MISSION AND PLANNING

PLANNING AT COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

Our planning process is driven by the College’s statement of mission, values, and philosophy. As we engage in the systematic process, we:

- Reflect on research and external information, such as outcomes information, self-studies, research reports, program review data, enrollment patterns, and workforce trends.
- Consider the implications of state policies and funding opportunities.
- Assess changes in the community that impact the College’s programs and services and opportunities for partnerships.
- Identify potential resource development opportunities.

Departments play a central role in planning, driving college-wide planning and budget development, program development, and other services. At the same time, departmental plans are influenced by college-wide plans, reflecting institutional foci and priorities. Every academic department and non-instructional program completes a full program review every three years with annual updates in Years 2 and 3.

The College has several college-wide planning processes, which have produced numerous plans, including the Strategic Plan, Education and Facilities Master Plan, Technology Master Plan, Staffing-Diversity Plans, Five-Year Construction Plan, Enrollment Management Strategies, Individual Facilities Plan, and Marketing Plans. Operational planning is driven by the College’s Strategic Plan, which is revised every three years. The Strategic Plan includes Strategic Goals and is used by all College divisions, departments, and work units to develop strategic objectives (action statements) that determine short-term directions and future plans of the district.

Figure 1. Decision Making at COC.