Program Description
The Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness office (PRIE) provides services to the entire college. The Research staff provide data on student enrollment, demographics, readiness, student success, and progression towards goal completion. Standard reports are available on the research website. Ad hoc studies are provided on request through consultation with the Research staff. Research staff provide support for departmental databases throughout the college. The PRIE office facilitates college-wide planning through the Unit Plans, the Master Plan for Student Success, and Planning for Resource Allocation. Institutional Effectiveness is supported through facilitation of key performance indicators, student learning outcomes assessment, and through facilitating the Participatory Decision-making process. The PRIE office also facilitates the application process for grants.

PRIE is not impacted directly by enrollment growth. The most direct impact on PRIE is Accreditation requirements for outcome measures and for comprehensive planning processes. These two areas are even more central in the new accreditation standards. The PRIE office depends on current computer technology to provide its services. The PRIE office maintains its own web and SQL servers.

Program Needs
Personnel. In the next 3-5 years, the department may need another Research Analyst in order to handle the increasing volume of requests for performance data. Once state funding is restored, the College will fill an approved position for Grant Writer, which will report to the PRIE office.

Technology. The PRIE office has been able to support its basic computer technology needs from the department budget. However, the office is likely to need to purchase a new Scantron “bubble form” reader within the next ten years, which costs $12,000.

Operating Budget. The department budget is adequate for the needs of the PRIE office.

Facilities. Any additional staff will require more space than is currently available in the PRIE office. The PRIE office needs to remain in proximity to central administration.