

Core Themes – Continuing the College-Wide Discussion

Lane Community College Mission Statement:

Lane Community College is the community's college; we provide comprehensive, accessible, quality, learning-centered educational opportunities that promote student success.

Lane is moving forward toward finalizing Core Themes that encompass our mission. The Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC) invites you to share, comment, and engage in a discussion to help further refine Lane's emerging [Core Themes](http://www.lanecc.edu/institutionaleffectiveness/core-themes) (<http://www.lanecc.edu/institutionaleffectiveness/core-themes>):

- Community Engagement
- Student Achievement, Empowerment, and Enrichment
- Accessibility, Diversity, and Equity
- Quality Instruction and Support
- Integrated, Interdisciplinary Learning
- Environmental Stewardship and Intergenerational Justice.

This draft aims to reflect how Lane fulfills its mission. These broad headings are informed by community discussions and other widely sought input from across the college.

There is a short timeline from our regional accreditor for finalizing Core Themes. A final proposal will be presented to College Council on May 28th followed by a prepared proposal in advance of the June board meeting. We acknowledge time is short and limits opportunities to meet and discuss the Core Themes face-to-face. The [Core Themes Blog](https://blogs.lanecc.edu/iec/) (<https://blogs.lanecc.edu/iec/>) is a virtual conversation space in which to continue our collaborative process and allow access to the conversation.

The first Core Themes Blog topic is:

- *Do these themes fully encompass our mission?*
- *Do they capture the essential elements of the work your program/unit/department does with students (broadly defined)?*

We invite you to join the discussion and continue to refine and inform theme development. We encourage departments and divisions to include a Core Theme development discussion in scheduled meetings held **before May 14th**. There is a video of the February college-wide Core Themes conversation, and the segment from minutes 10 to 23 provides a solid background on the relationships between mission, core themes, and indicators for mission fulfillment. (http://www.kaltura.com/index.php/extwidget/preview/partner_id/1703211/uiconf_id/28069362/entry_id/0_fbcsrzpe/embed/auto?)

This discussion is likely to trigger thoughts, questions, and concerns about budget. Budget conversations are also important and open for discussion. There is [Budget Blog](#) venue for comments related or connected to budget planning and decision-making.

We look forward to your ideas and comments. For a deeper look at the reason behind the work, visit <http://www.lanecc.edu/institutionaleffectiveness/core-themes>.