

Office of Planning and Institutional Research

PRCC MISSION
PRCC IS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATIONAL AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL WHO SEEK THEM.

Strategic Goals

- To prepare students to complete a degree or certificate program and to be successful in careers for which they have been prepared.
- To provide quality student services.
- To provide access to college courses and programs using various instructional methods, including distance education and dual enrollment/credit courses.
- To employ qualified faculty and staff, compensate them well, and provide opportunities for their professional development.
- To provide facilities, technology, and support staff in order to improve student learning, enhance faculty and staff performance, augment community services, and make college services available via the Internet.
- To improve communication among campus personnel and community members regarding the College goals, objectives, and activities.
- To recruit and retain students from a diverse population.
- To provide workforce training programs that meet requirements of business, industry, educational, and public service agencies for basic skills, specific job skills, and technical skills training.

August 2014 Faculty/Staff Professional Development

Dr. William Lewis welcomed faculty and staff during the opening of the General Session on August 11, 2014, and encouraged everyone to continue the good work to move PRCC from “Good to Great”.



Dr. Rob Kadel with Pearson gave a presentation about Education 3.0 “Learning to Think Differently; Thinking to Learn Differently”, followed by a very informative panel discussion on “Educational and Instructional Issues”.



The luncheon speaker was Mr. Clyde Webber who gave an informative and humorous presentation entitled “There’s Always Something Going On.”

Following lunch, concurrent faculty sessions were offered for general education and career/technical faculty. Dr. Lindsey Lewis provided information about the Team Approach for Customer Service to each of these groups.



Panel Discussion a Hit

Panelists, Dr. Rob Kadel, Ms. Amy Whitten, and Officer Adam Parker, provided informative overviews and expertly fielded questions from the audience dealing with student learning, legal issues of social media, and maintaining a safe campus environment conducive to student learning.

Professional Development Sessions Scheduled for Support Staff

Professional development sessions for Support Staff are scheduled at the Poplarville Campus for Friday, September 19, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria West Dining Room.

A session is also scheduled for the Forrest County Center on Friday, September 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 148 of the Allied Health Center.

Leadership Breakfast



Lee Reid is shown above speaking to faculty/staff members who participated in one of the leadership programs offered at PRCC over the past three years, which were led by him. Participants were once again afforded an opportunity to hear from Lee as he gave an inspiring charge to them "It's Not Your Title . . . People".

2013-2014 Graduate Survey

Resources for Grants:

Grants.GOV

<http://grants.gov/>

National Endowment for the Arts

<http://www.nea.gov/>

National Endowment for the Humanities

<http://www.neh.gov/>

National Science Foundation, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE)

<http://www.nsf.gov/dir/index.jsp?org=SBE>

Mississippi Arts Commission

<http://www.arts.state.ms.us/>

Mississippi Humanities Council

<http://www.mshumanities.org/>

Graduating students are asked to participate in an exit survey in order to provide information concerning their satisfaction with the educational experience they received at PRCC.

Results of the 2013-2014 Graduate Survey indicate that the top three reasons for selecting PRCC were as follows:

1. Convenient location
2. Good reputation of PRCC

3. Selection of courses offered

Results also indicated that 87 percent of graduating students surveyed would choose to attend PRCC again.

GRANTS

The Office of Planning and Institutional Research coordinates and assists as needed with the preparation of grants. Pearl River Community College (PRCC) employees who wish to apply for a grant may access the Grant Proposal Form on our website at [http://](http://www.prcc.edu/files/forms/grant-proposal-approval.pdf)

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PRCC employees needing information regarding grant proposals may contact Dr. Jennifer Seal. A listing of grant awards for Pearl River Community College can be found on

the website at <http://www.prcc.edu/institutional-research/grants>.

A grant training session will be offered at the Poplarville Campus on April 22, 2015, and at the Forrest County Center on April 21, 2015.

Congratulations to the following recipients of grant awards from Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation: Dr. Ross Setze for updating the physics labs with Vernier equipment and software to enhance instruction, and The Women's Health Symposium for the annual health conference to be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015.

Assessment Cycle

Email notification will be given concerning the 2014-2015 Assessment Cycle.

Please continue working on the assessment process. As a reminder, the courses taught only in the Fall semester will be assessed and submitted to the dropbox by Monday, December 15, 2014.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Much activity has occurred in the last year in preparation for PRCC's next Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). In the Fall 2013 semester, focus groups were conducted on all three campuses among faculty, students, and community organizations with the goal of identifying potential topics for the QEP.

In the Spring 2014 semester, Dr. Lewis appointed the QEP Topic Committee who was

charged with reviewing all suggested topics. The First Year Experience (FYE) was voted as the topic of choice by the committee and received final approval by Dr. Lewis in April 2014.

Beginning October 1, 2014, Dr. Amy Townsend will begin her role as PRCC's Director of the QEP. Early in the fall semester, members of the institutional QEP committee were appointed by Dr. Lewis. This group will hold its initial meeting on October 3, 2014. During the Fall semester,

research related to the FYE will be reviewed along with relevant institutional data. An action plan for the year will be developed and a draft of the QEP proposal to be submitted to SACSCOC will be completed. Moving forward, the chosen QEP topic will afford PRCC the opportunity to significantly impact student success and increase student learning.

Mark Your Calendar!

The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria West Dining Room.

Speaker: Dr. Roberto Gallardo
MSU Extension Service

Topic: Intelligent Communities in the Digital Age.

Tickets are \$7.00 for Chamber members and \$10.00 for non-chamber members.

Lunch and Learn

Ms. Lara Bowman with the Mississippi State University Extension Service Technology Outreach conducted an e-commerce Boot Camp for Chamber members during the summer.

Participating members were treated to in-depth training on ways to use social media to enhance their businesses. The sessions included information about Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest



and web page design. Additional e-commerce sessions will be offered

to the community in the near future.

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Upcoming Events

- Student Evaluation of Instruction
- Campus Climate Survey
- Fall 2014 Assessment Charts
- Performance Review of Supervisors
- Personnel Evaluations
- Support Staff Professional Development

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

SCHEDULE FOR EVALUATIONS

2014 - 2015

STUDENT EVALUATIONS OF INSTRUCTION

October 1 - Student Evaluations of Instruction begin

October 1— November 14, 2014 Student Evaluations of Instruction

January 7— Student Evaluations of Instruction reports distributed to administrators/supervisors

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF SUPERVISORS

January 7 - Performance Review of Supervisor links emailed to employees

January 7 - 13, 2015 - Performance Reviews of Supervisors

January 27 - Performance Review of Supervisor reports distributed to administrators/supervisors

PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS

January 27 - Personnel Evaluation forms emailed to administrators/supervisors

February 3 - Schedules for Personnel Evaluations sent to Office of Planning and Institutional Research

January 28 - March 27, 2015 - Personnel Evaluations