

NCTC Thief River Falls Community Advisory Committee Minutes

October 12, 2011, Airport Campus, 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Barb Jauquet-Kalinowski, Mike Moore, Jodi Torkelson, Murray Turner, Rick Trontvet, Maryel Anderson, Bill Stock, Aliza Olson, Faith Rud, Rep. Dan Fabian, Dave Beito, Ben Anderson; Other guests present: Laura Anderson, Jon Bushy, Ryan Walseth, Cody Hempel, Tom Kays, Tom Koppenhaver

NCTC Staff present: Anne Temte, Norma Konschak, Jim Retka, Dan Klug, Cindy Cedergren, Jason Pangariella, Kent Hanson, Steve Crittenden, Gene Klink

Committee Members Absent: Harry Farris, Steve Lillestol, Laine Larson, Skip Swanson, Rob Lovejoy, Wally Sparby, Sen. LeRoy Stumpf, Eric Hjelle.

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
1. Welcome and Introductions	Everyone	President Temte welcomed everyone and explained that she had invited additional potential advisory committee members to join this discussion. Self-introductions were made by the participants.
2. President's Remarks; Purpose of Meeting	Temte	President Temte explained that the current level of state funding provides only 40% of the cost of operating the college, and tuition makes up almost 60%, compared to 67% funding and 33% tuition just a decade ago. She briefly explained that suspension of a college program means that the college has three years to examine whether the program has the potential to succeed and grow or be closed. She noted that the Cosmetology program is currently under suspension. She noted that the Aviation Maintenance Technology program was under suspension for one year, and the major factors that determined the future of that program were renewed industry connections, potential funding for expanding into the emerging unmanned aircraft systems industry, local scholarships, and significant funding for resurgence efforts from MnSCU Chancellor McCormick's office. Not all of the college's programs have those opportunities and potential to succeed.
3. Discussion groups		Participants were asked to form small discussion groups to share concerns, issues, and community perceptions about the TRF Campus, and then discuss ideas and solutions the college should explore. Jason Pangariella served as facilitator for the

		groups, and each group identified a recorder and reporter for their group. The list of ideas/thoughts reported by each group is attached to these minutes.
4. Next Steps	Temte	<p>President Temte noted that the community seems to publicly support Lincoln High School, but she perceived there is a love/hate relationship for the college. She is hoping that that perception can and will change. She reminded the group, contrary to some rumors she's heard in the community, that there is no intention of abandoning the TRF Campus. The college continues to make facility and program improvements as funding allows.</p> <p>President Temte invited participants to attend the State of the College luncheon at the college on Thurs, November 3, sponsored by the TRF Chamber of Commerce. At that time, she will present more detailed information about the current challenges and opportunities for the TRF Campus.</p>
5. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.		
6. Next Meeting		Tentative Month: March, 2012