College Redesign

# Virtual Town Hall Forum

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Hartnell College - A Student Centered Institution (Dr. Rodriguez & ASHC President Hernandez)

- Student Success Goals (Dr. Rodriguez)
- Institutional Priorities (Senate President O'Donnell)

College Redesigns (presented by faculty, staff and administrators)

Concluding Thoughts (Dr. Lofman)

Questions



#### What is College Redesign?

- Hartnell College's expanded approach to guided pathways work
- Continuous improvement philosophy that encourages faculty, staff, administrators, and students to work collaboratively
- Everyone is asked to reflect on, celebrate, and challenge significant features of the institution's organizational culture, structure, and practices

### AND

- Develop systems, processes, and pedagogies that will have a more meaningful impact on the student experience, and result in greatly increased student success and the closing of equity gaps

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#### Why is College Redesign so critical, and what will it take?

- If we continue to do business as usual at the College, we will never have sufficient resources to equitably and effectively serve all our students.
- We pledge our commitment to college redesign and guided pathways work toward the aims that each student has the maximum, equitable opportunity to succeed; that every equity gap is entirely closed; and that systemic injustice is completely eliminated.
- Closing equity gaps and ensuring success for all students will not be easy, as it challenges us to modify and improve what we do, not from the outer edges, but rather from the core of our essential activities.
- Each employee, group, and unit at the College is encouraged and expected to be proactive in bringing about a more student centered institution.



From governing board and strategic plan

- **I** Increase student completion
- **II.** Increase student completion efficiency
- III. Increase student transfer
- IV. Increase career and employment opportunities



Institutional priorities translate the student success goals into specific actions, i.e., college redesigns, that are anticipated to have the greatest beneficial impact on the student experience and student outcomes

### They should:

- Be reflected in the primary thrust of senior leadership efforts
- Drive participatory governance agendas and institutional conversations
- Be afforded special consideration in resource allocation decisions



- > What are we moving away from?
- > What are we moving toward?
- → What is the desired impact on the student experience and outcomes?



# Embed student centered approaches and weave diversity, equity, and inclusion into teaching and operational practices



<u>Moving Away From</u> Remediation coursework in English and Math, student deficit mindset

Moving Toward

All students complete transfer level English and Math in their first year, student ready college mindset

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Contribute to student belief that they can succeed, increase persistence, increase completion on timely basis



Curriculum framed as correcting deficits or bestowing knowledge, course descriptions designed for accreditors and academic audiences, course content that excludes contributions and impacts on communities of color

#### Moving Toward

Curriculum that empowers students with diverse knowledge and abilities, welcoming course descriptions inviting students to engage, content that acknowledges the realities of racism, assignments and assessments that connect to students' varied backgrounds and experiences

#### **Desired Impact On Student Experience**

Students feel they belong in the college, explore DEIA topics in the course, take ownership of learning, are assessed in multiple ways, have unnecessary obstacles removed.



Unclear information on course sequencing

# **Moving Toward**

# Clarity and transparency in recommended course sequencing

# <u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Better understanding of courses required, which order to take courses, and when completion may occur



Challenge for students in selecting an academic program to major in from among a large number of programs

#### **Moving Toward**

Choice of meta major that includes a subset of related academic programs at the College, which will better inform the student's program selection

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Focus on program that will best meet career interests and/or transfer goal, support for students through their chosen pathway



Student experiences off-track from educational goal, faculty interaction with students mostly at the level of a few discrete courses

### Moving Toward

Faculty connect each course to the broader universe of program requirements within the meta major, guide students to a rich learning experience and introduce hands-on learning

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Students achieve sense of belonging and purpose within their chosen meta major, increase student retention and completion



Piecemeal approach to connecting students to resources and support, lack of a core structure for supporting all students through their academic pathway

#### Moving Toward

A network for intentional connections, systematic engagement, and meaningful support for all students (college navigation, building connections, tools for success, building skills)/GPS teams embedded in meta majors

#### **Desired Impact On Student Experience**

Support for the whole student; increase success, retention, completion, and completion on timely basis



<u>Moving Away From</u> Services and resources that serve small numbers of students

Moving Toward

Services and resources that efficiently serve increasingly large numbers of students, including expanded online and hybrid approaches

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> More students receive services and obtain resources when required



Student reliance to obtain important information by navigating poorly designed website or needing to contact various offices/persons

<u>Moving Toward</u> Student centered website experience, website includes expanded content and coherent information

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Students easily navigate the website, and quickly find relevant and useful information



<u>Moving Away From</u> Lack of clarity for students entering higher education pathways

<u>Moving Toward</u> Curated first year experience with intentional connections to resources, information, and services

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Reduce external obligations and concerns so that students can focus on their studies, support full-time enrollment, increase completion on timely basis



Career relevant experiences focused largely on CTE programs and coursework

Moving Toward

Career hub to connect increased numbers of students to applied learning opportunities and career information and employment resources across meta majors

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Increase connection between coursework and careers



Career exploration and transfer information provided largely to students who happen to find their way to Transfer and Career Center

## <u>Moving Toward</u>

A more robust Transfer and Career Center

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Increase students who are provided with useful and timely career exploration and transfer related resources



# Promote an institutional culture of innovation and data informed decision making that ensures delivery of robust, highly relevant value-added programs and services



<u>Moving Away From</u> Informing some students when they are approaching completion

<u>Moving Toward</u> Structured mechanism for informing all students when they approach completion (75% of coursework completed)

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Fewer students take unneeded courses, more students retained, increase student completion and on timely basis



# <u>Moving Away From</u> Disjointed and broad data

# <u>Moving Toward</u> Systematic and focused data

# Desired Impact On Student Experience Improve programs to better serve students



# <u>Moving Away From</u> The need to rely upon requests for data

## **Moving Toward**

Dashboards available for and accessible to faculty and staff for identifying student success and equity gaps, enhance action-taking capabilities

# <u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Increase student success, close equity gaps



# <u>Moving Away From</u> Hard copy paperwork and slow paperwork processing

# <u>Moving Toward</u> Online forms/templates and virtual signatures

# <u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Streamline workflow, faster processing of student requests



# Fully engage employees in the collaborative work of the College as a learning organization, and foster a culture of civility and respect that includes accountability for unacceptable behavior



<u>Moving Away From</u> Limited, somewhat disjointed employee onboarding and orientation process

<u>Moving Toward</u> Coherent process for onboarding and orientation, greater focus on the College vision for student success

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Employees recognize and appreciate their role in contributing to student success from day one



<u>Moving Away From</u> Unstated standards for civil communication, disrespectful communications in email and at meetings

<u>Moving Toward</u> Shared understanding of the importance of civil communication, and application of code of communication

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Learn how to uphold and contribute to civil communication at the College



Primary focus on individual professional development and opportunities

### <u>Moving Toward</u>

Increased opportunities for cohort based and institutional focused professional development opportunities

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Learn collaboratively and work together toward the College's vision for student success



# Moving Away From Division based council structure

<u>Moving Toward</u> System designed around the College's vision for student success and continuous improvement

Desired Impact On Student Experience Greater institution-wide coordination to focus on student success and closing equity gaps



# Broaden the fulfillment of the district's unmet educational needs by more effectively serving the adult, nontraditional population



# <u>Moving Away From</u> Reliance on jobs situated in a specific campus or center

# <u>Moving Toward</u> Jobs that can more flexibly serve student needs

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Students served more equitably across the district, including in expanded and new centers



Focus on welcoming students at main campus, catering largely to "traditional" students

Moving Toward

Expanded welcome center to include online presence with explicit recognition of adult student needs

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> More adult students, and more students overall, access welcome center services, smoother transition to the College



# <u>Moving Away From</u> Focus on year-to-year divisional budgeting

# Moving Toward

Greater emphasis on resource allocation aligned with the College's vision for student success and institutional priorities

<u>Desired Impact On Student Experience</u> Greater resources flow to help students succeed and close equity gaps



- Need to be flexible from the initial idea through the execution of each redesign, yet stay true to the overarching aim
- Importance of embedding redesigns into everyday work
- > Can't do all redesigns at once
- There's no specific order of redesigns that's best
- Implementing one redesign may result in the need to make other changes





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