JDCC Planning Assumptions for 2009-2010

Planning assumptions describe the economic, demographic, regulatory, and internal environment in which the college operates. They provide parameters and challenges for realistic budget development and goal-setting.

1. The basic purpose of Jefferson Davis Community College will continue to be excellent delivery of academic education, adult education, and workforce development (including credit, non-credit, and customized technical education).

2. Funding from the State will be reduced by as much as 10%-15% from the original 2008-2009 allocation. This will be a reduction of from $75,000 to $445,000 over the current prorated 2008-2009 budget. 4-28-09 update: Senate approved budget (4-22-09) is essentially the same as the current prorated 2008-2009 (includes stimulus). Estimated 2009-2010 budget is about 13% less than 2007-2008; a loss of over $990,000.

3. Since funding will continue to rely primarily on state appropriations, external funding from business and industry, state and federal sources, and private donors will continue to be important for the college to meet the challenges of a diverse student population.

4. The number of students who are underprepared due to the lack of a high school diploma or who are deficient in one or more academic skills necessary for collegiate success will continue to increase.

5. The number of first generation and non-traditional college students from groups that have historically been denied access to higher education will continue to increase.

6. The Honors Program will continue to attract students who will benefit from enriched opportunities and classes.

7. The majority of students will be dependent on financial aid/scholarship programs in order to attend college. Scholarship levels will not increase.

8. Continued professional development of faculty and staff is needed to keep educational programs and delivery systems current with technology and other educational practices.

9. Student retention, completion, and goal attainment will be a major institutional priority.

10. Emphasis will be placed on marketing, enrollment management, and recruitment.

11. Dual enrollment courses will be taught at area high schools.

12. Jefferson Davis Community College and regulatory bodies will continue to emphasize planning, measurement of outcomes and evaluation to demonstrate effectiveness.

13. The College will continue to fully implement the QEP (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requirement).

14. Institutional research will be used for decision making.

15. Student housing will continue to deplete funds needed for efficient operation of the college.

16. Students will increasingly enroll for online/hybrid courses.

17. The college will serve as a regional WorkKeys Assessment Center.

18. The partnership with the Alabama Technology Network and the JDCC Workforce Development/Training for Business and Industry Program will continue.

19. Renovation of facilities continues to be a priority, to include: Wallace Building renovation (Brewton), and replacement of Auto Body Building roof (Atmore). While funding is not currently available for 09-10, the entire Atmore Campus needs renovation.