

Amarillo College Community Link
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
December 10, 2012

- In Attendance: Bob Austin, JoBeth Hill, JoAnn Cruz-Perez, Ann Hill, Josie Vongkhamphra, Nancy Brent, Zetta Riles, Susan Stevenson, Myrna Raffkind, Mary Jane Nelson, Nemo Rodriguez, Anita Perez, Marin Rivas, Olivia Castro, Linda Morgan, Maury Roman, Danette Fenstermaker, Sayra Maldonado and Aida Aldape.
- I. Maury called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced a new advisory committee member, Josie Vongkhamphra, and visitors which included JoBeth Hill, Nancy Brent, and Marin Rivas.
- II. Maury presented information on the conclusion of the Task Force meetings.
- A survey was conducted, more than 850 surveys were given out in English and Spanish; after all the data was analyzed, the Task Force met and presented the following recommendations:
 - Community Link's mission statement needs to be revised to more accurately represent what Community Link does.
 - Computer training classes are not in demand anymore; therefore, the classes will no longer be offered at Community Link.
 - Although the need for ESL classes is pronounced in NE Amarillo, this program is not leading to post-secondary/technical education at AC. It is recommended to seek alternative partners to modify the delivery of ESL services
 - The name of the program also needs to be addressed. Does the name Community Link properly relate to Amarillo College and the mission of the college?
 - Additionally, the group presented three other recommendations based on survey answers to specific questions that deal directly with issues that are affecting clients, students and residents in the northeast Amarillo community:
 - Offer tutoring and/or mentoring programs at Community Link.
 - Offer classes that will address their fears, regarding math, reading and writing at Community Link.
 - Offer assistance with Accuplacer test preparation.
 - In response to the Community Needs Assessment:
 - Dr. Kathy Wetzel has offered to help address the issue regarding developmental math. As of Fall 2013, a pilot developmental math class will begin in this location.
 - The mission statement has been revised from "to provide outreach services for economically and academically disadvantaged students" to a new mission which includes "to provide enrollment services and prepare students for college."
- III. In conclusion, we are moving in the right direction, and the future of Community Link is brilliant.
- IV. Bob Austin thanked the members who participated in the Task Force committee, and commented that these changes will be great for Community Link.
- V. Meeting adjourned.