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About Central Lakes College

Central Lakes College – Brainerd and Staples is one of 37 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (www.minnstate.edu), offering excellent, affordable education in 54 communities across the state.

We are a comprehensive community and technical college serving about 5,500 students per year. With a knowledgeable, caring faculty and modern, results-oriented programs in comfortable facilities, CLC is the college of choice for seekers of success.

Our roots are deep in a tradition dating to 1938 in Brainerd and 1950 in Staples. Communities across central Minnesota are filled with our graduates.

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VISION

Central Lakes College inspires learning, advances innovation, and transforms lives.

MISSION

We build futures.

At Central Lakes College, we-

- provide life-long learning opportunities in Liberal Arts, Technical Education, and Customized Training programs;
- create opportunities for cultural enrichment, civic responsibility, and community engagement; and
- nurture the development and success of a diverse student body through a respectful and supportive environment.

VALUES

Excellence, Innovation, Inclusion, Community

CLC strategic and Academic Master Plan.



The Central Lakes College 2018-2023 Technology Master Plan was developed by the Technology Master Plan Committee during the spring of 2019. The committee was comprised of CLC faculty, staff, and students. The goal was to have a committee that represented the thoughts of all involved stakeholders.

The strategic directions and goals contained in this plan were developed through brainstorming sessions of the committee. The committee began by reviewing survey result data from the 2016-2018 ECAR faculty and student technology surveys. Survey data helped the committee identify areas and activities that users perceived as strengths and areas where there were opportunities for improvement. Committee members also provided suggestions for goals based on their experience and perspective.

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At the highest level, four strategic directions have been developed for the Central Lakes College Technology Master Plan. As with the college's strategic and Academic Master Plan, these directional areas are intentionally focused on neither operational issues nor implementation strategies. They are broad general directions whose intent is to give a general direction to focus on. The intent is to create directions which will survive the planning period given the constant flux in technologies.

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Goals and actions further define strategic directions and provide specific actions that could be implemented to achieve the goals. Actual implementations and work plans are developed on an annual basis as part of the budgeting and planning process.

Recommended Strategic Directions

Strategic Direction #1: A campus community that has high technological literacy and is supported by an efficient, effective, and quality service oriented IT support team.

Overview

In order to be an effective user of technology, one needs to have a good understanding of how to use it. This direction and goals will implement training, communications, and support resources to provide all users at CLC the knowledge they need to successfully use the technology tools available to the fullest extent.

Alignment

CLC Strategic Direction 1: Inspire Learning

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CLC Strategic Direction 2: Advance Innovation

2.1 Ensure all programs align with new and changing workforce and transfer needs.

2.3 Employ reliable and emerging technologies to support innovations in teaching and learning, student success, and efficient business operations.

2.4 Design campus facilities to enhance the student experience.

CLC Strategic Direction 3: Transform Lives

3.1 Pursue intentional strategies that increase recruitment, persistence, completion, transfer, and placement.

Goals and Actions

1. Consider redesign of learning spaces (physical and virtual) where appropriate to enhance the teaching and learning environment
2. Continue classroom update plan to standardize classroom presentation technology and incorporate wireless video capabilities
3. Sustain and increase the use of Live Online classrooms and web video conference tools
4. Support efficient business operations of the college by developing applications to improve automation, reporting, and data-driven decision making

Strategic Direction #3: An advanced technology infrastructure that is modern, secure, and reliable

Overview

A modern, secure, and reliable technology infrastructure is the foundation for success of this entire plan. This direction and goals ensures that CLC maintains an advanced network environment to support the needs of students, faculty, and staff.

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Assessment

Technology Services will continue to work closely with the designated campus leadership teams, the President's Cabinet and the Technology Fee Committee in