

Colorado College  
Strategic planning for summer academic programs

Colorado is a beautiful place to learn and live in the summer and provides a plethora of opportunities for outdoor adventure. As laid out in the strategic plan, CC will take full advantage of the Block Plan and our unique location to create one of the premier summer learning experiences in the U.S. Summer at CC includes more than just the classes offered to our undergraduate and graduate students, both on and off campus, it also includes faculty and student collaborative research, Bridge and Global Scholars programs, Summer Institutes, Sports Camps, Pre-College Programs, FAC summer programs and the Summer Music Festival.

Colorado College is unique among its liberal arts peers. Most residential liberal arts campuses wind down in the summer and offer minimal campus programming, usually limited to conferences, and academic programming off campus. Because we seek to maximize summer opportunities and leverage our beautiful setting in the Rocky Mountain West, and be nationally recognize for our summer programs, the college must think and plan holistically to strategically utilize summer – prioritizing our academic programs.

This group is being asked to develop a holistic strategic plan for summer programs at CC. By exploring the following guiding questions, through extensive outreach across campus and research on best and common practices, develop recommendations and initiatives for a summer strategic plan for Colorado College. The target for developing the draft plan is October 16, 2017

Guiding Questions –

*How do we use the college's mission and strategic plan to decide which summer programs will be supported?*

*How do we balance using the physical campus for programming while also allowing time for the refurbishment of buildings, classrooms, resident halls, and grounds? How does the timing of programs affect the college's ability to renovate and refurbish?*

*With the wide variety of audiences that are currently being served on campus, does the college have in place the proper policies, procedures and practices to ensure the college's interest are being served and protected?*

*Given the expansive offerings of programs, and the numerous departments that utilize the campus in the summer and or are impacted by summer activities, what groups/individuals should be involved in the ongoing planning of summer each year? Should there be an all-campus committee or some other form of collaborative group that works together throughout the year to plan for and regularly evaluate the efficacy of summertime at CC?*

Work Group Membership

Summer Session (Jim Burke, chair)  
Summer Music Festival (Gina Spiers)  
Sports Camps (Greg Capell)  
Undergraduate Research (Lisa Schwartz)

International Programs (Inger Bull)  
Global Scholars (Lisa Kosiewicz Doran)  
Bridge Scholars (Paul Buckley)  
Internships (Megan Nicklaus)

The work of this group will be reported to President Tiefenthaler and Associate Dean Emily Chan for review and comment before being shared with the Cabinet, Trustees and broader college community through the Strategic Plan Addendum.