

CRITERION TWO – Preparing for the Future
Steering Committee Meeting Notes
12/09/09

Based on Steering Committee comments, the revised strengths and concerns are as follows:

Northwest College Prides Itself on

- **Allocating resources to expand student learning and development through technology.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - After discussion the wording of the original bullet was rewritten.
- The original bullet: “*Improving organizational efficiency through the use of technology*” was eliminated by adding “and development” to the first bullet.
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
- **A dedicated commitment by faculty & staff to planning in the face of leadership and financial challenges.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - The committee agreed to reword this bullet to more accurately describe what is being stated.
- The original bullet: “*Expanding student support programs*” was eliminated as it is addressed in another criterion.
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
- **Making significant strides in implementing plans (e.g., *The Strategic Plan, The Facilities Master Plan, The Assessment Plan, The Enrollment Management Plan, and The Web Management Plan*).**
Vote: Aye – 15
Nay - 1
 - After significant discussion the bullet remained as written with one member in disagreement.
- **Increased use of data for planning and decision making.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - The committee agreed to add the word “planning” to this bullet.
- **Support provided by the NWC Foundation to enhance teaching and learning.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - The committee reworded the original bullet to better describe the importance of the Foundation.

Northwest College Challenges Itself to

- **Create a more systematic method for collection, distribution, analysis of data for institutional decision making.**
Vote – Aye – unanimous.
 - The Committee agreed to the re-wording of this bullet.
- The original bullet “*Use research and environmental scanning information in strategic planning, development, implementation, and assessment*” was eliminated.
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - The committee agreed to eliminate this bullet.

- **Create a more systematic process for developing, updating, and integrating plans and assessing their effectiveness.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - The words “developing and integrating” were added to this bullet.
- **Continue to create a transparent budget process to achieve the strategic plan in the face of budget fluctuations.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - Through discussion the committee reworded this bullet making the statement more specific.
- **Continue to augment funding through private and governmental grants.**
Vote: Aye – unanimous.
 - The Committee felt that this bullet should be added. Sher will write a paragraph, with data provided by Sheldon, to add to the document in support of this statement.