

Winter Learning Day – January 21, 2022

Questions Not Answered During Q&A Portion of President’s Address

Question	Answer
Will public transportation for Saginaw students be free or at a discounted rate?	Free
Is there any work being done to help alleviate issues with childcare and internet/tech access for our students?	Yes, both. We are looking at a variety of avenues to support student child care; and we have been advocates of enhanced broadband coverage in our area with our state and Federal representatives. We are hopeful both will improve over time.
Is there a place on the website where the bus schedule is or will be posted?	Yes, we will have something to this end.
Has there also been discussion regarding obtaining a Dental Hygiene license through a community college vs. 4-year institution?	Yes. Some discussion of increasing the legislative authority of BA degrees being granted by community colleges is actively being discussed at the state level with MCCA, and so Delta, well-represented in that discussion.
Does Delta know where we stand on the position of teaching CRT (Critical Race Theory) considering how it's been made to be controversial to certain segments of our society?	Yes...I have some national publications on this that one can find on CNN/Smerconish. Or, a podcast in which I was the featured speaker with Diverse Issues in Higher Education in which I speak about this at length: https://www.diverseeducation.com/podcasts/podcast/15114969/white-nationalism-in-higher-education-with-dr-michael-h-gavin?utm_campaign=5639&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Elogua . This is also on the President's Page.
In regards to the bus schedule - this is a long time coming. Thank you! Please be sure you also coordinate with Bay Metro bus, for our non-Saginaw students who do use the bus.	Working on it!
Completion of an associate degree prior to transfer may not always be possible based on course transferability to the transfer institution. What might you do to help push transferability of coursework with our top transfer institution?	I serve on the Michigan Community College Transfer Advisory Committee and this is the primary issue we are addressing this year.
Many times when we hear of “shortages in X workers”, what is actually happening is that there are plenty of X workers, but our society pays them so badly that they burn	Good question--I am hopeful that we begin to focus on ALICE populations and the kinds of jobs they can obtain, and in the process develop credit and non-credit programming aligned with such competencies.

<p>out, opt out, ... How will we train people for jobs that they won't be underpaid or burned out of?</p>	
<p>How do higher course capacities contribute to retention and success?</p>	<p>Our data thus far has shown that they do not. I asked that same question upon my arrival.</p>
<p>When we recruit a more diverse population of students, faculty and staff, what are we doing to create a community of inclusion once individuals are here?</p>	<p>This is included in our strategic plan.</p>
<p>Do we take dual enrollment into consideration, as students may take CC courses during HS often intend to go on to 4 year colleges as soon as they graduate HS?</p>	<p>Yes. And this is true of all other community colleges. Given this, we have immense opportunity to improve that completion number to be beyond what our counterparts' are.</p>