



Northland Community & Technical College Community Advisory Committee

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6:30pm
EGF #315

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right idea - through!*

Membership: Bob Boyd, Dan Schenkein, Henry Tweten, Diane Blair, Karla Selk, Betty McDonald, Steve Gander, Pat Balstad, Walt Aanenson, Steve Alston, Jerome Gunderson, Loren Abel, Mary Fontes, Jan Gullickson, Jim Richter, Kent Hanson

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
1. Introductions		Each person introduced their self.
2. New College Status-Report	Kent	<p>July 1, 2003, EGF merged with NCTC of TRF and became a comprehensive community and technical college.</p> <p>We are in the process of building an organizational structure and aligning curriculum.</p> <p>We are very glad participants are here to help us shape our direction.</p> <p>Kent stated that it is very important that we are well grounded in the community and thanked the committee for being here.</p> <p>Jan thanked Henry Tweten for his part in making this college happen back in the 60's and for his vision.</p> <p>Jan stated that the colleges and universities of MnSCU have been challenged by the Chancellor to connect with community.</p>
3. Mission & Purpose of the Committee		<p>Purpose of this committee? Steve Alston stated that through this committee participation, we hope to identify <u>the Mission of where we want to go as a college</u>. We are unique in serving the greater metro area as GF does not have a 2 year college. We are looking for opportunities to better connect and serve the community.</p> <p>How can we connect with UND?</p> <p>On the business side, what are the needs you see in the community?</p>

Programs needed?

Individual courses needed?

Ways to be out in the community?

Steve stated that through service learning connecting with volunteerism in community would be very beneficial for students. When thinking about the mission, think quite generally to help guide us to move forward.

We had 18% increase in enrollment this year, FY04.

Jan asked for any questions or comments from the committee.

It was asked if we had good harmony between the divisions on campus. Loren Abel, Carpentry Instructor, stated that we are like one big happy family. He also stated that perhaps on the outside there is concern that the college is leaning more toward health programs. Steve stated that we have division chairs and Steve sees them working very well together. He stated that there is a good atmosphere here, a plus overall for the institution.

Dan Schenkein asked how quickly this institution can respond to the needs of an employer either by expanding our programs or starting new. Pat Balstad stated that she feels we can respond very quickly.

Henry added that the city of GF could utilize this school to expand its industrial base, as EGF should go over to GF. It is very important to educate the general public, our legislators, congressman and senators that if we are to be competitive we need to educate our people. Henry stated that institutions can change the quality of life through education. Good education will generate a good economy.

Jan stated that the community must make us accountable, hold us to task. She also stated that we are not competing with UND, but we need each other.

Jim Richter asked how to we measure the success of this institution. Mary Fontes stated that we need to do a better job at follow-up. Right now student success is measured with placement and follow-up statistics.

Jan stated that this campus has the largest number of programs requiring outside accreditation. That would be another measurement for our success..

Are we meeting the demand of the employers? Pat Balstad said satisfactory rate is around 98%

in custom training.

Steve Gander asked how this institution would pursue finding needs of community.

Henry stated, make a 2 yr carpentry program for a better trained person. This person would possibly go into construction. Maybe should expand programs in the construction field; OSHA, Workers Comp, Construction Management. Could conceivably have an entire other cluster; waste management. Henry thinks a big area is medical/health, more possibilities. Will mushroom due to longevity of the population.

Diane Blair asked where the physical plant falls into the growth. Kent stated that in the evening we can handle about 300 more students. Daytime is pretty full. Last budget round we submitted projects to expand in the health area to build a Truck Driving, emergency driving range, and fire tech tower. We will be upgrading our request this year and will need to make room for general ed/liberal arts students, which we will be getting many more of.

The question was asked: "Is there funding at the state level for expanding?" Kent stated that we will do our best to get high on the list for expansion due to our large enrollment increase.

Steve Alston stated that the institution is enhanced by Custom Training working with academic affairs.

Jan stated that we will continue to operate in a cooperative way with other colleges and universities in the region. If EGF may not have the courses/programs that businesses are looking for, maybe other institutions in the region can assist.

We have very strong faculty working in distance education; we have been ahead of the curve in this area.

Pat Balstad stated that a good example of connection with community is through a new program, Industrial Maintenance, which has 3 levels; Certificate, Diploma and AAS. The program will begin this fall, FY05. Jim Richter asked if any company has offered to donate a piece of equipment to the program.

Henry stated that Dan and the GF Chamber should be invited to the EGF campus for a tour.

		<p>Jan asked for a one word statement to describe what the Vision for the college would be in 5 years: Benchmark... Responsive, Seamless, Action, Relevant, Partner, Career Focused, Innovative, 2000!, Flexible, Quality, Connected, Copied</p> <p>What is your mission as an advisory committee... Ambassadors to constituents and communities Outside perspective Foundation Advocates Involved Partner Lobbyists Draft Mission Statement: <i>The mission of the East Grand Forks Area Community Advisory Committee of Northland Community and Technical College is to serve as active college ambassadors and advocates to constituents from all areas and to provide an outside perspective as involved partners in advancing the college and the communities it benefits.</i></p> <p>Walt asked what is the process of bringing any suggestions to reality.</p>
4. Long Term Planning		What role are demographics playing in long range planning? Kent, big part.
5. Next Steps		Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 6-8pm at EGF (meetings will be held the 3 rd Monday of each month, except for January)
6. Next agenda		<p>It was suggested to meet every other month until the long range plan is developed. How long will it take to move suggestions through?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Process for starting new programs; no child left behind (paraprofessionals) 2. History and Curricula Offered with Trends – snapshot of demographics 3. Facilities plan 4. Talk Back - members

Next Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2004, 6-8pm, EGF Campus