



Coastal Bend

COLLEGE

Associate of Arts
General Education
Program Review
Equipment and Technology Needs

2020-2021

Introduction

Coastal Bend College actively participates in data-informed decision making throughout the institution. Each AA, AS, and AAS programs submit a comprehensive review for a three-year cycle. This report contains the Equipment and Technology sections of all program reviews submitted within the academic year. Both sections are extracted from the many programmatic report narratives and provided to various stakeholders such as Physical Plant and Information Technology Services to assist in departmental and college-wide improvement planning. These results should be used to inform existing planning within these departments and open the dialogue amongst the institutional to align program needs with Strategic Plan 2025.

AA and AS General Studies

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Technology

a. Overview

The technology currently available to TGE faculty appears to be adequate. This includes both computer hardware and software in their personal offices and in the computer labs.

b. Strengths

TGE faculty are well trained in the use of our LMS and attend professional development as required. With the advent of covid-19 protocols, all courses were moved online during the Spring of 2020. This transition went amazing well considering the scope of the transition and the short time period allowed to complete it.

c. Areas for Improvement

In the future CBC might consider adding a writing laboratory to better assist students. In addition, there is a strong need to hire an instructional designer to assist faculty with course redesigns and the implementation of new technology into their courses.

d. Future Direction and Budget Implication

The future direction is to move towards "Quality Matters" and implement more structured course platforms and more effective online instruction. This will involve numerous areas of the college and will not include numerous budgeting entities.

Equipment & Facilities

a. Overview

The present equipment and facilities are adequate for the TGE instruction currently being carried out. If additional programs are added, then additional equipment and facilities may be required.

b. Strengths

Approximately 6 years ago the college was well-funded through a multimillion-dollar STEM grant. Every lab space at every location was renovated and new equipment was purchased. With the move to online instruction as a result of covid, face to face instruction requiring equipment and facilities has not been fully implemented. As CBC transitions back to more face to face delivery, the necessary facilities and equipment will be available.

c. Areas for Improvement

There are no specific areas for improvement at this time.

d. Future Direction and Budget Implication

If the college moves to incorporate a writing lab or adds additional programs, there will be budget implications. There are no immediate plans to expand or add programs. There is a possibility of expanding STEM offerings to include more physical sciences such as physics and/or geology. If this occurs, additional resources will be required. There has been a preliminary discussion regarding the establishment of an agriculture program. This will require a great deal of planning, a thorough viability study, and a significant investment in capital.



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