Alumni Support and Community Engagement – our charge is “to foster communication and partnerships with alumni, supporters and residents in order to engage, educate and empower our diverse communities to advance belonging, equity, diversity and inclusion.”

Members: Michael Garlick, Amy French, Wendy Ramirez, Ann Dore, Kathie Marchlewski, Kara Jimenez and Mark Robertson. Dorian Phelps and Julie Dorcey have served as co-chairs, and our subcommittee liaison is Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Pam Clark.

TOPICS OF INQUIRY FROM YEAR ONE:

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY FAR-REACHING CONVERSATIONS REGARDING HOW BEST TO ELIMINATE OPPORTUNITY GAPS AMONG UNDERSERVED AREAS, AND HOW BEST TO UTILIZE DATA TO INFORM OUR STRATEGY, PRIORITIES AND WORK, MOVING FORWARD.

Areas of inquiry included, but were not limited to:

• Are there events taking place in rural areas or areas affected by poverty that are not tracked by the college, and so are not getting a lot of traction?
• How are we tracking opportunity gaps, and how does (and should) that data inform our subcommittee’s work?
• What are currently the key deficits/supports to rural and economically challenged students? Once identified, how might we engage members of the Delta team and community supporters in our charge?
• Is there a central repository for this data (outreach numbers/demographics)?
• Is there a way to grow awareness of opportunities for internal and external stakeholders to strengthen ties between employees and the communities we serve and partner with?

There has been some preliminary discussion of the CREATION OF A DELTA COLLEGE INTERNAL TALENT AND ENGAGEMENT POOL – to facilitate the sharing of skills and subject matter expertise as well as promote, track and document engagement opportunities among faculty and staff.

WE see a key focus of our work being cross-college and cross-community interface – measurable by positive impacts on outreach/recruitment/enrollment/retention/college- and community-based initiatives, availability of program/project underwriting, grantmaking, marketing, etc. That being said, our committee strongly feels our role is to support the work of all subcommittees, and will be informed by your goals and objectives in year two.

STATUS OF ALL WORK:

The President’s Cabinet has been working on a campus-wide, community-focused initiative as part of the College’s strategic plan. It was the recommendation of our subcommittee liaison Pam Clark that the action plans that result from this college-wide plan, following its completion and approval by the Board of Trustees, serve to inform our subcommittee’s work.
OUTCOMES OF ELECTIONS AND PRESENTATION OF NEW CO-CHAIRS

Our new co-chairs will lead this process of creating actionable goals and initiatives aligned with CIBE and the institution’s overall mission, vision and values. Due to some members of our subcommittee being on leave last week, and in order to allow every member to participate, we are in the process of electing our new leadership.