



Residential Programs and Services (RPS)

Dianne Manning noted that residence life encompasses meeting student needs and facilitating the creation of

President Grant noted that Theresa focuses her work on fostering relationship and trust building with students and parents, and brings a valuable perspective as an alumna of the College to her work.

Celia Norcross discussed student development. She likened the department to a hub of activities across campus and the community. This includes activities and programs, and also collaboration with offices across campus. Student development begins with orientation, as students are welcomed into the MCLA community.

Leadership development is a key aspect of student development. The College offers an array of student leadership opportunities from programs such as Orientation Leaders, Peer Advisors to participation in club and organization executive boards, and elected service through the Student Government Association. Through these opportunities embedded with training, coaching and experience, students develop leadership, communications, and life skills.

President Grant noted that Celia Norcross participates in assessment activities supporting the whole student development paradigm at MCLA, thereby strengthening the connections between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

Multicultural Education Resource Center

Dean Degen spoke about the growing diversity of the MCLA community, and the participation in student life and the progress being seen in the areas of college involvement, success and graduation rate

engaged in service learning and to develop deep connections with community leaders and service agencies.

Discussion

Trustee Allen noted the campus wide engagement and partnerships that exist to support student success at MCLA. She observes that this presentation illuminates that the many stages of self actualization and development are clearly being supported and student growth is at the center of the division mission. With new committee assignments among the Trustees this year, she discussed the opportunity this presents for Trustees to gain a comprehensive perspective on the College.

Trustee Fairbank asked about how MCLA would assess its Student Affairs program relative to other institutions. President Grant noted that within the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), an important network of peer institutions, MCLA has some programs that stand as best practices, and sees opportunities to explore some programs at other institutions for how they might apply to MCLA.

Trustee Clovie reflected on the student engagement demonstrated in conversation with Secretary of Education Paul Reville last spring, as well as to the sense of connectedness he has experienced within the campus and surrounding community.