The Academic Senate's Vocational Education Committee establishes the forum for continually enhancing SMC’s vocational programs.

The objectives of the Vocational Education Committee are to:

- Establish a transparent process for vocational program development
- Enhance communication between vocational programs at SMC.
- Promote the development, expansion, and improvement of vocational education programs on campus
- Link VTEA funding with vocational program development.

Through regularly scheduled meetings the committee has:

- Surveyed existing vocational programs at SMC about their visions for the future
- Researched and discussed industry trends
- Gathered and utilized labor market information
- Encouraged information-sharing and the leveraging of resources whenever possible
- Determined the necessary skills, student recruitment needs, and overall costs of establishing new programs
- Distributed VTEA funds

Current outline and plans for 2008-2009:

- The Vocational Education Committee has worked with the Environmental Affairs Committee in 2007-2008 to identify sustainable/greening options for vocational programs on campus. (ie. New courses, infusion of sustainable concepts in current courses, use of sustainable technologies when teaching)
- Distribution of VTEA funds for 2008-2009. This year funds will be set aside for green/sustainable concepts developed by vocational programs.
- In accordance with guidelines from the state, employment data will need to be collected from all vocational programs. A subcommittee of the vocational education committee will work with MIS to determine how this data can be captured in order to increase accountability of the vocational programs on campus to the state. A mechanism for collecting data from vocational education students in on-line programs will also be discussed with MIS.
• Increase of state funding to Santa Monica College’s vocational programs is anticipated for next year thanks to the overwhelming response and cooperation of voc ed faculty in distributed and collecting the VTEA survey from students. Over 11,000 surveys were collected, a significant increase from last year.

• Continue to provide information and funding resources to vocational education programs related to the development of new programs, collaboration between programs, and expansion of existing programs.

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