Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

While there has been discussion for many years about CNCC providing educational opportunities in the field of agriculture, only now is there tangible movement toward accomplishing this goal. We are partnering with South Routt County High School to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture for a grant that would fund the initial elements of a program. This is an important effort on the part of CNCC to reach out to one of our distant service areas while it is also an opportunity to more fully utilize the new facilities at the Craig Campus.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting edge instruction and educational services.

CNC has now received the official Comprehensive Evaluation Report on Accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. Together with this report we also received the HLC Campus Evaluation Visit Report Form approving the move of the Craig Branch Campus from the Bell Tower to the new site on 9th Street in Craig. Also included with these reports is the HLC Embedded Change Review authorizing our on-line virtual classroom program.

By way of summary, here are the findings of the HLC Report:

1. All required criteria have been met.
2. Evidence of Core Components for all criteria has been adequate.
3. No change required in affiliation status, nature of institution, conditions of affiliation.
4. Reports will be required in one year showing progress on Presidential Advisory Council engagement, Financial Control management and the Student Complaint data collection process.
5. There was no recommendation for commission sanction or adverse action.
Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

A strategic planning committee has been formed for the purposes of conducting a formal strategic planning process in the first six months of 2013. Stakeholders will include faculty, staff and students on both Craig and Rangely campuses, citizens and taxpayers in Rangely, Meeker, Craig, Hayden and South Routt County communities, elected members of the two local junior college taxing districts, and members of the CNCC foundation. The entire process will be done under the auspices of the President and the statutory advisory council.

A professional facilitator will be engaged to guide the process. The primary inquiry of the planning process will be to develop the strategic actions that will be necessary to finance the college in a long term sustainable model for the next five to seven years.

Other News:

Within the memories of anyone at the college, the CNCC Spartans Women’s Basketball team has more wins this season to date than we have ever had.