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Highlights of the November 25, 2013, Steering Committee meeting

ASCC President, Tyler Hernandez, and ASCC Vice President, Alejandra Morales jointly led a College of Completion Literature Discussion on "No College Student Left Behind: The Influence of Financial Aspects of a State's Higher Education Policy on College Completion" by Marvin Titus. For the article, Marvin Titus utilized national datasets to explore the relationship between student completion rates and state fiscal policy for funding institutions of higher education.

In his summary of the article, Mr. Hernandez highlighted the following affirmations made by Titus: a student's pre-collegiate performance is a good indicator of collegiate performance; the socioeconomic status of a student impacts the success rate of students; unmet financial aid needs have negative effects on whether a student will complete a program, as do the number of employment hours worked; and finally, a student's success rate and the level of satisfaction with his/her freshman year are positively and directly related.

Mr. Hernandez outlined two major conclusions of the article: the heavier an institution's reliance is on tuition for revenue, the greater its efforts are to retain students; and, second, the more institutions are left to rely on tuition for revenue, the higher the increase in state financial aid funding, which in turn creates a positive correlation in completion outcomes. Performance-based funding is discouraged, as it is seen to have a negative impact on this cycle.

A proposal to transition the Program Review Task Force to a standing committee of the Steering Committee was introduced and approved. The new Program Review Committee will provide guidance, training, support, and oversight of Institutional Support Program Review, Instructional Program Review, Instructional Support Program Review, and Student Services Program Review. The committee membership will include representatives from a broad range of constituency groups.

A revised 2013-2014 Academic Calendar, which changed the spring 2014 semester start date to February 17, 2014 was approved. The change was necessary in order to meet the March 3, 2014 census date and will not affect faculty or class schedules.

The Educational Programs Committee's (EPC) revised purpose statement for the 2013-2014 year, which updated the Enrollment Management Committee description, was also approved.

Changes to Board Policy 4106 - Nursing Programs and Board Policy 5010 - Admissions and Concurrent Enrollment were approved. Revisions to five Administrative Procedures were reviewed as informational items.

The minutes of Steering Committee meetings may be viewed at:
<http://www.citruscollege.edu/admin/president/steering/Pages/default.aspx>