

## EMPC MEETING MINUTES: Thursday, January 26, 2012

Present: Leah Freidenrich, Jim Isbell, Aracely Mora, Alex Taber, Joyce Wagner, Roberta Tragarz, Caroline Durdella, John Weispfenning

EMP document progress:

- We're ready for the next stage.
- Possible Themes:
  1. Students (i.e. changing demographics)
  2. Curriculum
  3. Campus
  4. Faculty/Staff
  5. Community Partners
  6. Resources
- 3 ½ years to implement our plan so we should be realistic.
- 4-5 action items for each theme.

Subtopics:

- Students
  - Changing demographics
    - transfer oriented
  - Access
  - co-curricular
  - services/supports
- Curriculum
  - Signature programs
  - high tech/green tech
- Campus
  - facilities
  - infrastructure
    - web
    - accountability (assessment?)
- Faculty/Staff
  - Recruiting
  - Retention
  - Recognition
- Community Partners
  - K-12
  - Universities
  - Business
- Resources

- grants
- Foundation
- Cross-cutting themes
  - infrastructure
  - competition

Caroline said that we are moving towards serving mostly traditional students. Also, the Feds want to fund grants that have big partnerships, so we need to prepare to make those connections.

Aracely: from the scan we learned that there is greater competition for students, for programs, for dollars—we have very little control.

Caroline: by the time the grants are announced, it's too late to create a good proposal. Someone needs to follow the fed websites and keep in touch with them to get ready for grants before they are announced.

What's next? Open Forum opportunities. Break up the open forums and address 2 subtopics.

- What are the big problems that are facing these subgroups?

Next meeting: Who would we want on the various subgroups? Who would be good representatives?

Subgroups:

1. Community Partners/Resources
2. Faculty-Staff/Campus
3. Students
4. Curriculum

- We invite 6-8 people to join subgroups, they meet and then have open forums.
- Subgroups meet 3 or 4 times.
- Possibly on a Friday for two hours, twice.
- At least two of us on each subgroup

Key questions for subgroups

- What's wrong?
- What can be fixed?
- How do we move forward?

New timeline: send questions to Roberta by Monday.