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Highlights of the October 14, 2013 Steering Committee meeting

Dr. Bev Van Citters presented a synopsis of "*The Heart of Student Success: Teaching, Learning, and College Completion*", a 2010 publication from the Center for Community College Student Engagement. The article explored the definition of college success; characteristics of community college students; strategies to promote learning that matters; and teaching and learning matters. Some of the key points of the research include:

- The fact that the Obama administration, the Lumina Foundation, and the Gates Foundation are all contributing to the collective focus on increasing the percentage of the U.S. population that possess post-secondary credentials;
- The benefits of having faculty members from similar backgrounds serve as role models for students;
- Suggestions to strengthen classroom engagement by raising expectations; promoting active and engaged learning; emphasizing deep learning; encouraging the building of personal student connections; and providing student feedback;
- Recommendations for implementing systematic change at a community college

The committee discussed the definition and measurement of engagement at Citrus College as well as how the results from CCSEE could be utilized to make institutional improvements.

Dr. Van Citters executive summary may be viewed at:

<http://www.citruscollege.edu/info/Employees/Documents/VanCitters-LitReview.pdf>

The committee decided to invite Dr. Robert Johnstone, Founder and President of the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement (NCII), to share his vision and experience regarding student success and completion in community colleges. We are looking forward to his insight and guidance as we begin to lay the groundwork for the Citrus College Institute for Completion. Dr. Johnstone has an extensive background in completion research and currently serves as project lead for several national initiatives on completion. His visit is made possible by support from the college Foundation's President's Circle.

Other new business included the approval of the purpose statements for the Academic Senate and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee as well as the approval of several Board Policies and Administrative Procedures regarding reporting of crimes, sexual and other assaults on campus, and registered sex offenders.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013, at 2:45 p.m. in CI-159.

The minutes of Steering Committee meetings may be viewed at:

<http://www.citruscollege.edu/admin/president/steering/Pages/default.aspx>