PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2015-2018



2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan

Introduction

Piedmont Technical College is focused on student success through the identification and monitoring of key performance indicators and the implementation of intermediate, just-in-time actions designed to reach annual milestones and ultimately achieve three-year target goals in four broad strategic areas: student and employee success; continuous improvement; community, workforce, and economic development; and institutional sustainability and growth.

A strategic planning process began in fall 2014 with broad-based institutional representation. The process included a review of the accomplishments of the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan: *New Directions*, the completion of a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis, and the gathering of input through Community and Student Focus Groups. The process was managed, communicated, and documented through the use of SharePoint.

After reviewing the accomplishments and focus group feedback, the Strategic Planning Leadership Team revised the current Mission Statement and presented it to the Area Commission for consideration and approval. The revision was approved on April 21, 2015. The 2015 – 2018 strategic plan includes strategic directions, mission goals, outcomes, and an action plan to improve student success to graduation. While the strategic directions serve to create a common focus, the mission goals and outcomes allow the college to demonstrate continuous improvement in institutional quality and accomplishment of the College Mission. The revision was presented to the Strategic Planning Team for feedback in late April 2015. Their input was incorporated into a final edit of the plan.

An Institutional Scorecard of key performance indicators (KPIs) has been developed and are aligned with the strategic directions of institution. Annual targets and three-year goals are being established for each KPI that will allow us to assess the progress with each institutional metric. Subsets of the KPIs have been identified and aligned with strategic plan's mission goals to measure institutional achievement of each strategic direction. The annual KPI milestone measures, updated according to local, state, and federal reporting timelines, allow for ongoing staggered data analysis and implementation of improvement actions.

Division-based work teams utilizing the membership of the strategic planning team developed research-based an action plan centered on promising community college practices related to student persistence and retention that will be implemented to ensure achievement of annual targets. Measurements and collaborative responsibility for the actions have been assigned to action plan tactics allowing for the tracking of numerous cohorts and longitudinal analysis of the actions taken. The integrated and collaborative cross divisional action plan allows for targeted assessment of institutional effectiveness.

The implementation of these improvement actions will be documented in annual operational and assessment planning and reporting at institutional, divisional, program, and departmental levels over the lifecycle of the 2015-18 strategic plan.

During the previous strategic cycle, operational and assessment planning cycle followed the calendar year. During the development of the new strategic plan, the assessment, budgeting, and reporting cycles were examined. The Strategic Planning Leadership Team offered a new reporting cycle to the Strategic Planning Team and approval was granted. The new cycle, aligned with the academic year, will be implemented in August, 2015.

Institutional Vision

We will become a premier community college with a shared commitment to create vibrant learning communities through relentless pursuit of student success and economic prosperity for all stakeholders.

Institutional Core Values

Piedmont Technical College is guided by the practice of these Core Values: (approved by PTC Area Commission, June 23, 2009)

- Leadership and Innovation
- Integrity, Accountability, and Transparency
- Collaboration and Collegiality
- Inclusivity, Diversity, & Accessibility
- Student Success and Customer Service
- Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development
- Lifelong Learning and Community Improvement
- Data-driven Decision Making
- The Ongoing Pursuit of Excellence
- Commitment to Lean Principles

Institutional Mission Statement

Piedmont Technical College transforms lives and strengthens communities by providing opportunities for intellectual and economic growth.

The College, a member of the South Carolina Technical College System, is a public comprehensive two-year post-secondary institution. Piedmont Technical College contributes to the economic growth and development of the largest and most diverse region of the technical college system, Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties and to the state. The College responds to the academic, training and public service needs of the community through excellence in teaching and educational services. Piedmont Technical College's open admissions policy provides accessibility for individuals with diverse backgrounds the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills for employment in engineering technology, industrial technology, agriculture, business, health, and public service. Piedmont

Technical College graduates develop competencies in communication, mathematics, problem solving and technology.

The College offers university transfer; associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in technical and occupational areas; college preparatory programs; student development programs providing academic, career and individual support; and custom-designed credit and non-credit programs to provide training for business and industry and to meet the needs of the community. To optimize access to higher education in the rural seven-county service area, Piedmont Technical College offers distance learning courses through multiple modes of delivery. (Revision approved by the PTC Area Commission on April 21, 2015. Approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education on June 30, 2015.)

Directions, Strategies & Tactics

Direction A: Transforming Lives

The College will play a critical role in improving the lives of its stakeholders by ensuring widespread access to our educational services; by promoting excellence in teaching and learning; and by providing responsive enrollment and student services to ensure that our students are well-positioned for success in associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates in career and technical fields, and in university transfer (*Mission Goal 1*).

STRATEGIES

A.1. Create individual graduation plans for all students to enable them to see a direct path toward their educational goals, and establish a mechanism to intervene when students are deviating from their plan.

- **A.1.1.** Analyze current business practices and software systems to identify gaps and functionality. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **A.1.2.** Identify appropriate software or other solutions to improve functionality and address gaps in business practices. (2016 17 and ongoing)
- **A.1.3.** Implement business practice improvements to mandate plans for every student. (2016-17)
- **A.2.** Introduce structured career planning and validation at pre- and post-enrollment phases to ensure students have chosen a career path that aligns with their goals.

- **A.2.1.** Design and implement a career planning system from pre-enrollment through the first term. (2015-16)
- **A.2.2.** Design and implement a career validation process from first term through third term. (2016-17)
- **A.2.3.** Pilot career readiness training for targeted programs. (2016-17)
- **A.3.** Establish a "Proactive Advising" model.

- **A.3.1.** Design a proactive advising model and pilot to selected groups beginning spring 2016. (2015-16)
- **A.3.2.** Identify an advising team and design advising model. Pilot with fall 2015. (2015-16)
- **A.3.3**. Expand the professional advising staff. (2016-17)
- **A.3.4.** Utilize physical space to create a location for advising center. (2016-17)
- **A.3.5.** Launch the proactive advising model for spring 2017 registration during the 2016 fall term. (2016-17)
- **A.3.6.** Develop and pilot a required advising process for targeted cohorts. (2016-17)
- **A.3.7.** Identify at-risk cohorts and develop intervention and support mechanisms. (2016-17)
- **A.3.8.** Examine advising model data from year 2 and design improvement actions. (2017-18)
- **A.3.9.** Examine and expand required advising concept to additional cohorts. (2017-18)
- **A.3.10.** Examine the intervention and support network and design improvement actions. (2017-18)
- **A.3.11.** Implement financial literacy interventions throughout the student lifecycle for all students. (2017-18)
- **A.4.** Create Early Connection opportunities in all programs for students to engage with program faculty earlier.

- **A.4.1.** Design a mentorship program. (2016-17)
- **A.4.2.** Design a vibrant student life program. (2016-17)
- **A.4.3.** Design and promote identified opportunities for early college participation. (2016-2017)
- **A.4.4.** Pilot a mentorship program to further support student engagement.

(2017-18)

- **A.4.5.** Implement identified opportunities for early college participation. (2017 2018)
- **A.4.6.** Implement a vibrant student life program. (2017-18)

A.5. Expand communication plan concept in use during pre-enrollment phase to include targeted communications at key points during the student lifecycle. These will include both "validation" and "alert" communications triggered by feedback gathered at each checkpoint.

Tactics:

 $\textbf{A.5.1.} \ \, -- \ \, \text{Map out and revise all student communication and extend the communication plan concept throughout the student success funnel.}$

(2015-16)

- **A.5.2.** Implement expanded communication plan based on analysis. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **A.6.** Embed ongoing orientation during the first term to provide students with structured exposure to high-impact student services and important information.

Tactics:

- **A.6.1.** Design an "Orientation to the Classroom" program that connects students with needed information and presents a mechanism for early connections to program faculty. (2016-17)
- **A.6.2.** Implement the designed "Orientation to the Classroom" program. (2017-18)
- **A.7.** Incorporate integrated student support and engagement opportunities into the learning experience to positively impact learning outcome attainment.

- **A.7.1.** Define and introduce early engagement and integrated support strategies. (2015-16)
 - **A.7.2.** Identify and implement strategies to assess general education outcomes the institution, to provide validation of program general education achievement. (2015-16 and ongoing)
 - **A.7.3.** Incorporate best practices for academic coaching, tutoring, and supplemental instruction with measureable/actionable outcomes. (2016-17)
 - **A.7.4.** Further refine and institutionalize integrated support measures that show results. (2017-18)
- **A.8.** Refine and improve the effectiveness of the college's recruitment, admissions, and new student enrollment activities.

- **A.8.1.** Develop and implement annual college-wide student recruitment plans that increase the number and diversity of applicants. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **A.8.2.** Make measurable improvement in the College's admit rates, yield, and inmetrics each year. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **A.8.3.** Plan and develop a more robust scholarship program for incoming students who fall outside the scope of the College's current scholarship criteria. (2015-16)
- **A.8.4**. Launch expanded scholarship program. (2016-17)
- **A.8.5.** Expand the number of recent high school graduates who choose to enroll at PTC (2015- 16 and ongoing).
- **A.8.6.** Improve the college's recruitment and student affairs offerings to Veterans and Military students. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **A.8.7.** Identify underserved markets in the College's service region and implement recruiting and outreach strategies designed to increase enrollment in these areas. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **A.8.8.** Supplement recruiting efforts through the application of effective marketing strategies and through the wise use of technology. (2015-16 and ongoing)

Outcome	Benchmark	Annual	2016	2017	2018	Goal Year
		Target				3
1. Increase student fall	75%	2%				80%
to spring persistence						
rate.						
2. Increase student fall	49%	2%				55%
to fall retention rate.						
3. Improve the number	Graduates:890	Graduates:				Graduates:
of completions (awards	Awards: 1100	2%				943
and graduates).		Awards:				Awards:
		2%				1166
4. Increase graduate	86%	2%				92%
placement rate.						
5. Increase market share	3.02%	+.066%				3.22%
rate.						
6. Increase fall	700	3.5%				775
unduplicated dual						
enrollment headcount						
and percentage who						
enroll after graduation.						
7. Increase high school	23%	1%				26%
graduate enrollment						
rate.						

Direction B: Supporting our People

Foster a cooperative, accessible, safe and healthy environment that enhances the awareness, understanding, and celebration of differences (Mission Goal 2).

STRATEGIES

B.1. Actively attract and engage a diverse workforce based on our mission, vision, and values.

- **B.1.1.** Expand the functionality of the human resources applicant tracking system to enhance the recruiting and on-boarding process for the success of our future workforce. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **B.1.2.** Broaden the employee applicant base by expanding recruiting resources. (2015-16 and ongoing)

- **B.1.3.** Update the college affirmative action plan to demonstrate our commitment and good faith efforts to meet established goals and eliminate employment barriers. (2015-16)
- **B.1.4.** Devise a diversity recruiting strategy to increase applicant diversity. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **B.1.5.** Provide additional training for hiring officials to ensure their understanding of federal and state regulations and college expectations. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **B.2.** Offer comprehensive employee services and programs that add value to employees' overall success.

- **B.2.1.** Conduct a total compensation and benefit analysis and develop a plan to ensure market competitiveness. (2015-16)
- B.2.2. Provide annual total compensation plan value reports and educate employees about current and available supplemental benefits to ensure widespread awareness. (2016-17)
- **B.3.** Promote the achievement of work-life balance and wellness in our employees.

- **B.3.1.** Expand the annual wellness screening into a Health and Wellness Benefits Fair. (2015-16)
 - **B.3.2.** —Promote the wellness module in the Employee Assistance Program(EAP) and the State Health Plan. (2015-16)
 - **B.3.3.** —Distribute wellness information and/or other health resources regularly. (2015-16 and ongoing)

Outcome	Benchmark	Annual	2016	2017	2018	Goal Year
		target				3
1. Maximize overall	Staff: 3.92	Staff rating				Staff rating
employee	Faculty:	= Faculty				=
satisfaction.	4.09	rating				Faculty
						rating with

				both above 4.0.
2. Improve our South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC) ranking in comparison to other colleges	85.3%	Increase our SCHAC ranking by at least 2% annually.		Top 1/2 of SCHAC rankings for the SC Technical Colleges,
within the SC Technical College System.				

Direction C: Embracing Continuous Improvement

Use data and assessment results to make well-informed academic and operational decisions and to provide professional development opportunities regarding the continuous improvement of the College's financial and physical resources (Mission Goal 3).

STRATEGIES

C.1. Streamline program structures to provide the quickest possible path to completion.

Tactics:

- C.1.1. Continue to utilize a Lean approach to review academic program structures and completion pathways, and implement changes on a yearly cycle.
 (Ongoing)
- **C.1.2.** Refine course schedules by campus, modality, etc. to ensure maximum access and flexibility for learners with different scheduling needs.

- **C.2.1.** Identify minimum course schedule by program. (2015-16)
- **C.2.2.** Create flexible exit points for students by implementing a stackable credential model in existing and new programs. (2015-16 and ongoing)

- **C.2.3.** Rework the course offering schedule to implement minimum course offerings. (2016-17)
 - **C.2.4.** Refine course schedule based on lessons learned. (2017-18)
- **C.3.** Review and improve student-facing business processes from a student's point of view to ensure we're placing students in situations where they have a high likelihood of success and that the college isn't creating unnecessary barriers.

- **C.3.1.** Use Lean tools to analyze, from the student perspective, the student experience from application to completion, and implement improvement measures. 2015- 16 and ongoing)
 - **C.3.2.** Improve the standard operating procedures based on Lean analysis. (2016-17 and ongoing)
- **C.4.** Create measureable, actionable checkpoints to gauge student progress, engagement, and continued enrollment. Utilizing a "funnel" model, these checkpoints will provide a structured way for the institution to monitor student success incrementally, and will provide a framework for proactive interventions with at-risk students. We will leverage Zogotech and Argos to create a set of tools to monitor and proactively intervene based on checkpoint data and early alerts.

Tactics:

- **C.4.1.** Complete current phase of Zogotech and Student Navigator project and roll out. (2015-16)
- **C.4.2.** Implement student success funnel model: use Zogotech to present useable, actionable data/reporting (engagement, success, and continued enrollment). Requires D2L integrator upgrade. (2015-16
- **C.5.** Support mission-driven operational and assessment planning and reporting.

- **C.5.1.** Establish and monitor key institutional and programmatic performance indicators and resulting improvement actions quarterly, adjusting the strategic plan as necessary to respond to the college's operating environment. (2015-16 and ongoing)
 - C.5.2. Implement scorecard, dashboards, and planning technologies. (2015-16 and ongoing)

C.5.3. — Utilize technology to provide integrated operational, budget, and outcomes assessment reporting to inform decision-making. (2015-16 and ongoing)

C.6. Provide strategically aligned professional development and learning opportunities for faculty and staff that support institutional, division, and program outcomes.

- **C.6.1.** Expand the Lean training initiative. (2015-16)
- **C.6.2.** Expand compliance-driven employee training modules based on federal/state regulations. (2015-16)
 - **C.6.3.** Define and introduce professional development opportunities that support student success initiatives. (2015-16)
- **C.6.4.** Improve the professional development participation tracking system to include the ability to track all professional development. (2015-16 and ongoing)

Outcome	Benchmark	Annual Target	2016	2017	2018	Goal Year
1. All academic programs and divisions and all administrative and student support services will continue to participate in assessment and operational planning and reporting.	100%	100%				100%
2. Establish and monitor key institutional and programmatic performance indicators and resulting improvement actions.	6 metrics established	100% of yearly targets met or exceeded.				100% of goals for Year 3 met.

3. Offer strategically	1. 95.38% of	1. 100% of full		100% of
aligned professional	full time	time		the annual
development	employees	employees will		targets
opportunities that	completed	complete		met in
support institution,	mandatory HR	annual		year 3.
division, and	professional	mandatory		
program outcomes	development	professional		
	offerings in	development		
	2014.	offerings.		
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	2. % of full time	2. 100% of full		
	employees who	time		
	participate in	employees will		
	professional	participate in 1		
	development.	or more		
	No benchmark	internal or		
	exists.	external		
		professional		
	3. Total hours	development		
	of professional	offerings.		
	development			
	(duplicated):	3. The total		
	Faculty logged	number of		
	1571 hours of	duplicated		
	professional	hours of		
	development	professional		
	through	development,		
	instructional	number of		
	development.	sessions		
	Staff data is not	offered		
	available.	internally, and		
		the funds		
	4. Number of	expended to		
	sessions	support		
	offered: 56	professional		
	faculty sessions	development		
	were offered.	will remain		
	Data on staff	constant or		
	sessions offered	increase over		
	is not available.	the lifecycle of		

	5. Total funds expended	the strategic plan.		
4. Maximize the PTC overall graduate satisfaction rate.	95.9%	0.5%		97.4%
5. Maximize the Ruffalo Noel Levitz SSI overall student satisfaction rate.	79%	3%		85%

Direction D: Strengthening Communities

Promote community and workforce development and economic prosperity through new and existing partnerships with business, industry, government, community agencies, and educational institutions. (Mission Goal 4)

STRATEGIES

D.1. Increase connections between PTC, K12, and bachelor's degree granting institutions to ensure students are well-positioned to succeed before they enroll, and after they transfer.

- **D.1.1**. Pilot with a school district college readiness boot camps and align curriculum with program admission requirements. (2015-16)
- D.1.2. Expand adult apprenticeships programs and connect to high school level to create youth apprenticeships, offering students a structured pathway to career fields. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- D.1.3. —Expand partnerships with career centers to create technically-focused dual enrollment offerings that incorporate completion of a stackable credential. (2016-17 and ongoing)

- **D.1.4.** Design and pilot a high school faculty institute to further the discussion of curriculum alignment. (2016-17)
- **D.2.** Integrate soft skills instruction into the curriculum and student life.

- **D.2.1.** —Map the curriculum to allow for the inclusion of soft skills and assessment of those skills. Prioritize and pilot the first set (Level I). (2015-16)
- **D.2.2.** —Fully implement the first set of Level I soft skills and pilot the second set of Level I skills. (2016-17)
- **D.2.3.** Fully implement the second set of Level I soft skills and pilot level 2. (2017-18)
- **D.3.** Address the needs of business and industry in a proactive and responsive manner.

Tactics:

D.3.1. — Improve enrollment in credit and non-credit workforce development and courses. (2015-16 and ongoing)

programs

D.3.2. — Align credit and non-credit program offerings with occupational needs of industry clusters (CIP) in our region. (2015-16 and ongoing)

Outcome	Benchmark	Annual	2016	2017	2018	Goal Year 3
		Target				
1. Graduate	22%	2%				27%
Production rate						
2. Number of E-zone	6	33%				12
partnerships						partnerships
3. Duplicated non-	21,860	1 %				28,418
credit Headcount						
4. Number of	110	4.5%				125
companies served						
5. Continuing	213,114	1%				219,571
Education Workforce						
Development Annual						
Contact Hours						

6. Career and	3981	1%		4182
Technical Annual				
FTE				

Direction E: Ensuring Institutional Sustainability and Growth

Exercise efficient and responsible stewardship of the College's financial and physical resources and ensure widespread recognition of the College's role and scope (Mission Goal 5).

STRATEGIES

E.1. Create additional opportunities for tuition and financial relief for qualifying students.

Tactics:

- **E.1.1.** Investigate the expansion of student aid opportunities such as institutional work study and fixed rate tuition. (2015-16)
 - **E.1.2.** Pilot expanded student aid opportunities in order to incentivize continuous enrollment. (2016-17)
 - **E.1.3.** Implement expanded student aid opportunities. (2017-18)
- **E.2.** Ensure our enrollment processes, facilities, and information technology services are optimally configured to facilitate new and continued enrollment, and reflect the image we'd like to project to the greatest degree possible within our budgetary constraints.

- **E.2.1.** Provide, and continue to improve upon, a student-centered outreach, admissions, and enrollment process that meets or exceeds expectations of prospective students and applicants. (2015-16 and ongoing)
 - **E.2.2.** —Redesign and complete the renovation of the B building to create a student-centric enrollment experience. (2015-16)
- **E. 2.3.** Utilize physical space freed up by the B building renovation to create a location for an advising center. (2016-17)
- **E.3.** Position the College to maximize local, state, federal and other funding streams.

- **E.3.1.** —Advance the institution through comprehensive and successful grant writing. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **E.4.** Ensure campus facilities and college technology infrastructure are modern, safe, and environmentally efficient.

Tactics:

- **E.4.1.** —Implement a wayfinding project to assist stakeholders in navigating our campuses. (2015-16)
- **E.5.** Increase private financial support for the College through fund-raising opportunities.

Tactics:

- **E.5.1.** Leverage public and private collaboration to increase financial support for workforce development. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **E.6.** Improve community perception and satisfaction with the institution.

- **E.6.1.** Conduct an image and perception study to assess current community perception and satisfaction. (2015-16).
- **E.6.2.** —Use the results of the image and perception study to create marketing and public relations tactics designed to ensure public awareness and recognition of the value of the College. (2016-17 and ongoing)
 - **E.6.3**. Further develop and promote a consistent Piedmont Technical College brand position, identity and image through marketing, public relations, and community outreach initiatives (2015-16 and ongoing).
 - **E.6.4.** Develop and implement comprehensive yearly marketing plans that communicate the mission, vision and values of the college, and that measurably reach and drive behavior in key market segments. (2015-16 and ongoing)
 - **E.6.5.** Deepen the college's use of social media and content marketing through a structured content plan and the expansion of PTC's use of technology. (2015-

E.7. Implement a structured process based on market needs to identify, develop, and launch new and repackaged credit programs.

- **E.7.1.** Design and implement an annual program review and improvement cycle. (2015-16 and ongoing)
- **E.7.2.** Assemble an "emerging programs" team. (2015-16 and ongoing)

Outcome	Benchmark	Annual Target	2016	2017	2018	Goal Year 3
1. Maximize local,	2014 Funding by	Funding levels				Funding
state, and federal	source:	will equal or				levels will
and other	Local: \$2,143,988	exceed the				equal or
funding streams	State:\$6,603,614	2014				exceed the
	Federal:\$17,287,544	benchmark.				2014
	Other: \$32,062					benchmark.
2. Ensure campus	1. 2014	Capital fund,				Capital fund,
facilities are	Expenditures for	Deferred				Deferred
modern, safe,	(Source Audit Work	Maintenance				Maintenance
and	papers and Facility	expenditure to				expenditure
environmentally	Fee Schedule)	request ratio,				to request
efficient.		and Plant				ratio, and
	2. Ratio of Deferred	Fund				Plant Fund
	Maintenance	expenditures				expenditures
	funded to amount	will equal or				will equal or
	requested:	exceed 2014				exceed 2014
	Requested:	benchmark.				benchmark.
	\$506,682					
	Budgeted: \$500,000					
						Student
	3. 2014 Plant Fund					Satisfaction
	expenditures:	Student				with facilities
	\$2,705,890	Satisfaction				is equal to or
		with facilities:				above 6.05
		.05 increase				
	4. Student					Student
	Satisfaction with					Satisfaction
	facilities: 5.90	Student				with overall
		Satisfaction				campus safety

	5. Student Satisfaction with overall campus safety and security scale rating: 5.25	with overall campus safety and security: 0.25 increase		and security: 6.0
3. Increase private financial support for the College through fund-raising opportunities.	100% of 2014 college requests were approved and met by the PTC Foundation Board.	Maintain or increase support to enable to PTC Foundation to address institutional and student needs.		Meet all 2015-18 college and PTC Foundation approved requests to support institutional and student needs.
4. Improve community perception and satisfaction with the institution	N/A			
5. Maintain a tuition per credit hour rate in the mid-range of tier three institutions (Florence- Darlington Technical College, Horry- Georgetown Technical College, Spartanburg Community College, Tri- County Technical College, and York Technical	2014 Tier III institutions and tuition rates: Florence- Darlington: \$161- 172 Horry-Georgetown: \$150 Piedmont: \$160-173 Spartanburg: \$165- 190 Tri-County: \$161 York: \$156	Annual tuition rate falls within the mid-range of tuition rates for tier three institutions.		2018 Tuition rate remains within the mid-range of tuition rates for tier three institutions.

College) in the			
South Carolina			
Technical College			
System.			

Annual Timeline

Year 1: Jul	y 2015 – July 2016		
Direction Strategy and Tactic	Tactic	Measurement(s)	Division Responsible
A.1.1.	Analyze current business practices and software systems to identify gaps and functionality.	Drop for non-payment ✓ % dropped ✓ % reinstated ✓ % of reinstated who successfully complete the term ✓ % of drops as compared to the prior year same term Financial Aid ✓ Satisfaction Surveys ✓ % of other aid awarded ✓ % of student contact with the financial aid call center	Business and Finance (Finance and Financial Aid)

Year 1: July	[,] 2015 – July 2016		
Direction Strategy and Tactic	Tactic	Measurement(s)	Division Responsible
		 ✓ % of contact with counselors Student Statements ✓ Accounts Receivable balances year-to-year and term-to-term ✓ Bad Debt write-off as compared to prior year Deadlines % of students on exception report for each established deadline 	
A.2.1.	Design and implement a career planning system from pre-enrollment through the first term.	 Establish a benchmark of student served # of students served # of students who change majors Retention in major 	Student Affairs
A.3.1	Design proactive advising model and pilot with selected groups beginning spring 2016.	List of piloted programs	Student Affairs Academic Affairs
A.3.2	Identify advising team and design model. Pilot with Fall 2015.	Team established	Student Affairs

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Direction	Tactic	Measurement(s)	Division Responsible
Strategy			
and Tactic			
		Model designed	Academic Affairs
		 Pilot conducted and 	
		students tracking	
		established	
A.5.1.	Map out and revise all student communication and extend the	Map student	Enrollment and
	communication plan concept throughout the student success funnel.	communications	Communications
		 Establish benchmarks 	
A.7.1	Define and introduce early engagement and integrated support	 Number of Professional 	Student Affairs
	strategies.	Development sessions	Academic Affairs
		provided	
A.7.2	Identify and implement strategies to assess general education outcomes	Assessment selected and	Academic Affairs (Institutional
	across the institution, to provide validation of program general education	administered	Research, Planning, and
	achievement.		Effectiveness)
B.1.1.	Expand the functionality of the human resources applicant tracking system	Expanded functionality of	Business and Finance (Human
	to enhance the recruiting and on-boarding process for the success of our	NEOGOV to include on-	Resources)
	future workforce.	boarding	
B.1.2.	Broaden the employee applicant base by expanding recruiting resources	List of expanded	Business and Finance (Human
		recruiting resources	Resources)
B.1.3.	Update the college affirmative action plan to demonstrate our	Updated plan	Business and Finance (Human
	commitment and good faith efforts to meet established goals and		Resources)
	eliminate employment barriers.		
B.1.4.	Devise a diversity recruiting strategy to increase applicant diversity.	Strategy created and	Business and Finance (Human
		employed	Resources)

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Direction	Tactic	Measurement(s)	Division Responsible
Strategy			
and Tactic			
B.1.5.	Provide additional training for hiring officials to ensure their understanding	Training conducted	Business and Finance (Human
	of federal and state regulations and college expectations.		Resources)
B.2.1.	Conduct a total compensation and benefit analysis and develop a plan to	 Completed plan 	Business and Finance (Human
	ensure market competitiveness.		Resources)
B.3.1.	Expand the annual wellness screening into a Health and Wellness Benefits	Date and documentation	Business and Finance (Human
	Fair.	of event	Resources)
B.3.2.	Promote the wellness module in the Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	Promotion materials and	Business and Finance (Human
	and the State Health Plan.	avenues	Resources)
B.3.3.	Distribute wellness information and/or other health resources regularly.	Distributed information	
		and resources	
C.1.1.	Continue to utilize a Lean approach to review academic program	Program enrollments	Academic Affairs
	structures and completion pathways, and implement changes on a yearly	Program graduates	
	cycle.		
C.2.1.	Identify minimum course schedule by program.	Program completion	Academic Affairs
		rates	
C.2.2.	Create flexible exit points for students by implementing a stackable	Listing of embedded	Academic Affairs
	credential model in existing and new programs.	programs/credentials	
C.3.1.	Use Lean tools to analyze, from the student perspective, the student	# of processes	Business and Finance (All
	experience from application to completion, and implement improvement	analyzed and lean	departments)
	measures.	tools used	Student Affairs
			Enrollment and
			Communications

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C.4.1	Complete current phase of Zogotech and Student Navigator project and	Zogotech roll out deadline	Business and Finance (IT)
	roll out.	Student Navigator roll out	
		deadline	
C.4.2	Implement student success funnel model: use Zogotech to present	Establish benchmarks	Business and Finance (IT)
	useable, actionable data/reporting (engagement, success, and continued		Academic Affairs
	enrollment). Requires D2L integrator upgrade.		
C.5.1	Establish and monitor key institutional and programmatic performance	Quarterly Review	All Divisions and Departments
	indicators and resulting improvement actions quarterly, adjusting the	Documentation	
	strategic plan as necessary to respond to the college's operating		
	environment.		
C.5.2.	Implement scorecard, dashboards, and planning technologies.	PTC Scorecard and KPIs	Business and Finance (IT)
		established	All Divisions and Departments
C.5.3	Utilize technology to provide integrated operational, budget, and	Evidence of technology	Business and Finance
	outcomes assessment reporting to inform decision-making.	integration	Academic Affairs
C.6.1	Expand the Lean training initiative.	 Number of employees 	Academic Affairs (Continuing
		trained	Education)
C.6.2.	Expand compliance-driven employee training modules based on	Number of training	Business and Finance (Human
	federal/state regulations.	modules offered	Resources)
C.6.3.	Define and introduce professional development opportunities that	# of hours of training	Academic Affairs (Instructional
	support student success initiatives.	# of sessions offered	Development)
		Session attendance	
		# of strategies	
		piloted/implemented	

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C.6.4	Improve the professional development participation tracking system to	 Documentation of 	Academic Affairs
	include the ability to track all professional development.	tracking system	Student Affairs
		improvements	
D.1.1	Pilot with a school district college readiness boot camps and align	 # of pilot districts 	Academic Affairs
	curriculum with program admission requirements.	 graduate enrollment 	Enrollment and
		from piloted districts	Communications
D.1.2.	Expand adult apprenticeships programs and connect to high school level	Number of	Academic Affairs (Continuing
	to create youth apprenticeships, offering students a structured pathway to	apprenticeships to include	Education)
	career fields.	youth apprenticeships	
D.2.1.	Map the curriculum to allow for the inclusion of soft skills and assessment	# of curriculum maps	Academic Affairs
	of those skills. Prioritize and pilot the first set (Level I).	completed	
		 # of rubrics created 	
		# of program learning	
		outcomes established	
D.3.1.	Improve enrollment in credit and non-credit workforce development	Career and Technical	Academic Affairs (Continuing
	programs and courses.	annual FTE	Education)
D.3.2.	Align credit and non-credit program offerings with occupational needs of	Workforce Development	Academic Affairs (Continuing
	industry clusters (CIP) in our region.	annual contact hours	Education)
E.1.1	Investigate the expansion of student aid opportunities such as institutional	 Funds raised 	Business and Finance
	work study and fixed rate tuition.		Administrative (Foundation)
E.2.1.	Provide, and continue to improve upon, a student-centered outreach,	Student satisfaction data	Enrollment and
	admissions, and enrollment process that meets or exceeds expectations of		Communications
	prospective students and applicants.		Student Affairs

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E.2.2.	Redesign and complete the renovation of the B building to create a	 % of drops during 	Enrollment and
	student- centric enrollment experience.	add/drop period	Communications
		SSI Student	Business and Finance (Facilities)
		satisfaction data on	Student Affairs
		enrollment related	
		services	
		 Focus groups 	
E.3.1.	Advance the institution through comprehensive and successful grant	Number of grants	Business and Finance (Grants)
	writing.	received	
E.4.1.	Implement a wayfinding project to assist stakeholders in navigating our	Project completion	Business and Finance (Facilities
	campuses.	documentation	Management)
		Student survey results	
E.5.1	Leverage public and private collaboration to increase financial support for	Financial support obtained	Business and Finance
	workforce development.		President's Office
			(PTC Foundation)
			Academic Affairs (Continuing
			Education)
E.6.1.	Conduct an image and perception study to assess current community	Study results	Enrollment and
	perception and satisfaction.		Communications
E.7.1.	Design and implement an annual program review and improvement cycle.	Established and	Academic Affairs (Institutional
		communicated cycle	Research, Planning, and
			Effectiveness)
E.7.2.	Assemble an "emerging programs" team.	Team minutes	Academic Affairs

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		 Number of new programs created or underdevelopment 	