YCCC Master Planning Survey

Friday, October 31, 2014 Maria Niswonger

Rationale

The Master Planning Committee commissioned this survey on April 15, 2014.

The purpose was to formally collect information from the YCCC community about the perceived educational, recreational and functional needs of YCCC over the next ten years.

This survey was a follow-up to the "sticky note/poster survey" done in the Community Board Room during the spring of 2014.

Survey Creation/Implementation

The survey was created using responses generated by the open-ended questions of the "sticky note/ poster survey".

The survey questions and format were reviewed by a number of people who had some expertise in designing surveys.

The survey consisted of five broad topic questions, each containing 5-10 subcategories with radio button selections, plus room for write-in comments.

The survey was posted on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

An e-mail was sent to all students, faculty and staff in the YCCC address book, inviting them to take the survey. Two reminders were sent during the month of May, 2014.

Data Presentation

A total of 180 people took the survey during from May to August, 2014.

This presentation contains 2-4 slides for each question:

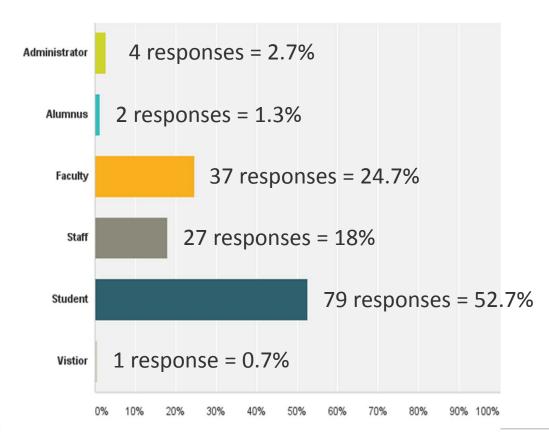
First, a graph, for a quick visual representation

Second, a data chart, for more detail

Third, a list of the respondent's write-in comments: *No attempt was made to proofread or edit the respondent's comments.*

The raw data is available for further analysis.

Q1: What is your relationship to YCCC? Answered: 150 Skipped: 30

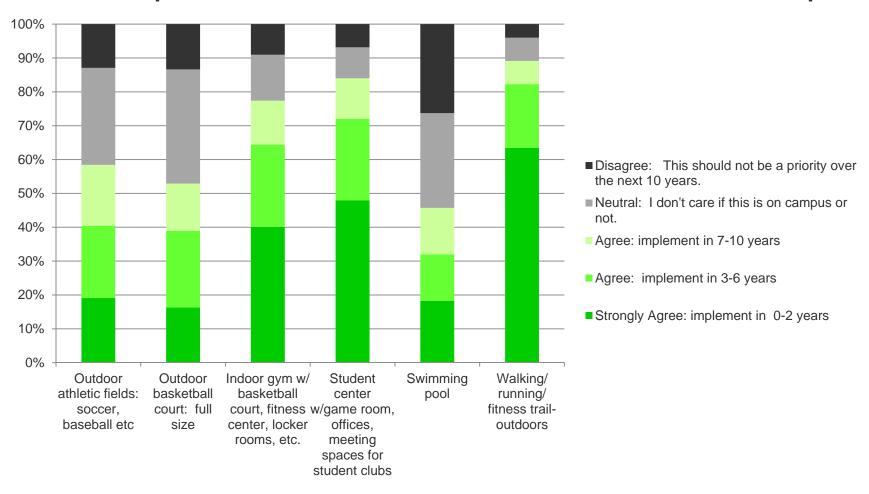


Q1: What is your relationship to YCCC?

Write-in answers, as written by the respondents:

- Adjunct
- •staff and faculty
- •I am hoping that the college will find a way to reach out to the Community regarding some of these decisions. Not just board members. This is a "Community College" and is paid for by the communities tax dollars. Interested community members should be able to participate.
- adjunct faculty
- •also adjunct instructor
- Staff and Foundation

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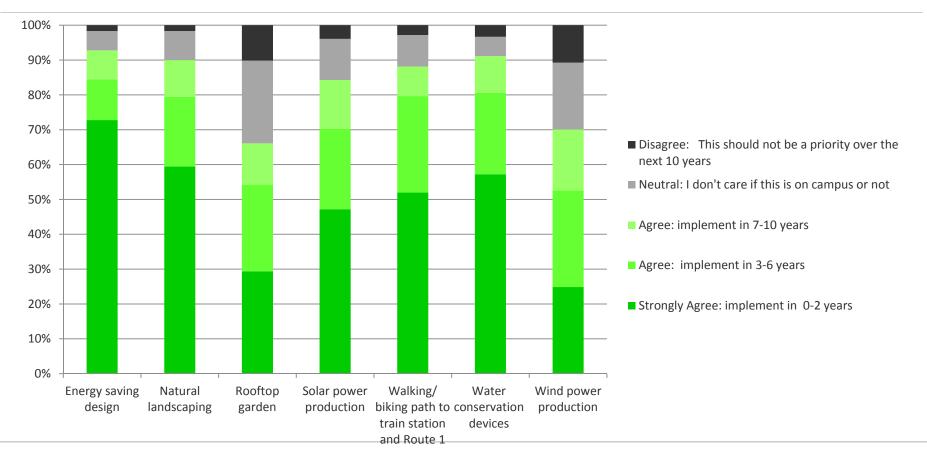
Answered: 179

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	Athletic fields such as soccer, baseball, etc outdoors	19.10% 34	21.35 % 38	17.98 % 32	28.65 % 51	12.92% 23	178	2.95
	Basketball court- outdoors, full-size	16.28% 28	22.67% 39	13.95 % 24	33.72% 58	13.37% 23	172	3.05
	Gymnasium, including indoor basketball court, fitness center, locker rooms, etc.	40.11% 71	24.29 % 43	12.99% 23	13.56% 24	9.04% 16	177	2.27
	Student center, including game room, formal and informal meeting spaces and offices for student clubs	48.00 % 84	24.00 % 42	12.00% 21	9.14% 16	6.86% 12	175	2.03
	Swimming	18.29 %	13.71%	13.71 %	28.00 %	26.29 % 46	175	3.30
_	Walking/ running/ fitness trail- outdoors	63.43 % 111	18.86% 33	6.86% 12	6.86% 12	4.00% 7	175	1.69

Q2: Rank the importance of these recreational facilities on the YCCC campus. Write-in answers, as written by the respondents:

- •More classrooms and more labs are top priority!
- •Cross-Country and Ultimate Frisbee teams--men and women
- •daycare for on campus student dependants
- •Locker Rooms / Changing Facilities is a must if we are to have outdoor fitness areas.
- •If there is no money for gym, a fitness center could work. Get donations from Fitness Companies.
- •I strongly believe that a gymnasium including a fitness center would be ideal... Being a licensed dance fitness instructor who teaches zumba, I think it would be fun.
- Skatepark
- •As long as tuition prices remain at the current rates, then growth is supported. If tuition rates will increase due to increased amenities, then not wanted or necessary.
- •STUDY ROOMS for groups of students should be a priority
- •athletic field with appropriate surface that could act as overflow parking & emergency marshalling area
- •don't need a complete gym, but fitness center and locker room would be nice
- •Baseball Field is a little too limited, but a standard field could be used, for multiple sports and for events using a tent.
- •I think the game room should be minimized. Focus should be on developing long term healthy habits for students/staff/faculty.
- bowling alley

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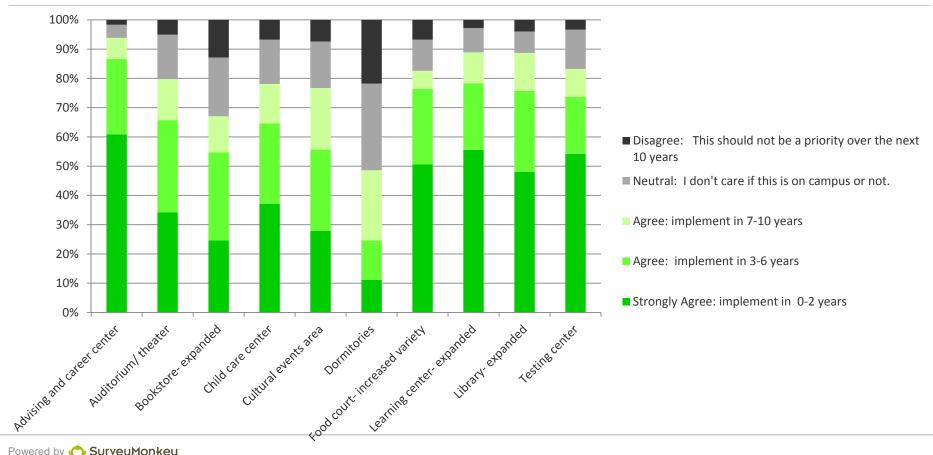
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Energy saving design of new building projects	72.78% 131	11.67% 21	8.33% 15	5.56% 10	1.67% 3	180	1.52
Natural, environmentally friendly landscaping	59.44 % 107	20.00% 36	10.56% 19	8.33% 15	1.67% 3	180	1.73
Rooftop garden	29.38% 52	24.86 % 44	11.86% 21	23.73 % 42	10.17 %	177	2.60
Solar power production	47.19% 84	23.03 % 41	14.04% 25	11.80% 21	3.93 % 7	178	2.02
Walking/ biking path to train station and Route 1	51.98 % 92	27.68 % 49	8.47% 15	9.04% 16	2.82 % 5	177	1.83
Water conservation devices such as low flow toilets, automatic faucets, tankless water heaters, etc.	57.22% 103	23.33 % 42	10.56 % 19	5.56 % 10	3.33% 6	180	1.74
Wind power production	24.86 % 44	27.68% 49	17.51% 31	19.21 %	10.73% 19	177	2.6

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- •recycling in cafeteria, healthy food in vending machines
- Any
- •Wood Pellet Boiler puts maine people to work
- •I would like to see some edible landscaping and/or permaculture food forest implementation.
- •Create a Wind Power major in conjunction with the wind turbine. Research other community colleges and perhaps get a grant for this.
- New Batrooms, more lockers, heat in winter(library)
- •motion sesetive switches for low use rooms such as bathrooms
- •More efficient windows and shades. If your office has a window you freeze in the winter and swelter in the summer.
- •I would seriously love a rooftop garden, but I guess I can't justify it as a priority.

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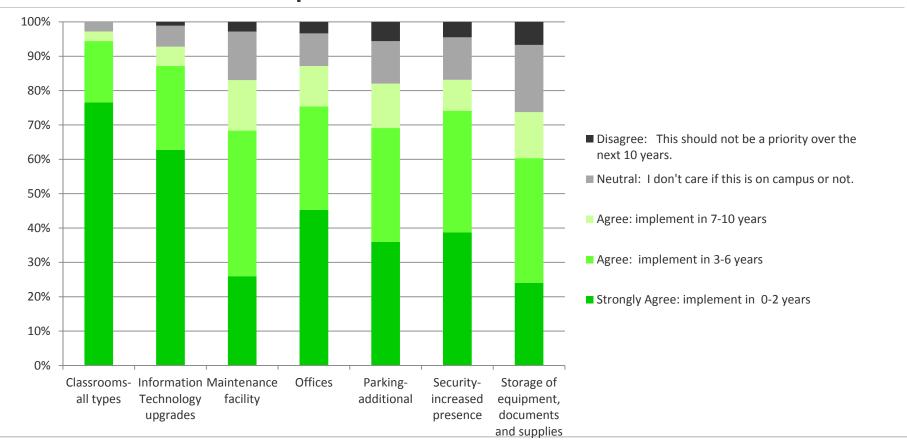
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Advising and career center	60.89% 109	25.70% 46	7.26% 13	4.47% 8	1.68 %	179	1.60
Auditorium/ theater	34.27% 61	31.46 % 56	14.04% 25	15.17% 27	5.06 %	178	2.25
Bookstore- expanded	24.58 % 44	30.17 % 54	12.29% 22	20.11% 36	12.85 %	179	2.66
Child care center	37.08% 66	27.53 % 49	13.48 %	15.17% 27	6.74 %	178	2.27
Cultural events area	27.84 % 49	27.84 % 49	21.02% 37	15.91% 28	7.39 %	176	2.47
Dormitories	11.17% 20	13.41 %	24.02 % 43	29.61% 53	21.79% 39	179	3.37
Food court- increased variety	50.56% 90	25.84% 46	6.18 %	10.67% 19	6.74% 12	178	1.97
Learning center- expanded	55.56% 100	22.78 % 41	10.56% 19	8.33% 15	2.78% 5	180	1.80
Library- expanded	48.02% 85	27.68% 49	12.99 % 23	7.34 %	3.95 % 7	177	1.92
Testing center for standardized tests, makeup tests, accommodations	54.19% 97	19.55% 35	9.50 % 17	13.41% 24	3.35 %	179	1.92

Q4: Rank the importance of these types of community spaces on the YCCC campus. Write-in answers, as written by the respondents:

- •Food should be done in-house for cheaper options.
- •dorms TBD when evaluation of need is confirmed.
- •A quieter library for actual studying. Child care the #1 most important priority especially so single mothers can go to school.
- •A physical bookstore expansion should be substituted for online/afforedale resources for procuring/renting textbooks
- •Consider increased partnership with local farmers and growers in food services.
- •More student centered area for North Star Program.
- •I think there should be increased food options for night students. Not just vending machines. Also, Gluten Free options in the dining hall.
- heat in the library
- •More public seating in hallways and under the stairways to encourage gathering or places to studying.
- •add an additional microwave or 2 to the food court
- Disability Services needs major improvements!!!
- Study Rooms
- •child care definitely!
- •showers changign facilities
- •Expanding the learning center and library should be based on student enrollment over the next 10 years.
- •If we have an auditorium, I don't believe that we also need a cultural events area
- •Also, and again, a student center
- •with the cultural events "area" it would be great if we just had a larger space than Mid-Cafe on campus

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Classrooms of all types- traditional, computer, specialty labs, etc.	76.54% 137	17.88% 32	2.79% 5	2.79% 5	0.00% O	179	1.32
Information Technology expansion and support	62.78 % 113	24.44 % 44	5.56% 10	6.11% 11	1.11% 2	180	1.58
Maintenance facility	25.99% 46	42.37% 75	14.69% 26	14.12% 25	2.82% 5	177	2.25
Offices for employees (includes administrators, faculty, and staff)	45.25 % 81	30.17% 54	11.73 % 21	9.50% 17	3.35% 6	179	1.96
Parking- additional	35.96 %	33.15% 59	12.92% 23	12.36 %	5.62% 10	178	2.19
Security- increased presence	38.76% 69	35.39% 63	8.99% 16	12.36% 22	4.49% 8	178	2.08
Storage of equipment, documents and supplies	24.02 % 43	36.31% 65	13.41% 24	19.55% 35	6.70% 12	179	2.49

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campus. Write-in answers, as written by the respondents:

- •We need to incress use of the buildings so the school is available 7 days a week (No gate)
- •Look at other new community college campuses and see how they utilize their space. Some of our space is outdated such as a big reception area in the front. Some of this could be redistributed.
- •Many items are directly linked to on campus housing. If dormitories are built, then many choices would change. This is a poor survey. Worthless. Why would a commuter oriented college pay for athletic facilities?
- •IT: update Blackboard support so it is more dependable
- •A larger and better equipped Adjunct Office is absolutely necessary. Given the amount of teaching done by adjuncts and the number of students serviced, the current office is vastly undersized and under equipped. There need to be conference rooms for student/instructor meetings, faster and better computers, a sink/microwave/fridge area, and files or lockers. Without individual offices for adjuncts, the forementioned is indeed a necessity.
- •Expanding IT support should be an immediate priority. We need greater helpdesk type support. The current staff do a wonderful job under very difficult conditions and more attention needs to be paid to providing adequate staffing in that department.
- •more full time faculty!!!
- •Online document storage to reduce the need to store paper files
- •Parking should expand to accomodate the new building, if more classes are running simultaneously.
- •Adjunct Faculty Offices (try living with your office in your car!)
- •We should be going paperless, so hopefully the need for storage of documents will become a thing of the past
- •The parking lot is never full because students come and go.
- •I have no idea what the need is for more storage of equipment/docs/supplies nor do I know about the facility maintenance needs so this may not be terribly helpful.
- •Security seems to be in good shape for now; storage can be offsite.

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campus. Continued write-in answers, as written by the respondent.

•Special class for incoming freshman on the importance of doing well in college, not just be accepting of getting a C in their classes. The morale seems low and the students that are young do not value doing well in college. Look at all the incoming to 1 year students, see how many are getting C's, B's and A's, then D's and F's. I do not believe that if some of them say the teacher was hard that that is the case. The teacher's are great, they really are but the students seem to be lazy and not want to do the work, these younger students. YCCC needs to implement a positive, motivational class that incoming and new need to take as a one day intro to college. It's not high school but they seem to be carrying on the same habits from high school. They need to be advised about time management, the importance of doing well in all their classes because if it comes down to an employer wanting to see their transcripts(which I am seeing more of) then they will hire those that did better in school. I spoke directly to an Education major the other day and this individual said I just want to get through this with C's. Sorry but I don't want new teacher's going into the field being OK with C's. C's tell me the student didn't understand the material that well or they didn't try hard enough. The instructors at YCCC are very fair, they teach well, they care but they aren't going to hold their hands to get through college. This one day, full required class needs to be all motivational, positive, helpful in every way to a new incoming student. It can also be offered for others who want to learn how to do better because isn't it the success that we want at YCCC? It is obvious many of these students do not know how to study, they need the emphasis on study groups, they need to hear more about teacher expectations before classes start and how they can be the best in college!!!! I can't stress this enough. I am a returning student after 20 plus years and I look back at my transcripts and I am not overly proud of them. I knew returning to school I wanted to be the best I could and make the best grades too and I achieved it. I watched many YOUTUBE videos on how to be a great student, how to study, and do well in college. Please help these incoming students that need guidance and a good foundation to do well in college. They might have never had guidance in this area and I think it would be very beneficial, especially BEFORE they start college. The orientation is nice, to get them used to the school but it's not the important part of going to YCCC. If you want to see academic success, seek out a motivational speaker that can help guide the new students (as well as whom ever else would like to sign up) to do their best in college, by giving them tips in all areas. Have it so they can take materials home and refer back to if they need it, or even have the links and a page dedicated to this. The professors and Instructors would be highly thankful for this. They are frustrated too with the lack of responsibility and ambition in these students. Thank you for your time and please give this some serious thought. 2015 future graduate!

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