

# Strategic Plan

### **Strategic Plan – Formulation Framework**

Mission – Vision – Values

Develop/ Offer Programs Marketing, Recruitment/ Enrollment, Fundraising Teach/ Deliver Programs/ Assessment Student Support Services – Student Experience, Athletics, Career Center, Counseling, Connections

Infrastructure – People, Technology, Operations,

#### MISSION (who we are, what we do and why we do it)

Concordia College New York is a higher education community of learning where mutual respect flourishes, responsibility is developed and reverence for God is cultivated so that students can pursue lives of passion, purpose and service.

## VALUES (what matters most here)

- IDENTITY: We are anchored in a living Lutheran heritage as we strive to follow Jesus Christ. We express this tradition tangibly with an ethics-infused curriculum and a faith-informed community life.
- QUALITY: As an academic community, we prioritize hospitality, civility and respectful dialogue across
  differences; as an academic institution, we are committed to intellectual rigor as well as co-curricular and
  pedagogical experiences that are personalized, enduring and actionable.
- DIVERSITY: We reach out with a globally-engaging, diverse worldview capitalizing on the international
  destination that is the classroom of Metropolitan New York City. Providing access to networks of
  vocational success, full human flourishing becomes a possibility for our students, their families, and the
  world.
- INNOVATION: We embrace technological innovation as we benefit from its efficiencies. In our dynamic environment, we adapt our educational and business models in a manner that is responsive to the needs of our students.
- VOCATION: We reinforce the formation of identity, leadership, integrity, collaboration and cooperation so that every member of our community may realize their calling in every life they touch.

## Strategic Priorities (how we will achieve our Mission)

- 1. Offer high quality academic programs, building on the College's strong faith–based liberal arts foundation but with greater emphasis on programs that provide a career pathway, particularly in health services, business and education, using innovative delivery formats to meet market demands.
- 2. Diversify recruitment and enrollment channels to foster sustainable growth, reduce risk, and to significantly increase net enrollment revenue, while building on the College's market positioning: "Small School. BIG IMPACT."
- 3. Promote academic excellence by investing in faculty training and development, as well as enhancing program and institutional assessment.
- 4. Enhance student support services by providing a distinctive high touch student experience, and thereby promote student academic success, personal development, as well as advancement in careers or education.
- 5. Invest in our resources—people, facilities and technology—to strengthen and support the College's mission, academic programs, services and operations.
- 6. Engage our key constituents and increase fundraising for the College, to support programs, faculty, facilities, and most importantly, our students.

#### **Strategic Initiatives**

- Offer high quality academic programs, building on the College's strong faith-based liberal arts foundation but with greater emphasis on programs that provide a career pathway, particularly in health services, business and education, using innovative delivery formats to meet market demands.
- 1.1 Establish a New Program Development Process
- 1.2 Develop new curricular and co-curricular programs
- 1.3 Review and Re-engineer existing program curriculums to provide students with effective preparation for graduate study or professional careers and fulfill the mission of the institution.
- 2 Diversify recruitment and enrollment channels to foster sustainable growth, reduce risk, and to significantly increase net enrollment revenue, while building on the College's market positioning: "Small School. BIG IMPACT."
- 2.1 Promote Brand identity and strengthen marketing support for key college constituents including Admission, Advancement, and other College programs and services
- 2.2 Grow enrollment through a targeted, grassroots marketing and recruitment strategy.
- 2.3 Increase net revenue by recruiting higher margin student cohorts and populations.
- 3 Promote academic excellence by investing in faculty training and development, as well as enhancing program and institutional assessment.
- 3.1 Foster educational excellence through ongoing faculty training and development.
- 3.2 Promote a culture of assessment through the leadership of the College's Assessment Committee.
- 4 Enhance student support services by providing a distinctive high touch student experience, and thereby promote student academic success, personal development, as well as advancement in careers or education.
- 4.1 Evaluate and re-engineer the First Year Student program and process and related student support services to improve the student experience.
- 4.2 Improve integration and support/accommodation for international students.
- 4.3 Strengthen athletic programs by enhancing the collaboration with other key college constituents, and by improving student-athlete welfare, facilities, and school spirit.
- 4.4 Invest in Career Development Services and increase student internship opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students.
- 4.5 Enhance student support services for non-traditional students including ADP & Post Baccalaureate Nursing students.
- 4.6 Reorganize/improve the integration of the Connection program into the College.
- 4.7 Equip the Health Center to meet the growing demands of the population, as well as improve wellness opportunities
- 4.8 Continue to improve employee communication and training program

- 5 Invest in our resources—people, facilities and technology—to strengthen and support the College's mission, academic programs, services and operations.
- 5.1 Continue to improve employee communication and training programs to help create a culture of strong employee job performance, job satisfaction, and morale
- 5.2 Ensure employee compensation is commensurate with the market.
- 5.3 Ensure that the college's physical infrastructure can meet the curricular and co-curricular needs of the College, including maintenance, and upgrading of existing facilities and potential acquisition or new construction.
- 5.4 Enhance IT security to protect and safeguard key college systems and data.
- 5.5 Increase usage of College systems by Faculty and Staff.
- 5.6 Establish and Project Management Office to prioritize, communicate, manage, and approve strategic initiatives/potential tactical actions (new services, partnership programs).
- 5.7 Re-engineer/restructure key operating processes to promote greater efficiency and effectiveness, improve customer service and contain costs.
- 5.8 Assess key operating functions and programs to ensure adequate resource to support and to reduce operational risk.
- 6 Engage our key constituents and increase fundraising for the College, to support programs, faculty, facilities, and most importantly, our students.
- 6.1 Increase fundraising to support both capital development programs, as well as ongoing College operations
- 6.2 Increase engagement of key constituents to foster their sense of connection and loyalty to the College.

