partner with service area Business/Industry including placement services

Because: it is needed. The GED/ESL program is maxed out. We have no placement office to meet the needs of current and future students and the needs of employers in service area to find quality employees

Table 21

Idea Title: Employee retention and improvement

We propose: that a system of training and in-servicing be developed to address employee retention, improvement, and value.

Because: All employees are vital stakeholders in the overall mission of SCCC.

Table 22

Idea Title: Valuing people through communication, ability, and leadership

We propose: that the institution has better communication through leadership and cross training

Table 24

Idea Title: Valuing employees

We propose: to re-evaluate in-service week and committee involvement based on survey results

Because: Employee time focused on meetings and in-services appear to be excessive

Table 26

Idea Title: Entry point for community involvement/awareness

We propose: the institution take a more proactive and aggressive approach to community involvement within our diverse population to display our institution and what we can provide to our community

Because: The changing demographics of our community

Table 28

Idea Title: Take it to the community (community perceptions)

We propose: offer intro courses/short courses in community facilities like churches and rec facilities and offer daycare

Because: we need to respond to the diverse needs of our community. This will introduce people to college in a familiar, unintimidating environment.