

## Strategic Planning Committee and Curriculum Committee Meeting

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Members of the Strategic Planning Committee met with members of the Curriculum to discuss their **“hopes and aspirations for Snow College five years from now.”** Various suggestions and discussion topics are listed below.

- Do something with the strategic plan – Good idea if we actually implement results
- Career training vs. educated person?
  - Impact of on-the-job training
  - Relational impact for high school students in CTE
  - Need to make GE offerings as interesting as CTE-type courses and applicable to real life
- Two-year GE preparation to explore specifics of major and interest
- Determine our “identify”. Are we community college or transfer school?
- Snow has never been a pure community college
- Snow can be more comprehensive with both vocational and good undergraduate programs
  - Multiple campus locations will facilitate that
- Both with strong career training
- Maintain rural residential campus, life, feel, etc.
  - Strong with historic mission
  - Future life blood 4-year degree
- Hybrid courses on-line with 6-8 week hands on campus experience (summer cohort)
- “Educated person” is really determined/judged by those who hire them (We should follow-up and seek feedback)
- 4-year university on GE
- Not just state schools (transfers) – articulation agreements with colleges outside Utah
- Professor in classroom – identify
  - Sense we are moving away from this
- Niche for Snow/advantage
- GE as “necessary evil”; make GE relevant and more positive for students
- High touch but students don’t appreciate until they go elsewhere
- Snow has advantage by being 2-year college with faculty invested in teaching GE courses
- Danger of creating 3 tiers of faculty (adjunct - GE, masters level – GE and ?, and PhD’s – upper division classes)
- Challenge with qualifications of applicant pool for adjuncts in the local Sanpete/Sevier area
  - Lack education background
- Concern with quality instruction students will receive on-line

- What GE programs have outlived their usefulness?

Members of the Curriculum Committee were encouraged to attend any of the division meetings being scheduled for the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> to provide further insight and suggestions.