

President's report to the Board of Education – September 2021

PRIORITY	PROGRESS
<p>Develop a plan for living/learning opportunities for UCC students</p>	<p>-Every bed in UCC housing is currently occupied. Showing a clear need for an increase in housing capacity -The new UC Housing Director, Brittany Weerheim, is doing a great job and has brought much needed capacity to housing operations. -The UCC Housing Taskforce continues to meet and consider new opportunities.</p>
<p>Initiate programming that supports the ignition of male enrollment and completion</p>	<p>-The Program Coordinator for the male enrollment initiative has been hired. Jake Whisler has moved from our ground maintenance department into this role and will remain as the assistant Baseball Coach.</p>
<p>Implement new instructional models that serve new ways of learning based on expectations from learners and needs of employers</p>	<p>-The faculty group tasked with visioning new instructional models are wrapping up their work and sharing findings with other stakeholder groups around campus. The group will present to the board at the October meeting. - In response to industry requests, the community and workforce development department has added a Leadership Bootcamp. Attendees include teams from Swanson Group, Mercy Hospital and C&D Lumber.</p>
<p>Implement outcomes-based metrics for success and systems to track and respond to those indicators</p>	<p>- Institutional Research is continuing to work on creating reports to reflect the new outcomes-based performance metrics that were shared with the board. -Meanwhile the 21/22 Institutional indicators (this is the document that reflects the metrics that the college has been tracking for a number of years now) is available the UCC website here.</p>
<p>Replace the expiring strategic plan with a plan that enables UCC to be nimble and responsive to students, community, and market forces</p>	<p>-The college is looking at several models as a template for both the format and content of the new strategic plan. A workgroup will convene in October to begin work on the strategic plan refresh.</p>
<p>Add one new bachelor's degree partner in a career pathway that meets a community workforce need.</p>	<p>-Work has not yet begun on this goal</p>
<p>Create a project plan for new 'UCC Front Door and Welcome Center' capital project</p>	<p>-The college found out that the UCC front door capital construction project has been included in the higher education coordinating commission's recommendation or funding in the 2023-25 biennium. -A team will now be formed to begin to plan out a capital campaign to match the expected \$8 million from the state fund.</p>

<p>Ensure a positive 7-year accreditation outcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Preliminary reports are currently in draft form in order to be ready to submit to the NWCCU in December. -Teresa Rivenes' expertise is invaluable to UCC as it works to prepare for the April accreditation visit.
<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCC has taken back over the role of fiscal agent of the STEAMhub. In addition, for the short term, the STEAMhub will be a program of UCC. A new Director has been hired and UCC is working with the state to onboard and train the new person and ensure fidelity of offerings across the community. - The bleacher replacement project has been pushed back to occur over winter break given the number of gym events and potential disruption to the athletics calendar. -The college enjoyed a great kick off day on Monday September 19th including a presentation on Gen Z by Dr. Tim Elmore. Campus employees were in attendance along with members of the community from K-12, non-profit and UCC foundation board members. - I am excited to share the news that the first new group of students are enrolling at Wolf Creek Job Corps and will be arriving on site at the end of this month! Job Corps plans to on-board 8 new students every other week, and when social distancing requirements are relaxed, they will start on-boarding 12 students every other week. - The nursing department was able to double the number of slots in the Certified Nurse Assistant program from 10 to 20 this term based on student demand. - UCC has entered into an agreement with the ESD to create a shared full-time position. The position will teach at the Wooley Center part time and also fill a career-connected learning position of the ESD part time to make one full time position. The position will be located at the Wooley Center and will help Wooley students connect to jobs. - Please join the campus and community on Thursday September 29th to serve and remember those we lost on October 1st, 2015. You can find all of the information here to sign up to volunteer and we encourage you to attend the lunch on campus that day. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.