

Mission Statement Survey - Spring 2012

Current Mission Statement

1. Extent of your awareness of this statement.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	65	38.9	
2Medium	67	40.1	
3Low	24	14.4	
4None / Not at all	11	6.6	

2. Significance to you of this statement in your job, role, or function at the college.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	90	53.9	
2Medium	57	34.1	
3Low	18	10.8	
4None / Not at all	2	1.2	

3. Extent to which this statement describes the mission and purpose of the college.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	68	40.7	
2Medium	85	50.9	
3Low	13	7.8	
4None / Not at all	1	0.6	

4. Extent to which this statement contributes to the access and success of students.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	44	26.3	
2Medium	90	53.9	
3Low	24	14.4	
4None / Not at all	9	5.4	

Proposed Mission Statement

1. Extent of your awareness of this statement.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	65	38.9	
2Medium	37	22.2	
3Low	33	19.8	
4None / Not at all	32	19.2	

2. Significance to you of this statement in your job, role, or function at the college.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	107	64.1	
2Medium	39	23.4	
3Low	17	10.2	
4None / Not at all	4	2.4	

3. Extent to which this statement describes the mission and purpose of the college.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	113	67.7	
2Medium	37	22.2	
3Low	14	8.4	
4None / Not at all	3	1.8	

4. Extent to which this statement contributes to the access and success of students.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
1High	78	46.7	
2Medium	52	31.1	
3Low	26	15.6	
4None / Not at all	11	6.6	

Mission Statement Survey Spring 12 - Comment Result

5. Please provide your comments on the proposed mission statement.

Response

I don't think mission statements make a difference, unless they're really bad. They are slogans and too general to provide any real guidance or inspiration.

Response

The changes identified in proposed mission statement add clarity to the statement. For this reason I think it is a better mission statement.

Response

I like the proposed statement mission statement better.

Response

It is good to see transfer at the top of the priority list and to see workplace career as an emphasized priority

Response

The proposed at statement is a little clearer in defining population and provides a better focus of the goal of career technical education.

Response

The proposed Mission statement is more improved and specific

Response

Mission statement is too long and has many empty words. The phrase "Los Angeles Mission College is committed to the success of our students" sounds nice, but contributes nothing to the college planning. If you must keep the first phrase, take out "successful" from the "prepare for successful careers" phrase. I have a hard time remembering and resiting it. Also, the current college goals, which go hand in hand with the mission, don't include the community at all.

Response

Shows more commitment from the college to students' success.

Response

Is this list in order of _____ ? Since the majority of our students are improving their basic skills, should that be first? Ensuring that students successfully transfer to four-year institutions, prepare for successful careers in the workplace, and improve their basic skills;

Response

I feel the proposed statement better fits with the mission and purpose of the campus. I am assuming that the underline markings are temporary and will not be in the official version of this statement.

Response

The Proposed Mission Statement seems rather vague/general. Although, "Los Angeles Mission College is committed to the success of our students." sounds much stronger and direct.

Response

It's a fine mission statement, but I don't think it impacts/contributes to access or success...it's just words! These words have to be translated into action by both students and teachers. That's the hard part!

Response

I much prefer the current college mission statement

Response

The proposed Mission Statement is more up-to-date and reflects the true mission of our school.

Response

Some offices in Student Services do not serve the students needs

Response

It's clear and comprehensive.

Response

I think the revised statement more clearly describes the objectives of the college.

Response

The proposed mission statement puts successful careers ahead of critical thinking. This is probably good for getting a student's attention, but I'm not sure it's the best priority for quality of life.

Response

The proposed mission statement appropriate and feasible.

Response

The proposed mission statement lists the college goals more clearly.

Response

The proposed statement offers a more concise and meaningful version over the original which did not address the cultural aspect. Individuals who read this will understand that LAMC is providing services to all who choose to apply. For me, the proposed statement projects the understanding that lives will be enriched and enhanced for those who choose to accept the services offered at LAMC.

Response

The proposed statement is a little better than the first; they are very similiar. In a lot of ways I like it.

Response

last sentence should read "lives" of the diverse communities, not "life"

Response

Much of mission statement is predicated on district policies, especially number one of proposed statement. Unless policies are implemented to REQUIRE enrolled students to obtain the AA degree before jumping to the 4 year institution, the numbers will stay in the proverbial "tank" for mission and the other campuses...

Response

Much better

Response

We do not teach critical thinking. Critical thinking happens over a lifetime. I find the college doesn't create a community like other colleges

Response

I like the new one much better, thank you.

Response

I think the proposed mission statement ties in wonderfully to who we are as a college.

Response

The changes seem appropriate.

Response

"culturally supportive"...? what does that mean? what if the "culture" is a gang culture? or a lack-of-work-ethic culture? or a corrupt culture? if we support all cultures equally, then we would have to support the aforementioned as well...? BUT I do like the proposed changes, definitely. And, I'm glad to see Basic Skills hasn't been washed out of the picture, particularly since that's where the majority of our students are at.

Response

I believe it is important to remove "find meaningful employment" from the current mission statement as this would be a difficult task during this economy. I agree that the proposal to change this statement to "prepare for successful careers in the workplace" is a wise one, as it is measurable and not dependent on the economy.

Response

We were founded in 1975 to do exactly these things and we have succeeded admirably.

Response

It's just words. What really matters is providing actual services.

Response

The last bullet point needs to be reworded. "improve the lives of people in the diverse communities we serve."

Response

How can any statement contribute to the access and success of students. Courses, people, etc contribute to success, not statements. That question # 4 did not make sense to me. But, thanks for the work you have done, and the mission statement of the college is very good.

Response

Mission statement is difficult to accomplish when we have so few faculty that represent the diverse communities we serve. The statement itself is ironic.

Response

I do not like the change that privileges transfer/career over critical thinking goals. Yet I do like that changes in the language that are active, rather than the passive current statement. Though, to explain my low score on question #4, mission statements have little effect on actual deeds, especially when our commitments are not met with the financial commitment from Sacramento and the voters. So the whole of it seems quite hollow.

Response

The proposed mission statement is better attuned with the current external situation.

Response

As the population we serve changes demographically (including virtual students from all over the world), I believe the proposed mission statement addresses these aspects of changes.

Response

Post the Mission statement online and in key places on campus as a reminder to all of us.

Response

On point, the college does adhere to this statement.

Response

The proposed Mission Statement better addresses and targets our current student population. It also places an emphasis on what instructors should focus on to ensure students receive the necessary study skills and critical thinking to become successful after they transfer to four-year institutions.

Response

Please feature the statement prominently on our web page and encourage every office to keep it where all staff and students can see it We should all be able to state this and follow these terms.

Response

Hopefully every professor no matter the division will apply the mission statement.

Response

As a DevCom instructor/vicechair I am dismayed that our students have less access to the basic skills that are part of our mission statement. Our discipline's fall offerings have been cut by 33% since 2006. Our spring class offerings have been cut 43% since 2006. We have been cut more than any discipline at Mission. In my opinion, we are not living up to the basic skills portion of our mission statement. Feel free to contact me about this issue. Teresa English

Response

The changes are great- we now have an excellent mission statement!

Response

The proposed mission statement is more clear and focused in describing the primary role and function of the college in achieving its goals.

Response

Its a little better through clearer goals and consice wording; so I like the proposed mission statement. However, I think that some of the school goals, such as getting students to a 4 year university in a reasonable time frame, are not being accomplished because of fewer classes and teachers (mainly from budget cuts).

Response

The faculty appear more committed to sending e-mails attacking each other and trying to block access to newer faculty, than spending that time becoming better teachers and allowing the process to hold them accountable for our dismal graduation and transfer rates. I don't know that a mission statement will hold faculty accountable for the hard numbers that show that Mission is not committed to the success of all of its students.

Response

The new one is just a revised edition of the old statement.

Response

The College provides accessible, affordable, high quality learning opportunities in a culturally, intellectually and diverse supportive environment by:

Response

Much better stated than the current one!

Response

I believe that the new statement is excellent.

Response

It seems too long.

Response

The current mission statement was fine. This seems like 'busy work' that wastes time and money- both of which should be focused on the students.

Response

I think the current mission states our mission well; I would recommend keeping the current statement with one substitution. I would replace the last sentence of current mission statement with the last sentence of the proposed mission statement.

Response

More concise and clear.

Response

Why does the college believe that the enrichment of lives through continuing community education is no longer part of the mission?

Response

In the second bullet point, to follow logical timeline, basic skills should be listed first, "ensuring that students improve their basic skills, transfer to four-year institutions, and prepare for successful careers in the workplace." The proposed statement is much more concise and inclusive.

Response

I personally feel our mission is to help students transfer to four year universities and succeed in the academic world.

Response

Hi; It clearly explains what we should be concentrated on.

Response

I think it's a good change.

Response

great new mission statement. more succinct and to the point. good job. dj

Response

The proposed mission statement represents a closer definition of the goals Mission College wants to achieve.

Response

None

Response

It is a positive message and explains the statement in a professional manner.

Response

I like the revised statement much better than the current one. It defines the service community more broadly and more appropriately than before.

Response

This is a much more up to date mission statement.

Response

The new is more clear and direct to the main purpose of the mission college statement.

Response

I did not know this proposal to change the mission statement was already written until it was announced at the Academic Senate meeting last week.

Response

I agree with proposed changes. they reflect our mission and purpose here at Mission.

Response

I would suggest that move "and improve their basic skills" from the first bullet item in the statement to the second one, and reorganize as follows: * Ensuring that students....four-year institutions, and prepare for....the workplace. * Encouraging students to "improve their basic skills" and become....lifelong learners. Item # 3 is OK as is. Thank you.

Response

Diverse communities we serve: this new piece negates the fact that we serve our immediate community. It negates the role that our unique community plays in who we are and what we do.

Response

Focus on commitment to student success and preparing students for successful careers in the workplace are nice additions to the proposed Mission Statement.

Response

Suggested statements: -Encourage students to become critical thinkers and lifelong learners. -Prepare students to improve their basic skills, transfer to a four-year institution, develop a successful career, and continue to enrich their lives through community education. -Provide advanced programs and services to ensure the quality of education demanded by the diverse community we serve.

Response

The Proposed Mission Statement speaks to ALL students attending Los Angeles Mission College and welcomes ALL from other communities both far and near. There are many cultures here and we should service ALL. I put the emphasis on ALL.

Response

Looks good. I think it is especially important to refer to the "diverse communities we serve" instead of "immediate community" since we serve students from many different areas.

Response

the mission statement was fine the way it was. it is certain faculty members on campus who do not honor it, but would rather waste valuable college resources in petty efforts to control and intimidate their colleagues into submission that are the problem. the current academic senate leadership should be fired, not the mission statement.

Response

I like the changes, although I'm not sure this institutions first priority is "high qualify learning".