Dr. Taylor presented a PowerPoint providing an update on the three initiatives that have been identified as Calhoun's priorities for this next year.

Developmental Education – We have reviewed the cut scores for Compass and ACT, increasing access to the MTH and ENG bridge program, especially for the lowest group of students, replace ENG 092 & RDG 085 (higher functioning) with ENR 094, Starfish early alert - pilot summer 2015, implement fall, fast track academy for recent high school graduates. The fast track academy will be piloted with 2 schools from the west side of I-65 and 4 schools from the east side.

Excellence in Learning - All faculty should have received an email that contained three questions that they needed to respond to. This will be a separate committee and will make this a faculty driven initiative. Dr. Klauber has given the committee $150,000 to help with this initiative. David Ansardi, Susan Puckett, Amy Pylant, Ken Carpenter and Kyle Long were selected for the committee. This will also serve as a clearinghouse for best practices. Attend meetings, come ready to brainstorm, getting trained in conducting student focus groups and data analysis, professional development, draft implementation plan, keep on task, be accountable. Will work heavily with the faculty senate. The committee wants to maintain transparency. What is the definition of success?

Holistic Advising – The definition of Holistic Advising is all the other parts that touch students exclusive of instruction. A consultant has been brought in to analyze processes and procedures. Dr. Jeremy Lord will be back on April 16th with a tentative plan. Freshmen orientation is being updated as well as the admissions application, financial aid TV - this is like a brief 1 - 2 minute video that discusses the various types of financial aid questions, advertising is being reviewed and communication is being reviewed. The Writing Lab will be given additional staff to help students.

The Admissions Pipeline was reviewed. In order to make improvements we need to ask questions to determine what will be best for students.

There is a lot of work to be done and we need to be able to handle all that is coming down the line. We need benchmarking data so that we can see where the improvements are needed and where success has been achieved.

The Core Team need to meet approximately every 2 weeks. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 3 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

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