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North Carolina Wesleyan College 2012-2015 Strategic Plan

APPENDIX C

Facilities/Physical Plant/Technology

Enhance Student Success Center & Expand Hartness Center

Research will support that for traditional retention and enrollment a comprehensive student success center and student activity center is a must to capture the attention of thriving 18-22 year olds. A multi-location student success center will also benefit the ASPIRE program and the needs of our working adults. Many tasks will be associated with this goal with priorities established by the SPC, President and Board. Those may include expanding the student's first year experience, developing an academic advising model, new positions, and new equipment.

Increase Technology and Training

Technology is always evolving and NC Wesleyan has to keep up with other local colleges, community colleges, and even high schools. Graduating seniors, transfer students, and working adults are exposed to new technology at many levels. Wesleyan has to continue to upgrade their services to meet the demands of these potential students. Technology can also enhance the environment of our students through new HVAC systems, core network equipment, new fiber optics, and security measures among other things. This is a key area that should be considered in order to make NC Wesleyan a first choice school among the demographics we serve.

Improve Classrooms and Residence Halls

Students will spend the majority of their time at Wesleyan in the classrooms and residence halls. These areas have to be top notch as they will play a major part of the decision for returning and new students to attend NC Wesleyan. Improvements include classroom technology/furniture, fresh and exciting paint colors, as well as specialty classrooms to meet the needs of certain majors (i.e. network technology). Residence Halls can also use upgrades in common areas, paint/flooring, as well as bedrooms and bathrooms.

Athletic Complex

Nothing says team spirit and exudes excitement like being able to attend all athletic events on campus. A new athletic stadium would allow us to do just that for every sport at NC Wesleyan. It would also open the door for additional sports that we would be able to offer. Over 40% of our traditional students participate in athletics which demonstrates the atmosphere that we thrive on at NC Wesleyan. Non-athletes would also benefit from the comradery, facilities, and notoriety that a complex like this would bring to NC Wesleyan. A Natatorium Complex may also be in NC Wesleyan's future. This would allow us to have a swim team and provide pool services to our students, faculty, and staff.