



Dates: April 5-6, 2006

Location: Millennium Alaska Hotel,
Anchorage

Guest Speaker/Facilitator: Dr. Kay
McClenney, Director of the Community
College Survey of Student Engagement
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PARTICIPANTS

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CONFERENCE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The conference focused on the role of community colleges and campuses in today's higher education environment, with special emphasis on strategic planning and indicators of success.

OUTCOMES

The conference was successful in achieving three of its four stated desirable outcomes.

1. Focus attention on the importance of the community college mission to the MAUs, University of Alaska, and state of Alaska.

UA President Mark Hamilton opened the conference with remarks about the increasing rates of change in our world, the need for lifelong education and training, and the importance of the community campuses in preparing Alaska's workforce. Guest speaker Dr. Kay McClenney outlined key aspects of the community college mission nationally, including access for non-traditional students, student attainment, student learning, community needs for economic and workforce development, closing gaps between rich and poor, and institutional accountability for these outcomes. UAA Chancellor Elaine Maimon echoed the themes of access, student-centeredness, and workforce development, and added the concept of institutions as public squares, fully integrated into the community. Other mission aspects to emerge through open discussions included developmental education, basic literacy, lifelong learning, and the community campuses' role as educational brokers and facilitators.

2. Come to consensus on performance metrics that reflect the character and importance of the community college mission within the UA system.

Community campus directors met as a team, made a list of recommended refinements to existing statewide performance measures, and reached consensus on several new indicators to recommend for further research, development, and implementation:

- Access/outreach
- Basic completion rate (credentials)
- Degree completion rate
- Basic overall persistence/success rate
- Developmental education success rates
- Persistence/success rates for basic literacy students (ABE, ESL)



COMMUNITY CAMPUS CONFERENCE

Statewide:

Mark Hamilton, President
Wendy Redman, University Relations
Karen Perdue, Health
Dave Veazey, Academic Affairs
Ted Kassier, Academic Affairs
Cathy Collier, Corporate Programs
Sharon Keller, Corporate Programs
Bruce Rowe, Corporate Programs
Pat Pitney, Planning and Budget Development
Saichi Oba, Student and Enrollment Services
Fred Villa, Workforce Development
Gwen White, Institutional Research

Major Academic Units:

UAA

Elaine Maimon, Chancellor
Jan Gehler, Academic Affairs
Steve Lindbeck, University Advancement
Renee Carter-Chapman, Community Partnerships
Vara Allen-Jones, Student Success
John Dede, Community Partnerships
Will Jacobs, Academic Affairs
Kay Landis, Community Partnerships
Linda Lazzell, Student Services
Tom Miller, Academic Affairs
Rick Weems, Enrollment Services
Gary Rice, Institutional Planning, Research, and Assessment
Yuan-Fang Dong, Institutional Planning, Research, and Assessment

UAF

Paul Reichardt, Provost
Wayne Marrs, School of Management
Susan Hills, Alaska Idea Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence
Ian Olson, Institutional Research

UAS

John Pugh, Chancellor
Roberta Stell, Provost
Karen Schmitt, Business, Public Administration and Information Systems, and Career Education

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- Non-credit conversion rate
- Transfer rate and transfer completion rate within the UA system
- Brokerage/facilitation rates and conversion for SCH, HC, and revenue sharing
- Community investment

3. Determine how these metrics will be used: as basis for budget decisions? as catalyst for institutional improvement? as comparator between UA campuses and peers?

Although there was considerable discussion of this topic, no consensus position was explicitly stated.

4. Achieve these outcomes in a spirit of collegiality and collaboration.

The conference was highly successful at bringing all participants to the same table where they could work together on the issues and challenges they face.

NEXT STEPS

- Prepare list of recommendations and consensus measures for campus, MAU, and Statewide administrative review (Connie Dooley, Cathy LeCompte, Bernice Joseph, Ian Olson; complete by 4-21-06).
- Circulate recommendations and measures through appropriate channels for review:
 - Community campus directors, faculty, staff
 - MAU Chancellors
 - Statewide Academic Council
 - President's Cabinet
 - Faculty Alliance
- Schedule a follow-up Community Campus Directors' meeting for Fall 2006 (Wendy Redman).
- Develop plans for statewide implementation of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (Wendy Redman, Rick Caulfield, Saichi Oba)
 - Gauge level of interest among campus directors
 - Identify funding mechanism
 - Develop additional CCSSE questions (distance education, etc.)
- Develop plans for statewide implementation of Crystal Xcelsius (Dashboard) technology (Gwen White, Saichi Oba, Ian Olson; Gary Rice offers to assist).

