Academic Affairs Office Planning Goals
2012-13

Goal 1: Complete a program proposal for AS in Natural Science
Addresses: UH System goal 4.3; WCC goals 2.6, 2.7, 4.1, 4.5, 4.8; President’s Graduation Initiative

The purpose of this goal is to improve the graduation and transfer rates of students who plan to major in a natural science discipline; KCC research indicates that the AS in NS is more appropriate for such students than an AA degree because students are able to graduate with about 60 credits before transferring. The new degree will also provide a transfer level goal for students enrolled in an increasing number of certificates in STEM. WCC will be working with three other system colleges to present the Program Proposal to CCAO in early spring, 2013. This goal is carried over from 2011-12.

Measurable Outcomes: Initiate the degree by fall, 2013; over the next four years at least 25 students will earn an AS in NS.

Goal 2: Complete CC in Sustainable Agriculture
Addresses: UH System goals 4.1, 4.3, WCC goals 4.1, 4.3, 4.8; C3T goal

The purpose of this goal is to provide a program to prepare people to be successful farmers, particularly small-plot farmers. This certificate is also core to the success of the agriculture portion of the college’s C3T grant.

Measurable outcome: Program will be approved by spring, 2013; program will grant 5-8 certificates annually, plus provide training for 20 non-certificate seeking students annually.

Goal 3: Prepare and offer a variety of short-course and non-credit classes and workshops in agriculture
Addresses: UH System goal 4.3; WCC goal 4.3 and 4.8; C3T goal

The purpose of this goal is to provide a number of job training opportunities for students who have moved through the I-CAN and JIT programs and are ready to prepare for employment and career opportunities in agriculture.

Measurable outcome: C3T grant provides measurable outcomes for number of programs offering a recognized credential, number of students trained, and number of completers employed.

Goal 4: Complete ATP for AA in Visual Arts
Addresses: System goal 4.1 (Increase by 3% year number of degrees granted and transfer to UH); WCC goal 2.6, 2.7 4.1, 4.7.

The purpose of this goal is to provide a pathway for students who are focused on the fine arts to earn a degree at WCC, to be prepared for successful transfer to the UH system, and to prepare for a job in the fine arts through entrepreneur education.

Measurable outcome: approved ATP in 2013, approved Program plan in 2014, with at least three graduates/transfers by the end of spring 2014. In 2014-15 studies will provide evidence that entrepreneurship completers will have been able to partially or fully support themselves through the visual arts.
Goal 5: Continue to facilitate the incorporation of external review in degree level student learning outcomes in concert with the IEC, Chancellor, and Faculty
  Addresses: accreditation standards
  The purpose of this goal is to continue to focus on external review of learning outcomes in the AA, AS, and AAHS.
  Measurable Outcomes: At least two external review activities will take place for each degree program; faculty will be satisfied or very satisfied that outcomes are being achieved.

Goal 6: Improve completion rate for DL courses
  Addresses: WCC goal 2.1
  Purpose: data show that the completion rate for online classes remains at about 57% annually. Initiatives in faculty development and student advising will be aimed at improving the successful completion of online courses.
  Measurable Outcomes: an increase of at least 3% in successful completion of online courses over 2011-12.