Updates from the Core, Data and Excellence in Learning Teams were received.

**Core Team** - The team has come full circle and have now defined, as a group, what Achieving the Dream means for Calhoun Community College. Achieving the Dream is the same thing that each and every one of us was hired to do. Brian Gann thanked everyone for all they did to make the implementation plan come to fruition. We are waiting for feedback from Achieving the Dream and our coaches, Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Dawit Teklu. These initiatives will begin in fall 2015. Some of the implementation plan items are being developed as we speak. Now we need to determine what will be our next steps. Planning is over and now is the time to put the plan into action. The items in our plan will be measured but these are the things that we need to know as an institution. We want to achieve a 25% graduation rate. It will take time to get there but we will get there. We are now headed in the right direction and we need to keep this momentum going.

**Data Team** - Dr. Hendershot discussed the data that has been collected over the past year. She passed out information to show what data has been collected, shared and posted on our website. The Data Team is taking direction from the Core and Excellence in Learning Team to uncover what data is needed to help work on the initiatives in the Implementation Plan. We are not guaranteed success but we need to try different strategies until we find out what will work to help students become more successful and complete their goals. The Achieving the Dream network has decided to use the clearinghouse for data. This may not be as accurate or create the picture that we need to create.

**Excellence in Learning** – This team is focusing very hard on the teaching and learning aspect of the Implementation Plan. The team is also working hard on our fall in-service program. This initiative is in conjunction with the In-service Committee. Heather Congo outlined what the day will look like. Heather Congo asked that the teams go out and talk about the activities related to in-service with all employees. We need to get people excited about it. Adjunct in-service will be held in a similar fashion to full-time employees. We are hopeful that Dr. Stephen Chew will speak to that group. Heather Congo recognized the contributions of Jennie Walts and Dr. Bobbi Jo Carter. It was suggested that the Excellence in Learning Taskforce and the Distance Learning Committee meet jointly at times to work collaboratively. Their missions are very similar.

When do we want our ATD coaches to come back? It was suggested for them to come October 26 & 27, 2015. Heather Congo will make the connection to see if it is possible for Dr. Fifield and Dr. Teklu to come on those dates.

The meeting was adjourned.

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