Dr. Davis began with a welcome to the Leadership Forum and indicated that Norco is entering a new phase. Dr. Davis indicated she is currently participating on an accreditation committee. She has been working on the standards and sees that student learning outcomes play a very large part in the process. She said that she feels good about where the Norco campus currently is in our accreditation process. Many other accreditation stories sound just like ours. Dr. Davis said the most important thing to remember is to answer the questions during the writing process this semester. Write to the standard.

Tom Wagner shared that we have to show we are a separate college. The Academic Senate is looking for volunteers to participate on several committees. These meetings are currently being held in Riverside, but will be moving to each individual campus during the fall. Please consider joining a committee.

All participants split into four “breakout” groups to do some brainstorming. Each group was assigned two initiatives. Groups were to note comments of any kind for each of their assigned initiatives. Then the three main comments for each initiative were noted. The top three were then presented by a group spokesperson to the entire forum. The spokesperson also shared the discussion behind the group’s comments. Everyone in attendance was then asked to select their top comment for each initiative. This information will be used to help Dr. Lindsay prepare the campus initiative responses that will be presented to Dr. Maghroori.

Dr. Lindsay shared a comment from Dr. Rotella regarding Norco’s weekend college. He asked whether Norco actually has a weekend college or are we just offering weekend classes? Research indicates that 16% of students identified as weekend college students are actually receiving a degree or transferring, but most are not taking all their classes on the weekend. The forum had a brief discussion on possible to improve weekend offerings.

Dr. Bush gave a presentation titled Improving the Community College Student Experience.