

The College Planning Council, working in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Assessment, is planning a Big Meeting for March 20, 2009. The Big Meeting<sup>1</sup> is an important component both of the College's Institutional Effectiveness effort and of the annual evaluation of progress toward the goals and objectives in our Strategic Plan.

At the March 20, 2009 Big Meeting, college leaders from the faculty, professional staff, career service staff, and administration will be invited by the President to consider the baseline data gathered for use in evaluating the Strategic Plan for 2008-13, and review the plans developed by the various divisions and departments of the college that are aimed at achieving the strategic goals and objectives.

The Big Meeting will provide the opportunity to identify and make recommendations to the President about any missing pieces of the work to be done to achieve the strategic goals and objectives, to make recommendations regarding how the work might best be sequenced and coordinated, and to recommend any changes the group may deem advisable to the 2008-13 strategic goals and objectives and/or the evaluation plan.

The College Planning Council will provide a report to the President and the District Board of Trustees after the Big Meeting, updating the Trustees on progress made during the 2009-09 year, and, should changes be recommended to the Strategic Plan, conveying those recommendations for Board approval.

If you are interested in serving on the planning team for the Big Meeting, please contact the College Planning Council co-chairs, Jane Wiese ([jwiese@valenciacc.edu](mailto:jwiese@valenciacc.edu)) or Susan Kelley ([skelley@valenciacc.edu](mailto:skelley@valenciacc.edu)) The team will be convened in early Fall 2009.

Updates will be posted to this web site during the September 2008 – April 2009 period.

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<sup>1</sup> Valencia defines a Big Meeting as a collaborative method through which a representative group of 100 or more people are gathered to discuss data, develop ideas, and/or design processes, aimed at advancing the work of the College.