

Global Learner College: Global Subcommittee Minutes – July 11, 2008

Present	Morgan Chalmers, Steve Coleman, Toya Davis, Susan Heath, Jan Jasinski, Dan Koenig, Chuck McDonnell, Carol Paguntalan, Phil Wheeler
1. Overview of the Process	Dr. Koenig provided the subcommittee with an overview of the college and community-wide planning process being initiated under the auspices of the Slater Group, L.L.C., the purpose of the process, and the specific focus of the Global group. He emphasized that planning is a priority, and that this process was a “grass roots” effort, because the college leadership believes that faculty and staff working most closely with students and industry have the best available information for improvement.
2. Committee Charge	Steve Coleman discussed the tremendous opportunities that the planning process provided the PTC community to better serve the constituents it serves: high school populations, displaced workers, job training, college transfer, and partnerships/alliances being formed within the seven-county service region with business and industry. He mentioned the potential economic impact the college can have. He paraphrased Senator John Drummond who called the technical community college education system the one best poised to assist the state’s economic development during difficult times, as being in a state of “readiness,” but that it is becoming increasingly urgent we “get set and go.”
3. Focus Issues	A list of potential topics the committee might consider was suggested, but these were intended to provide direction for the committee only – they were not intended to be comprehensive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To look at the list of 39 questions provided by the Slater Group b. To consider the potential application of each to PTC c. To develop strategies for becoming a “Global Learner College” d. To look for things that are changing in the global/regional/local environment which are important to the future of the college e. To consider questions not included on the above list f. To determine how best to use college resources to assist the development of our respective communities and to secure our position within them
4. Local Issues	Distance learning potential, dual enrollment programs, alliances and partnerships with area business and industry, job training, and college transfer opportunities were discussed as having “local” importance
5. Strengthening relationships	Susan Heath discussed the wealth of resources available at the college which local business and industry were not fully aware of. She mentioned apprenticeship programs under way.
6. Image & Identity	The group discussed the importance of creating an environment of identity (internal pride in the PTC community) as a prerequisite for improving our external image in the outreach communities served by the college. Much work can be done to help the communities served better understand the college mission as distinct, though not separate from

	those institutions, alliances, and partnerships served by Piedmont. Affordability of PTC programs and new public school initiatives such as EEDA and ARC were discussed as offering possible solutions.
7. Meeting times	A brief discussion about meeting times was held. The general consensus was to continue to pursue a Friday morning meeting time, if possible.
8. Steering Committee	The college-wide steering committee meetings with the Slater Group, to be held on July 30, was discussed (with more information to follow as it became available)
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 10:10. The next meeting will be held on July 25th. Focus for that meeting would be to begin to address the 39 focus questions.