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**Update on the Strategic Planning Initiative at City College**

We are now a few weeks into our process and, as promised, I want to keep you informed of the progress. In short, everyone involved has quickly jumped into the various projects with enthusiasm and innovative thinking and all teams are moving ahead as planned. Briefly:

- The Academic Prosperity Committee is developing a framework by which to judge existing curriculum and related academic structures and approaches, with an eye toward outlining an academic plan for the college.
- The Student Success Committee is establishing the measures to ascertain the level of student success currently and will shortly launch design teams to enhance all related functions.
- The Financial Health Committee is reviewing the historical balance sheet of the college and viewing it in light of more difficult economic times and reduced contributions from the city and state ahead.
- The Culture of Excellence Committee is analyzing the cultural climate on campus among all constituencies - students, faculty and staff - and is currently seeking input on both the current status and the future desired status at City College.

Overseeing matters are the Steering Committee and the Senior Leaders Advisory Committee. The Steering Committee is comprised of internal and external stakeholders - including those from the community - to provide guidance to the project and actively support the resulting changes. The Senior Leaders Advisory Committee is composed of deans and vice presidents who will monitor the teams' progress and also ultimately support the resulting vision.

Over the next couple of months, all committees will be drafting their plans with the goal of obtaining feedback and input from multiple sources after they present drafts of their individual efforts and vision within their particular areas.

I would like to personally thank all committee members for the zeal in which they have embraced this important project and I am certain we will achieve our goals of establishing a realistic and clear path to success for City College. We will continue to keep you apprised of our progress.

Sincerely,

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Interim Provost