Library Mission Statement Revision

Evidence of Dialogue

Campus-wide dialogue concerning new LMC Library Mission Statement included participation by students, the Library Director, Full-time Librarians, Adjunct Librarians, Library Staff and interested faculty and staff from other departments. It was initiated as part of Program Review.

Internal Dialogue

![Emails and their contents]

Hello!
I'm just checking to make sure that this is, in fact, our library mission statement?

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Thanks!
Christine

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See below. Feel free to tell me if I've lost it.

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Hi everyone,
I'm working on program review and one area we wanted to address was the description of our department and our mission statement. Here's a draft, let me know what you think and what you want changed, etc.

Thanks!
Christina
**Description:**

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**Subject:** RE: Library description and mission statement

From: Ferguson, Tori
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 1:45 PM
To: Wentworth, Kimberly; Scott, Christine; Park, Christine; Basher, Camme; Jacobsen, Michelle; Fonteno, Amber

I made comments below. Sorry I can’t come up with something better! — Sheike

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From: Wentworth, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 1:30 PM
To: Scott, Christine; Park, Christine; Ferguson, Tori; Basher, Camme; Jacobsen, Michelle; Fonteno, Amber

Subject: RE: Library description and mission statement

Kim, you have set the bar! You make us sound like we have a more personal and communal touch to Christine’s more institutional standards. (Sorry Christine.)

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Mission of the Library is to:

- Provide assistance and opportunities to students, faculty, staff and community to meet their informational and educational needs and to promote continuous learning.
- Provide online and remote access to resources, instruction and services that meet the diverse needs of our community. 11/2022 including “remote access” distance learners are important.
- Provide information competency and encourage our community to become critical and effective information users.
- Provide functional facilities and virtual environments to support teaching, learning and community needs.  We don’t need to include “virtual environments” unless we have more of that to offer.
Evidence of Dialogue with Students

Including students in our dialogue about our new library mission statement

Statement
Wentworth, Kimberly
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2013 10:20 PM
To: Ferguson, Terence; Fonteno, Amber
Cc: Goff, Christine; Park, Christine

Dear Teresa & Amber,

Could you please have the student workers read these two mission statements and create a list of their comments or suggestions?

Thanks,
Kim

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- I like the new mission statement. No suggestions.
- I love it. It's a lot easier to understand.
- What the Library's mission is: no suggestions.
- I think it's a bit too long. I think it might be a sentence.
- I think it's much better than the old one. I think it makes the library seem like a more countering and supporting place to patrons.
- I like the use of guidance and encouragement. It makes the library seem like a more countering and supporting place to patrons.

Gabriela
I like it because it does explain how library directly impacts the student.

-Ruby

- I think the new mission statement is more clear and straightforward. One suggestion: maybe not have "LMC" to repetitive in the statement. It was in there like 3 times, maybe minimize to like 1 or 2 times.

- Dulce Il

- It's a great mission statement. Gilyth
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From: Lynn Morgan
To: Wombworth, Kimberly
Cc: 
Subject: RE: LMC Library Mission Statement Campus-Wide Dialogue Feedback Request

Hi Kim,

I love it! I like how it's more precise in terms of what the library does and includes more impactful language.

My only comment would be to make it two sentences rather than one—I struggled separating out the last idea from the first part.

I love you, library staff!

Best,
Morgan

"What your spirit is, is what you are, what you breathe upon your fellows. Your internal and elemental voice."
--Amiri Baraka, "Black Music"

From: Wombworth, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:24 AM
To: LMC ALL Employees
Subject: LMC Library Mission Statement Campus-Wide Dialogue Feedback Request

Dear LMC Community,

The LMC Library Team is working to update our mission statement.

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From: Goff, Christina
To: Wombworth, Kimberly
Cc: 
Subject: FW: Just a thought

Campus Wide Dialogue Here :)}

From: Goff, Christina
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 2:22 PM
To: Allborn, Diane
Subject: RE: Just a thought

Hi Diane,

Thank you so much for taking time to send your feedback! I will share your thoughts with the team.

Best, Christea

From: Allborn, Diane
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 12:59 PM
To: Goff, Christina
Subject: Just a thought

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