Did you know:

• On March 2, Dr. Townsend met with the Faculty Association to discuss how the Title III Grant will directly impact the PRCC faculty.

Integrated Learning Support Advisory (ILSA) Team:

• Wendy Aube  
• Dr. Martha Lou Smith  
• Jerryll Collins  
• Dow Ford  
• Steve Howard  
• Sonya Jordan  
• Scott Kimball  
• Archie Rawls  
• Judy Roane  
• Tara Rouse  
• Elaine Smith  
• Carol Williams

Next on the Agenda:

• Complete Student Success Center renovations by mid-April  
• Hire Learning Support Specialist  
• CAS Training for Faculty and Staff

CAPP Training Leads to Better Student Services

POPLARVILLE – During the second week of March, representatives from the PRCC Title III, Admissions and IT Departments attended a training conference held on campus by SunGard Higher Education, Inc., an organization founded on helping institutions reach their full potential through use of modern technologies and digital campuses such as Banner. Attendees learned how to implement and maintain a new module within Banner called Curriculum, Advising and Program Planning or CAPP. The implementation of CAPP is one of the main focuses of the Title III Grant. CAPP will ultimately track each PRCC student’s progress toward degree completion and will enhance the student advisement process.

“CAPP is a software program that students can use to keep a regular check on their degree progress,” stated Dow Ford, PRCC Director of Admissions and Records. “Every student should always know three basic things about his or her progress:

1) Are the courses I am taking now counting toward my degree?
2) How many courses have I completed that will count toward my degree?
3) How many more courses do I need to take in order to complete my degree?

CAPP will help students check their progress whenever they wish—in the middle of the night, while deployed to Afghanistan or when working with an advisor at PRCC or at their transfer university.”

“CAPP will enable both students and advisors to have program information at their finger tips. It will include not just the curriculum requirements but also the student’s progress toward meeting degree requirements,” said Karen Creely, Title III Information Systems Developer/Data Analyst. “It will also allow students and their advisors to do what if analyses to explore career possibilities.”

POPLARVILLE – Signs of progress are evident throughout the second floor of Crosby Hall as it undergoes a transformation from being used for storage and classrooms to housing the Title III Student Success Center.

Fresh gold and maroon paint is only one of the visible changes being made. The long passage-way through the center of Crosby Hall now contains large windows allowing the sun to shine across the entire area. New carpet is being installed. Walls are coming down to merge two classrooms into one large room that will house a state-of-the-art computer lab.

The renovations are expected to be complete by mid-April.

Renovation Update

Photos (top to bottom): Craig Tynes, Director of Physical Plant and Transportation, and Amy Townsend, Title III Director, mulling over carpet samples. BBC Company employee painting the trim around a window. New glass windows throughout the hallway.

Message from Dr. John Grant  
Vice President of Instruction

Pearl River Community College is committed to serving its students by providing opportunities for their educational progress. The efforts of the Title III program will assist students in setting their educational goals and provide the learning environment necessary for successfully reaching those goals. The Title III staff is busy planning the services that will enhance student success and overseeing the renovation of the second floor of Crosby Hall where these services will be housed. I am confident that more of our students will excel during the next few years as the services provided through the Title III program are utilized.