Ethical and moral scenario planning for orthodontics

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As such, we must work to remove all ethnic, racial, gender and cultural barriers with regard to education and community services.

Today, more than ever before, it is important for all of us to recognize these facts of life as they affect all of us.

Reaching social justice goals

Social justice in education requires powerful societal support that concerns the values, mission and authentic leadership for transforming society. Educational leadership requires ethical, moral and transformative attitudes and direction.

Some of these objectives have been realized while others have not yet been achieved. However, to reach such goals, we must demonstrate (a) authentic leadership, by questioning policies that shape institutions as a result of social inequities (ethnic, racial, gender and cultural barriers); (b) moral transformation, by addressing the use and misuse of power, advancing education and supporting activities that bring about revitalization of society and health care; and (c) social justice praxis, by encouraging research, scholarship and pedagogical methods to articulate a broader discourse for ethical and moral transformative leadership, which links the principles of democracy and the practice of equality.

Next month we will explore scenario planning, its intricacies, and how it works.

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ouldn’t it be nice to have a crystal ball so that when we look into the future would appear? Well, this can be done, but it is a little time consuming and thought provoking. It is called scenario planning, which is also known as a strategic thinking or scenario analysis.

Scenario planning is a strategic planning method that some organizations use to make flexible long-term plans. So let us begin to explore such dimensions by explaining the background and reasoning.

In part 1 it is a generalization and adaptation of classic methods, which has been used by military intelligence for many years. In recent times, large corporations generate simulation games for policy making and organizational mapping. These games combine known facts about the future, such as politics, demographics, geography, industrial innovation and mineral reserves.

Thus, plausible alternatives for economic, social, technical, environmental, educational, political and organizational futures are created with key factors and driving forces.

The emphasis for business application depends on gaining the behavior of opponents by incorporating systems thinking, which recognizes that many factors may combine in complex ways in order to create guesstimates for the future. This can include such factors as (a) insights about the future, (b) shifts in values and (c) anticipation of unprecedented directives and regulations.

Used in conjunction with scenario planning, systems thinking leads to plausible scenario story lines with causal relationships that exist between the factors that can be demonstrated.

An organization’s scenario plan consists of identifying possible outcomes by exploring several key factors and driving forces that might impact business or organization with matrices for looking into the future for years to come.

The factors are plotted in the matrices with x- and y-graphic coordinates to view various possibilities and to gaze into this “graphic crystal ball” for presenting scenarios that might materialize in the future.

When scenario planning is integrated with a systems-thinking approach to scenario development, it is known as structural dynamics. Sustainable business growth strategies are necessary to achieve top-draw growth and bottom-line results include: (a) developing a continuous improvement culture with an ethical and moral effort to improving organizational climate and productivity in response to never-ending changes in the marketplace; and (b) producing a stable corporate venture strategy with investments in new services, product development, new business creations and external venture investments in emerging markets from informational technologies.

Critical factors and social justice trends

Global economy, or the restriction thereof, will have a tremendous impact on the quality of our lives, especially with the technology that is on the rise. This will impact every aspect of life, including health care, welfare, transportation and, especially, education.

The ability to make educated choices about our future and to increase our extensive knowledge base addresses such issues as responsibility, authenticity, and ethical and moral social justice principles, the power of which will hopefully be utilized constructively.

The relative positive position for global economy and education are the most important critical factors and forces associated with plausible backdrops for the future of orthodontics; from rising to falling and from death to a renaissance, the future depends on today’s decision.

The major social justice trends that challenge all of us include an explosion of new knowledge and pervasive change in our community’s local needs as well as public demand for scientific evidence-based health care and accountability.

Issues such as energy resources, global economy, the credit crisis, unemployment, sociodemographic analyses and health-care delivery are meticulously reviewed.

By understanding (a) the rapidly changing environment, (b) the need for greater education and (c) improved oral health care, new research and extended community services became vital in a formulation of a contemporary strategic plan for improving the critical health-care needs of all people.