Dr. Simpson Presents Institutional Effectiveness Data, Highlights

The President’s report to NOCCCD Trustees on Tuesday night focused on the Student Success Scorecard and the Annual Report.

In a presentation to Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District on Tuesday night, Dr. Simpson presented data from Cypress College’s Institutional Effectiveness Report and shared highlights from the 2012-2013 Annual Report.

In recent years, Cypress College has presented a locally-designed Dashboard of Institutional Effectiveness to share key measures of the College’s performance. This year, however, information from the Student Success Scorecard was used instead. The Scorecard is a statewide effort in accountability, and it was utilized as a significant portion of our Institutional Effectiveness Report.

Dr. Simpson covered five key areas of the Scorecard, which utilizes a 6-year cohort to compare Cypress College's performance with outcomes statewide. The five areas are: completion rates; persistence rates; the 30-unit academic milestone; remedial education; and Career Technical Education.

Completion
Cypress College’s overall completion rate is 48%. However, the completion rate among the “prepared” cohort is 69.2%, nearly 30% higher than the “underprepared” cohort. The difference mirrors the state averages, where completion rates among prepared, underprepared and overall are 71.2%, 41.1% and 49.2% respectively.

Persistence
Cypress College performed slightly better than the state averages across those three measures when looking at academic persistence. Prepared students at Cypress College persisted at a 69% rate, while 75.1% of unprepared students persisted. The overall campus rate was 71.6%. The statewide persistence rate is 62.2%, 67.3% and 65.8% for the prepared, underprepared and overall categories, respectively.

30-Unit Milestone
Looking at students who reach the milestone of completing 30 units, the performance of Cypress College students is marginally better than the statewide average. The percentage of 30 unit completers at Cypress is 71.5%, 68.5%, and 69.2% respectively for the prepared, underprepared, and overall categories. Statewide, the averages are across 70.1%, 65.1% and 66.4%. In each of the three categories described so far, the achievement gap by race/ethnicity is noticeable. Reducing the achievement gap is one of the strategic initiatives of Cypress College.

President’s Open Forum
Dr. Simpson will hold an open forum on Monday, November 18, from 2-4 p.m. in CCCPLX-419.

Scorecard: 30-Unit Milestone
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Spring 2014 Schedule of Classes Available Online, Expected in Print Prior to Thanksgiving Holiday

Cypress College’s 2014 Spring Schedule of Classes is available on the College’s website as an Adobe PDF file. The document can be downloaded for free.

The print version is expected to be completed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, and will be sold in the Bookstore for $2.

Spring-semester classes begin the week of January 27, 2014, with late-start courses starting February 10, and second “Half-Semester” instruction getting underway during the week of March 23.

Registration begins November 25. Students are encouraged to check their myGateway accounts for the specific date and time that they may begin registration through the myGateway portal.

The full schedule can be viewed at: http://news.cypresscollege.edu/Documents/2014_CC_spring_schedule.pdf.

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Scorecard: Remedial Education

In terms of basic skills, a low success rate in mathematics is seen across all student demographic categories, and is a major cause of concern. This trend is consistent with results statewide. Although the performance of Cypress College students is better than the state averages, the low success rate warrants critical evaluation of the effectiveness of the standard sequencing of low-level math courses. The success rates for English and ESL are significantly above state averages.

Scorecard: Career Technical Education

Career Technical Education also performed at a higher rate than the state average — nearly 9 points better at 63.9%, compared to 5%. In fact, in nearly every CTE category, Cypress College’s results were better than the state averages. Perhaps of even more interest, while the achievement gap and differential student performance is reflected in the rates of student success in the areas of Math, English, and ESL, in the area of CTE, the achievement gap vanishes as consistent success is reflected in all student demographics.

Annual Report

The College’s Annual Report also reflected significant changes, both in design and content. Dr. Simpson highlighted five chapters of the report: Facilities, Athletics, Workforce Development, Student Success, and Academics.

Annual Report: Facilities

In the area of facilities, Dr. Simpson reported that Cypress College has established itself as a statewide leader in the areas of energy efficiency and environmental responsibility. The College has reduced its carbon footprint dramatically, by an estimated 73,800 metric tons projected in 2017. The campus’ electricity consumption has been cut by more than 50% in the past three years, which will result in projected annual savings of $1.2 million by 2017.

Annual Report: Athletics

Dr. Simpson noted three areas of pride in from the Athletics chapter. In 2012-2013, the women’s water polo team earned a Scholar Team nomination in the Orange Empire Conference, continuing a tradition of classroom achievement among athletes. At the top of the list of athletic accomplishments is the state championship earned by the baseball team. The team was a lone out away from being eliminated in the Super Regionals, and, in fact, barely made the playoffs at all. They caught fire and went undefeated in the state Final Four tournament, bringing home our 5th baseball state championship.

Reflecting prowess in individual competition, swimmer Jacelyn Youngerman won the state championship in the 50 yard freestyle. She competed in several events at the state meet and established a number of school records along the way. She has transferred from the College and is continuing her education at Cal State Bakersfield.

Annual Report: Workforce Development

Workforce Development was a third chapter shared by Dr. Simpson. Cypress College’s CTE programs are strong across the board. Of particular note this year are the accomplishments of Cypress College students in a variety of Health Science Division programs. Students in these areas are required to take state and/or national licensure exams when they complete their studies, and in five different programs, students attained perfection with 100% of the class passing their board exams. The programs are: Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Health Information Technology, and Mortuary Science. The first-attempt pass rate for Nursing students and Psychiatric Technician students were also very impressive at 94% and 84%, respectively.

Annual Report: Student Success

Student Success was most-significantly impacted by the adoption of Proposition 30 a year ago. During the deep and persistent budget-cut years, the College had attained maximum efficiency in regards to filling courses, with fill rates reaching — and sometimes exceeding — 100%. This was due to excessive unmet demand for our classes. As course offerings expanded, a strategic approach to the enrollment management process at the College was implemented by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. The staff reviewed enrollment data to understand and identify where students were having the greatest difficulty obtaining classes. This review informed the expansion of course offerings at the College.

Annual Report: Academics

Finally, Dr. Simpson highlighted the Academics chapter. He noted the College’s enrollment efficiency continued as resources returned and offerings were expanded. 96.3% of all available seats were taken by students during the spring 2013 semester after 48 additional sections were added to the schedule. During the academic year, the College also approved 32 new courses, revised 435 additional courses, approved 11 new Associate Degrees for transfer, approved 4 new certificates and degrees, and revisied an additional 44 certificates and degrees.

“Our year is always highlighted by our commencement ceremony,” he closed. “For 2012-13, 964 Cypress College students earned an associate’s degree, and the College awarded an additional 813 occupational certificates. Faculty, staff and student dedication culminated with the 46th College Commencement, which was held in our beautiful Gateway Plaza on May 31, with over 200 students participating in the ceremony.”

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
Report to North Orange County Community College District Trustees on the Cypress College Institutional Effectiveness Report and the 2012-2013 Annual Report
Cypress College
Going Green
Cypress College
International Students Program
& International Club present
“IEW Celebration”

Discover new cultures. Expand your vision.

• Learn Origami (Japan), Papel Picado (Mexico), and African Beads!
• Learn how to decorate cookies and make tea, the English way!
  • View traditional outfits from around the world
  • Enjoy dance/musical performance(s)

Surprise Door Prizes Announced at the End of the Event!

Thursday, November 21, 2013
2:30 – 4:00 pm
CCC #414

2013-2014 INNOVATION FUND PROGRAM KICK-OFF EVENT

Featuring Dr. Terry O’Banion

- President Emeritus of the League for Innovation in Community College
- Inspiration for four national student award scholarship opportunities
- One of 11 Change magazine’s “Idea Champions,” the only CC leader on the list
- Nationally acclaimed dynamic speaker and author
- Consultant to over 800 community colleges in the United States and Canada

The “YOUR NEXT BRIGHT IDEA COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING” event will inspire faculty, staff and educational leaders to bring their best ideas to reality... and enrich student success! Dr. Terry O’Banion offers practical ways to:

- Explore and incorporate innovation into educational settings
- Communicate and implement bright ideas
- Envision, promote and increase student success and the completion agenda

Monday, December 2, 2013
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cypress College Theater, 9200 Valley View Drive, Cypress, CA 90630

A FREE – Once in a Lifetime Opportunity
IT'S NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Cypress College
12:30pm-2:30pm Location: Bridge

Associated Students will be hosting an event in collaboration with the Native American Institute located in Fullerton, CA. Please join us and embrace the Native American culture!!

LET'S BE A MORE DIVERSE CAMPUS!
The District Staff Development Committee presents a 90 minute hands-on workshop on staying compliant with Federal Law ADA 508. This workshop will be facilitated by Terence Gleason and is designed for faculty and staff who provide website access to students.

This workshop will provide an overview of the available resources available for required accessibility. It is designed for all knowledge levels and will use *myGateway* site studio, *Blackboard Learn* 9.1 and public facing websites.

Participants will learn, discuss, and practice:

- **General Access Strategies** - text, images, audio, video and complex media types
- **Accessibility Principles** - Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, & Robust for all students
- **General Tools** - adding alt. tags, images and titles, captions, and long descriptions
- **Auditory Tools** - adding text transcripts of spoken dialogue for audio files
- **Visual Tools** - adding captions to video using YouTube

Participants will take away resources, guidelines and references for future use

To register please use the District-Wide Staff Development Registration Calendar under the employee tab on *myGateway*. Please contact Kenneth Robinson, Chair, District Staff Development Committee should you have any questions at (714) 808-4830 or krobinson@noccdd.edu
Save the Date

Jeffrey O. Horsley
Vice Chancellor of Human Resources
North Orange County Community College District

Retirement Open House

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
NOCCCD - Anaheim Campus

To request an invitation or more information, please contact Sandy Cotter, Human Resources
(714) 808-4826 or scotter@nocccd.edu