

## CABINET MINUTES

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

# Office of President

**To:** Cabinet, Archives  
**From:** Patricia Niewoonder  
**Subject:** Minutes of February 10, 2006 Cabinet Meeting  
**Date:** February 10, 2006

**Members Present:** Anderson, Bohnet, Collins, DeHaven, Kocher, Lay Niewoonder, Schlack and Woods

**Members Absent:** Cannell and Hutchins

### NCA Self-Study Recap

The Cabinet discussed its perceptions of the NCA site visit. The team is recommending a 10-year reaccreditation; however, concerns were raised regarding our assessment process, and the team is recommending a focused report in 2009. Other areas of concerns by the team included program review, minority recruitment and our policy for online courses. Options were discuss to address the assessment questions, including the possibility of researching the programs of at other colleges and developing an innovative thinking grant proposal focusing on retention. Bill agreed to take the lead on curriculum and assessment. Nancy agreed to take the lead on retention.

### Kalamazoo Promise and Working with Under-Prepared Students

Discussed the possibility of setting a cut-off score for students to be admitted to KVCC. Some students' COMPASS scores may be too low to have an ability to benefit at KVCC. Agreed we need to decide what we are going to do with transitional studies. Bill will bring forward a revised transitional studies innovative thinking project proposal next Tuesday.

Noted that we have opportunities to draw attention to and build upon our successful health and technology programs and need to explore grant possibilities for these areas.

### Other

- Distributed a draft report on an "Agenda for a New Michigan" and asked the Cabinet members to carefully review the document. It will be shared with community leaders this weekend who are meeting to discuss the Kalamazoo Promise. The draft report was prepared by Michigan Future, Inc., a think tank headed up by Lou Glazer, formerly with the Blanchard administration.
- Reported that the Governor's draft budget for FY 2007 was issued this week – she is recommending a two percent increase, across-the-board, for community colleges for FY 2007. KVCC's additions/renovations project for the Texas Township Campus is in the capital outlay budget.
- Reported that the M-TEC is working with potentially four new start-up companies formed by former Pfizer employees.

- Reported that Talent Bank should be up and running next week – it will be used initially for full-time positions.
- The reading/writing center has a new online learning program.
- Mentioned the number of requests KVCC is getting regarding the Kalamazoo Promise in terms of high school/community agency visits and for promotional items such as pens, pennants, t-shirts, etc. Agreed that a small committee would be formed to address some of the questions to ensure we have a consistent response to similar requests from other districts, not just KPS.
- Reported that budget discussions have begun at the Allegan ISD, including the possibility of establishing funding for a part-time recruiter/advisor position for post-secondary education.
- Authorized the submission of a grant request to the Gilmore Foundation for KAFI for 2007.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.