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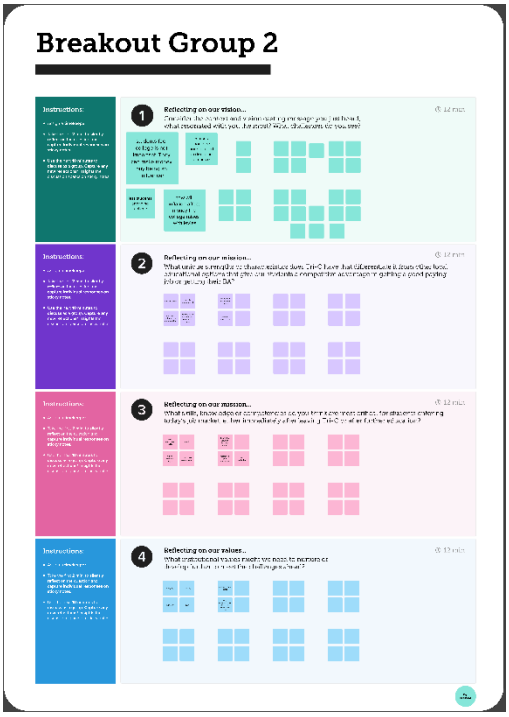

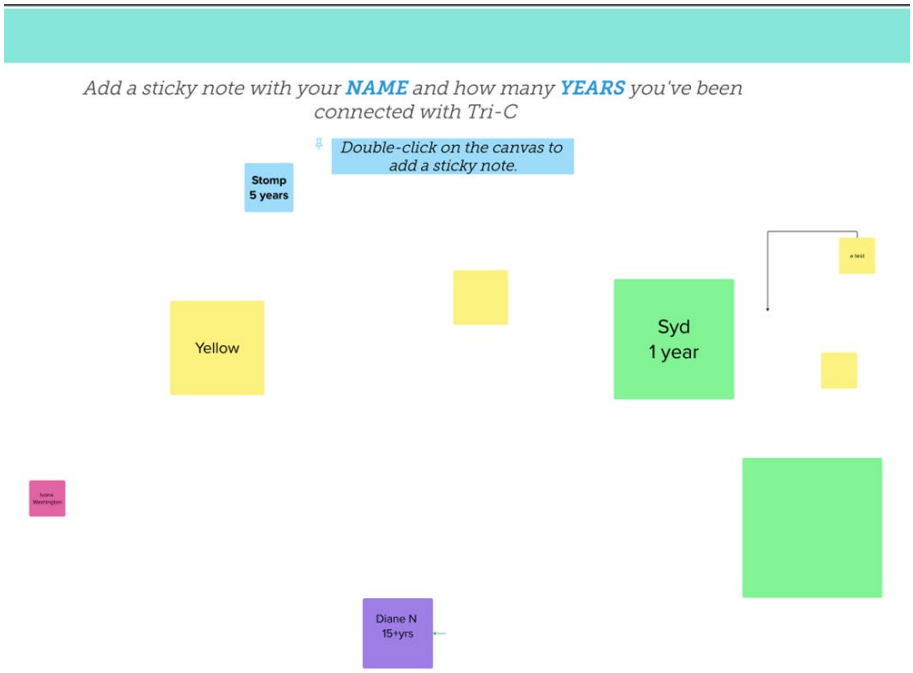

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Question 1

Reflecting on our Vision: Consider the context and vision casting message you just heard, what resonated with you the most? What challenges do you see?

Summary

There is a growing trend of distrust towards community colleges due to various factors such as declining student enrollment, the perception that college is unnecessary for earning money, and economic challenges like inflation affecting funding.

Proposals like SB1 are expected to worsen the situation, while community colleges still offer better value than universities.

Addressing these issues requires focused courses and solutions to unique challenges like a declining population curve and the impact of AI.

Responses

Challenges in Education
AI?
Challenge Raising a falling population curve
Community college's will remain a better value than Universities
courses should be more focused on discipline of choice
how will inflation affect money the college raises with levies
Input is a great idea to fix the problem to satisfy the students instead having more students come with the same complaints.
less students attending college
SB1 will worsen state situation/confidence
students feel college is not important. They can make money buy being an influencer
Uncertain challenges that we don't have recipe for
Why is there a trend of distrust of community college?

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Question 2

Reflecting on our Mission: What unique strengths or characteristics does Tri-C have that differentiate it from other local educational options that give our students a competitive advantage in getting a good paying job or getting their BA?

Summary

The institution offers open enrollment and has been providing high-quality education for 60 years, with a commitment to diversity and cultural enrichment. It features honors programs, free educational experiences, and affordable tuition, including the cheapest credit hour. There are small classes, many opportunities, and field-immersed faculty.

The campus environment is friendly and supportive, with amenities like free transportation, a food pantry, and updated facilities across five campuses.

Administrators and deans maintain great communication and have an open-door policy, encouraging collaboration and input from faculty.

Responses

Diversity and Inclusivity
commitment to inclusivity
Commitment to supporting our underrepresented students
diversity
Tri-C understands its values…just need to keep on it
Student Engagement
Academic Integrity
band
Challenge students to grow intellectually
exploring multiple majors
Having students understand parameters and motivating them to match them
honesty
Values and Integrity
integrity
support each other
trust

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Question 3

Reflecting on our Mission: What skills, knowledge or competencies do you think are most critical for students entering today's job market, either immediately after leaving Tri-C or after further education?

Summary

Students

The faculty emphasized the importance of various skills including communication, interpersonal, analytical, financial literacy, computer, and mathematical skills.

They highlight the value of self-worth, resilience, work ethic, self-motivation, and the ability to present confidently.

Faculty also mentions the significance of higher-level learning, apprenticeships, and obtaining certificates in major fields.

Responses

Communication Skills
Communication Skills Verbal Presentations with confidence
interpersonal communication
Personal Development
Learn the value of self…self worth
resilience and persevere
Professional Skills
Analytical Skills Ask questions to get to the correct solution
apprenticeship
basic computer skills
certificate In a major
financial literacy
Higher Level Learning
math
outstanding Work/Portfolio
self-motivation
Work Ethic
writing without AI assist

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Question 4

Reflecting on our Values: What institutional values might we need to nurture or develop further to meet the challenges ahead?

Summary

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Tri-C is dedicated to supporting underrepresented students and promoting inclusivity, diversity, integrity, trust, and mutual support.

They emphasize intellectual growth, exploring multiple majors, understanding academic expectations, and maintaining academic integrity and honesty within a strong community..

Responses

Academic Opportunities and Costs
cheapest credit hour
many opportunities
small classes
Accessibility and Support Services
Affortable
Food Pantry
offer free transportation
Campus Facilities and Faculty
5 Campuses
Field Immersed Faculty
Updated Campus and Grounds
Educational Programs and Engagement
60 Years
Admins try to reach out to faculty for input
Cultural Enrichment
deans have open door policy
Honors Programs offering free educational experience
Open Enrollment
Inclusive Educational Environment
Commitment to Diversity
friendly environment
great communication skills
High quality Education
Other
department not afraid to work together

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Strategies to Thrive

What strategies should Tri-C consider to do more than meet the challenges ahead, but thrive?

Summary

Incorporate AI effectively, highlight faculty achievements, engage with the community, use social media platforms like Instagram, gather student feedback, and use complaints for improvement.

Responses

Community Engagement
adapt Instagram for promotional purposes. Facebook, which the college uses, is for a 50+ demographic
Commercials
Family Group for CCP students
More visible in the community
Remind county residents we are "their" college
Showing off faculty within the community
Incorporating AI
Figure out ways to incorporate AI in a useful way
Student Feedback and Motivation
adapt
get involved with more social media platforms
get more student feedback on what motivates them
improvise
overcome
Use students complains as motivation to do better