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Did You Know?

Hazard and Lees College Campus libraries have *What Excellent Community Colleges Do* by Joshua S. Wyner which describes the best practices of the ASPEN prize top 10 Community College nominees. A book summary report is attached above or check it out in the Library!

SACSCOC Corner

The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Development Team presented the QEP proposed future state at the HCTC staff and faculty meetings on April 24 and to the Academic Leadership Team on April 27. Based on HCTC employee feedback received, the proposed QEP scope was refined from orientation and a first-year experience (FYE) course to only include a FYE course (orientation will continue but not as part of the QEP). Further QEP refinements will be made as the President's Cabinet reviews the proposed QEP future state during Summer 2015, and HCTC employees will be updated on the refinements in Fall 2015.

2015-2016 President's Cabinet Strategic Planning Day

The IEPR unit facilitated the 2015-2016 President's Cabinet Strategic Planning Day with the HCTC President's Cabinet on Tuesday, June 23. A 2015-2016 HCTC institutional priority strategic visioning brainstorming session was conducted to develop 2015-2016 institutional priorities and high-level action steps to support them. An additional 2015-2016 institutional priority strategic visioning brainstorming session will be held with the HCTC Leadership Team and the President's Cabinet in Fall 2015 to continue the work first started in the President's Cabinet Strategic Planning Day. The intent is to define the HCTC 2015-2016 institutional priorities and utilize the information when developing the *HCTC 2016-2022 Strategic Plan*.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

President Cabinet Unit Assessment Plans, except Academic Services, are due in Compliance Assist by July 15, 2015. All Student Services sub-unit Assessment Plans are due by July 31, 2015. The Academic Services Assessment Plan is due August 15, 2015 and all Academic Services sub-unit Assessment Plans are due by August 31, 2015.

A summary report was also given on Joshua W. Wyner's *What Excellent Community Colleges Do: Preparing All Students for Success* book which draws on the insights and evidence gained in administering the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The Aspen Prize's four domains of excellence include degree completion, equity, student learning, and labor market success, and Wyner identifies best practices utilized by Aspen Prize finalists in each area. The summary report also included suggestions for improving HCTC student success, questions to consider to improve student learning, and data research questions. (Summary Report Attached.)

Monthly IEPR Reports

The IEPR Pulse Newsletter provides key highlights from the IEPR monthly reports. For additional detail, click on the individual monthly reports attached in the email.



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