Mission Statement Assessment Activity Report Due April 21, 2017 to the Office of Academic Planning

Mission Statement Activity Report Template

Department Liberal Studies

College LCA

1. What was your most recent mission statement prior to any revisions?

Was not provided in document

2. Please describe the process of revising or developing your mission statement. What informed your discussions about your new or revised mission statement (e.g. changes in the profession, new focus of the department)? How were department faculty members involved? Was it developed in department meetings or other gatherings?

Discussed with faculty at a faculty retreat as part of the student success in the majors grant.

3. What is your revised mission statement?

Liberal Studies Mission Statement

Students in the Liberal Studies program will emerge with knowledge and skills to negotiate complex spaces and situations in an increasingly globalizing world. Our students

- learn to think critically, create and express thoughts in speech, writing, the arts, and other media
- actively examine and engage complex contemporary issues such as education, sustainability, inequality, health and human rights, global and interpersonal conflicts, and social justice
- explore how different kinds of learning and ways of knowing expand the capacity to read and change the world
- gain experience with the processes of learning and producing new knowledge, including collaborative integration and customized, intensive individual interdisciplinary research projects

The program consists of innovative courses in the areas of literature; communication; performance; education; environmental studies; science and technology studies; social sciences, humanities, the creative arts, and medical anthropology. Its well-rounded curriculum provides robust preparation for future teachers. Our graduates have also pursued advanced degrees in counseling, education, public health, gerontology, law, health fields, environmental studies, mathematics, English, psychology, film studies, library science, theology, and more. Many of our alumni work in public service, resource policy, technology and innovation, library studies, creativity and communication, social media, education, health, and criminal justice fields.

4. Please post your revised mission statement on your department web page.

Given that this year you revised your mission statement, the next step would be to review of your program learning goals in the 2017-18 academic year. If that is not the case, please notify the Associate Dean of Academic Planning. Thank you!