

CARL SANDBURG COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular Meeting – June 28, 2007

Item 9 Mission, Beliefs & Strategies

Institutional Focal Points/Goals

I-B, II-D, III-A, IV-B, V-B & C

Background

As Carl Sandburg College formally celebrated its 40th Anniversary (April 2006), several initiatives took shape designed to build upon our successful past and prepare for our future. Chief among these were the articulation of a “Vision for our Future” (see attached), as well as a commitment to revitalize our strategic planning process.

On Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, 2007, the Board of Trustees hosted a Strategic Planning “Committee Meeting of the Whole” and included a broad spectrum of internal and external constituents including: local school superintendents; local School Board members; four-year college leaders; economic development representatives; CSC Foundation Board members; CSC employees; and students. This process was led/facilitated by Mr. Jim Burgett, a nationally recognized educator and author who was twice named the school administrator of the year in Illinois.

Over the course of these two (2) days, discussions centered on the broad Mission Statement for the College, as well as the need to supplement our current Institutional Focal Points and Goals by embracing Belief Statements and specified Strategies. These meetings resulted in the attached materials which have been distributed both within and outside of the College to accommodate further feed back.

At this time, the Administration seeks formal Board approval of the Mission Statement, Belief Statements, and Strategies effective with the new academic and fiscal year, FY-2007.

Recommended Action

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the attached Mission Statement, Belief Statements, and Strategies effective July 1, 2007.