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Ms. Judy Ogalla, Chair
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302 N Chicago St
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Dear Ms. Ogalla,

Enclosed please find Kankakee Community College's Decennial Committee (Committee) report pursuant to Public Act 102-1088.

In compliance with the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act, the Committee convened multiple times between the dates of August 14, 2023 and August 20, 2024. The Committee studied local efficiencies and prepared its report, which is being sent to each county board in which Kankakee Community School District 520 is located.

Please accept this written report to satisfy obligations prescribed in the Act referenced above.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Boyd, Ph.D.
President
enclosure



**KANKAKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FINAL DECENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
AUGUST 20, 2024**

MEMBERS:

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DATES MET:

August 14, 2023
February 20, 2024
August 20, 2024

1. **Method of Analysis:** The Decennial Committee reviewed KCC's Mission, Vision, Values, and Philosophy Statements. Specific attention was given to the list of seven general education and community service goals addressed in the philosophy statement.
 - To provide pre-baccalaureate education
 - To provide career education
 - To provide general studies
 - To provide community education
 - To provide public service activities
 - To provide student services
 - To provide leadership for workforce training

Finding: The Decennial Committee notes that KCC is the only open-access community college in its District 3520 service region; hence, is the sole service provider for the seven goals outlined in the philosophy statement. While ONU does provide baccalaureate education, the university is not open-access; hence, there is a need for KCC to serve the needs of students who are not admitted or cannot afford ONU's baccalaureate programs. Likewise, while the Kankakee Area Career Center provides career education; it's population is limited (with a singular exception) to students currently enrolled in one of its member high schools.

2. **Method of Analysis:** The Decennial Committee reviewed enrollment data at KCC's additional locations to determine whether or not sufficient need exists for the college to facilitate programming at its Manufacturing and Industrial Training Center, North Extension Center, and South Extension Center.

Finding: Enrollment data demonstrates ample enrollment demand at each location to warrant program and services offerings. The committee noted increasing enrollment over a three year period at each location. The committee also noted that MITC is the home of academic programs unique to its physical location which could not be duplicated at other campus locations. The committee also noted the substantial increase at the most remote additional location (SEC in Watseka) likely due to the introduction of the colleges' Fast Path program which is an offering unique to its location as well.

3. **Method of Analysis:** The Decennial Committee reviewed the Kan-I-Help website (<https://www.kanihelp.org/>) to identify the full scope of support services offered in KCC's service region. Review of the site included exploration of services related to the following areas: aging services, arts & recreational activities, basic needs, civic organizations, developmental disability services, domestic or sexual violence services, early childhood services, educational institutions, health care, legal assistance, local government agencies, and veteran's services. Where potential duplication of services were identified, further discussion was warranted to determine whether or not the duplication was warranted.

Finding: The Decennial Committee identified two potential areas of duplication of services, each of which is described in detail below.

- KCC's Food for Thought Food Pantry – The Kan I Help website identifies a number of food pantry resources available to citizens residing within KCC's service region. In fact, KCC often refers needy students to these comprehensive resources to address their food insecurities. KCC's Food for Thought initiative is not equipped to be a comprehensive community food pantry; rather, its mission is to solve immediate food insecurity issues when students are present on campus. For example, needy students can have a quick lunch before taking a test. At the time of this report, KCC has also established a relationship with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to connect student with its more robust resources. Because KCC's food pantry serves a small portion of the area's population and in a very specific way and because it is working in collaboration with other organizations to resolve food insecurities, the Decennial Committee has determined that KCC's Food for Thought is not duplicating services offered by the area's other food pantries.
- KCC's Veteran's Center – KCC's Veteran's Center is a lounge area on the Riverfront Campus in which KCC's Student Veterans can seek counseling, mentoring, success coaching, guidance, and financial aid services. The Decennial Committee determined that KCC's Veteran's Center is providing services specifically relevant to veteran's needs at the college; hence, there is no duplication of other services offered in the community for veterans.

4. **Method of Analysis:** The Decennial Committee reviewed programming at KCC in comparison to the programming offered at the Kankakee Area Career Center to ensure no duplication of services is occurring. The following chart represents a crosswalk showing programmatic affinities and whether or not a dual credit partnership is in place for each career pathway.

KACC Program	KCC Program	Dual Credit
Cosmetology	N/A	N/A
Multimedia Production	N/A	N/A
Construction Technology	HCCTP, HVAC, Electrical Eng	No
Welding Technology	Welding Technology	Yes
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Yes
Foundations of Education	Early Childhood Education	Yes
Fire-Rescue	EMT A & B	No
Certified Nursing Assistant	Certified Nursing Assistant	Yes
Automotive Technology	Automotive Technology	Yes
Drafting and 3-D Design	Computer Graphic Technology	Yes
Medical Terminology	Medical Terminology	Yes

Finding: The crosswalk of programming offered at each location demonstrates that where alignment occurs, KCC and the Career Center have a dual credit partnership in place. This partnership ensures that no duplication of services exists because students completing programming at the career center receive college credit for successful completion. Further, since access to the Career Center is restricted to students in the k12 system, KCC's programs are not duplicating Career Center programming even where a dual credit partnership does not exist, but the college's programs ensure access for adult learners. As an additional note, the two schools' Fire Rescue and EMT A&B programs are not aligned even though the disciplines of study are closely related. The college does not offer fire science, and the Career Center does not offer EMT.

5. **Method of Analysis:** The final area of review for the Decennial Committee was to review each of KCC's grant funded programs to determine if other entities in the college's service region were receiving grant funds from the same source and administering programs with identical or similar prescribed outcomes. The committee reviewed KCC's Adult Education grant, TRIO grants, and Workforce Innovation and Opportunities (WIOA) grant.

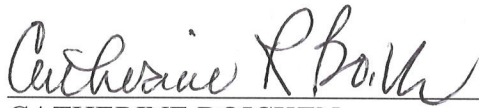
Finding: The Decennial Committee determined that no other organizations in KCC's service region are receiving grant funds for Adult Education, TRIO, or WIOA.

6. The Decennial Committee identified next steps for its present study.
 - Review the findings above at an open session of the KCC Board of Trustees
 - Pending no public comment with input warranting further review of duplication of services, the committee will prepare a final report for approval and submission.

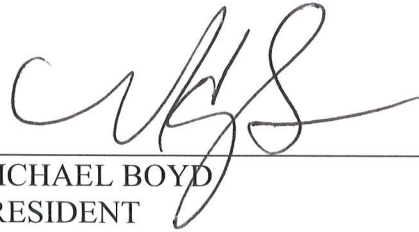
CONCLUSION:

There are no inefficiencies realized at the time of this study.

Respectfully submitted,



CATHERINE BOICKEN
BOARD CHAIR



MICHAEL BOYD
PRESIDENT