

Presented to Cabinet on January 28, 2013

A New Face for the Fortieth

The Student Success Committee of Chattahoochee Valley Community College met on Thursday, January 14, 2013. At this meeting, committee members discussed ways to enhance student lounge space on campus as well as how to improve student conduct in these facilities. As a result of this meeting the Student Success Committee would like to propose the following to Cabinet for their consideration.

Wilson Hall

1. Create a mixed use environment for students
 - "Flop space" with a television for their viewing
 - A reading nook
 - Study/meeting tables
 - IT friendly space
 - Coffee/eating area with a microwave for student use
2. Update the stereo/speaker system so that soft music plays in the lounge area and breezeways each day

IPAC

1. Remove the chairs from the area just past the elevators on the second floor
2. Use "dead space" in the IPAC to relocate/add to the chairs students use
3. Display student art in stairwells
4. Add a microwave to the existing lounge/vending space on the second floor

Food Services

1. Explore the use of food trucks
2. With the creation of a bookstore, add a "convenience store" on campus as well
3. Utilize the services of whomever is staffing athletic concessions to oversee vendors on campus and consider having them in the IPAC as well as Wilson Hall

Once any improvements are made to the space(s), the Committee would like to see some sort of formal dedication or ribbon cutting in the space(s). This could be done to help highlight our 40th anniversary. Also, it would make the space seem more important to the students and would help set the tone for the behavior that we want to see from students when using this space. During this event, messages about positive conduct (please use appropriate language, use personal listening devices, be respectful of others using the space, treat your new space well, etc.) would be delivered to students.

The Committee would like to see these changes in place by the beginning of the fall 2013 academic semester. Again, this would fit in with our anniversary celebrations. In addition, the existing furniture in Wilson Hall is in need of replacement. Finally, student success and retention is linked to students feeling a connection to the College. Giving them a space that is more student- friendly would assist in helping to develop this sense of connection.

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Also, as the Committee knows that the hope of the College is to create a true Student Center, they have proposed changes that are minimal in cost and that can even be moved (such as the new furniture in Wilson Hall) to a new Student Center should one be built in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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