



HLC: 36 Days and Counting...Did You Know?

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Did you know that CMU has a comprehensive planning process which engages the campus and broader communities, and helps the institution to improve?

Self-Study Report, Evidence Item 5C3-1: CMU developed its 2005 and 2011 strategic plans with extensive involvement of internal and external stakeholders. To facilitate a broad-based understanding and discussion of the institution's current status and future directions, the President convened eight advisory groups in April 2004 to begin development of a strategic plan for then-Mesa State College. These groups represented a cross-section of Faculty Senate members, academic department heads, administrators, Associated Student Government representatives, classified staff members, community leaders, and the CMU Alumni Association and Foundation boards.

The 2010 planning effort reflected a similar approach and broad participation. The 27-member planning committee was comprised of on-campus representatives from the faculty, administration, staff, and students as well as off-campus participants including alumni, community leaders, and business owners. Undoubtedly, the involvement of these various constituents in setting the future direction of the institution and the role CMU plays in the regional economy has contributed to the strong partnerships from which the University benefits in a variety of ways.

Evidence Item 5C3-2. CMU's operational planning and improvements incorporate input from the campus community. CMU conducts surveys frequently during the academic year, particularly of its students, to gauge how successfully various aspects of the institution are functioning and solicit suggestions for improvement... As a result of information collected via the various methods, CMU administrative staff have been responsive to concerns brought to their attention. Some of the actions the institution has addressed as a result of this effort include:

- Reconfigured spaces for student projects as part of undergraduate research;
- Added cameras to parking lots for security;
- Widened wheelchair ramps due to several ADA concerns;
- Repaired athletic venues;
- Expanded the recreation center and library (in progress);
- Added clocks to the recreation center;
- Addressed several maintenance issues in the residence hall; and
- Extended dining hall hours.

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