

Folsom Lake College
 Vision & Mission Review Survey Results & Comments

This is an update of the stats and comments reported exactly one month ago (2/13/14) which reflects the totality of responses provided (N=149). - Chris

Vision

Answer Choices	Responses	
YES, keep it as it is (comments welcome).	77.18%	115
NO, it should be changed (please indicate how).	14.09%	21
NOT SURE (comments requested).	9.40%	14
Total Respondents: 149		

- Excellence in what?
- Seems like it could go further to point toward the future
- The Vision is great -- but I doubt that its goal is being achieved.
- Not sure if inspiring excellence is enough to guide what we want to achieve in the next 5-20 years
- Boring - what sets us apart from anyone else?
- I would like this campus to do more on the sustainability front. We could be collecting run-off and using it for irrigation, we should erect solar panels on our superbly exposed rooftops to generate electricity. With all the new construction, some of these features would not be hard to implement since you don't have to retrofit existing structures.
- Excellence, yes, but in what? Perhaps emphasis on students as members of informed citizenry, here and in the world?
- FLC inspires excellence in what? That's like me saying In-n-Out creates tasty and provides drinks to go. I would assume the word "excellence" as an adjective toward something specific.
- inspires growth and excellence, and provides a transformative educational experience that will enrich...
- Provide excellent and affordable higher education to California students.
- Its not really a life long learning and enrichment opportunity as much any more.
- inspires excellence through critical thinking and provides . . .
- "Empower" is so over-used it has become practically meaningless. I'd rather see something like "Folsom Lake College strives to provide excellent educational opportunities that foster career development along with a rigorous academic foundation for transfer or lifelong learning."
- "Opportunities for lifelong learning and enrichment". I believe that this is no longer part of our mission as evidenced by our cancelling of PE, ART, Field studies.
- Seems somewhat sparse, maybe something about encouraging responsible citizenship through education
- I don't know what "personal interaction" is supposed to mean. As opposed to impersonal interaction?
- It's cool. Would be nice if the vision were a tiny bit more inspirational, but without getting too verbose.
- The vision statement as is promises more than we can deliver given resources. We "strive to educational opportunities...."
- I was going to mention "encourages/challenges students to discover hidden capabilities" but I think that the vision statement already captures the heart of that when it says FLC "inspires excellence and provides educational opportunities to enrich and empower students."
- It isn't clear how the institution "inspires" excellence. Perhaps replace "inspires" with "supports" to indicate administrative support for the classified employees and faculty who actually work with the students?
- Folsom Lake College provides educational opportunities to enlighten, enrich and empower its students to a standard of excellence.
- Would like more inclusion of community and human enrichment
- There is a connection missing between "inspires excellence" and the mission that follows. There is a clear connection of educational opportunities.

- Inspires excellence provides educational opportunities enrich empower - these Key Words would not be my choice. Deep collaborative thought should go into this. I was on the original Vision and Mission statement team.
- Not what it does...what it seeks to do, perhaps with a definitive goal in mind.
- A college vision statement should meet tangible measures for student success i.e. completion, transfer, and defined skill attainment. Our current vision statement is ripe with bathos, especially in the current age of accountability and outcomes; further, it provides no "how" just a syrupy hope for "excellence" and "empowerment." The vision should be something akin to, "FLC, where campus excellence and student commitment lead to a stronger future."
- It's somewhat vague, but maybe that is okay. It could be any college.
- Folsom Lake College strives for excellence through educational opportunities that enrich and empower all students and our community.

Mission

Answer Choices	Responses	
YES, keep it as is (comments welcome).	71.62%	106
NO, it should be changed (please indicate how).	18.24%	27
NOT SURE (comments requested).	10.14%	15
Total Respondents: 148		

- It needs to be more succinct. the mission encompasses too many components.
- To make quality education available and accessible to the community, to provide workforce training, and support the economic development of the region.
- Our goals have changed since we last edited the Mission and Vision statements. In some cases it was not by choice, especially the section that talks about life long learning.
- Programs and Opportunities seem a little narrow in scope.
- I don't think much needs to change or in drastic ways. There needs to be some mention of "degrees." Programs don't cover the end result, which are stepping stones to the next phase of a student's trajectory. Also, the tone of what we can offer needs to be shifted. For instance, shift the focus from the training one will get here to the training one needs to excel beyond the college.
- Comprehensive support services to promote the success of students. (remove the word all).
- The Mission is great -- but I doubt that the goals are being achieved.
- It seems awfully focused on what we offer without articulating the purpose behind those offerings.
- Not succinct, but still doesn't say much (except the "Environment" part)
- Too much. Make it a sentence or two. This reads like a powerpoint presentation.
- I don't feel we are dealing with life long learning and community involvement due to class reductions in electives.
- A bit better than vision statement, as it branches into specifics. Maybe a synonym for "sustainability," not instead of, but in addition to.
- I think the focus on workforce development should be stronger. We should not only be "enhancing" employment and career skills, we should be developing them with programs that put people to work. Certificates seem to get lost here.
- The Mission vision is very 'blocky' in layout and is a bit awkward with the semi colon usage. Do we need bullet points or can we create a smart, brief paragraph using entire sentences?
- Opportunities for lifelong learning and enrichment are quite limited. The pe, art, photography, geology , fun type classes are not that available and not retakeable in many instances
- Should expand to include personal growth in addition to professional/career growth
- A mission statement is usually short.
- Nice we cultivate sustainability , we should cultivate safety in some way,
- Opportunitites: professional and personal development
- Needs to better align with ISLOs
- It is too long as written. Not succinct.

- As head of the Groundskeeping Dept. I seek more input from Folsom Faculty to improve appearances.
- still sparse, support services: All-Inclusive or All-Embracing not Comprehensive, make it feel warmer
- FLC needs to honor the lifelong learners; these students are being pushed aside.
- I don't know what "personal interaction" is supposed to mean. As opposed to impersonal interaction?
- As a result of legislative pressure, we no longer provide opportunities for "life long learning." Strike that reference.
- Pressures from above seem to be dictating mission; do we keep the mission as is reflecting what we want it to be, or do we modify it to reflect the mission we are mandated?
- No mention of students?- Environment A collaborative and innovative environment that promotes personal interaction as the foundation of learning; honors diversity; cultivates sustainability; and encourages civic engagement.
- Unless my previous suggestions can be incorporated (would like more inclusion of community and human enrichment).
- Do we still offer opportunity for lifelong and enrichment learning?
- Rather than "cultivates sustainability" change to "models and promotes sustainable practices"
- How do the recently adopted Institutional Learning Outcomes align with the mission statement? Can they be integrated in some fashion?
- Not currently a focus or a legislative mandate: lifelong learning and enrichment. The opportunities and environment need work. Since all stems from the vision and the mission -- it seems some leadership in constructing this would be great.
- Not simple, not succinct and not written in "mission statement" format
- I would like the Support Services area to say "promote the success and wellness of all students", and I would like the Environment area to state "A collaborative, safe and innovative environment that promotes personal interaction as the foundation of learning; honors diversity; cultivates sustainability and wellness; and encourages civic engagement"
- Currently, there is no nexus between in-class time and the rest of the campus - student government, student services, administration, etc. Faculty do not advise or provide students with academic/career guidance beyond the classroom, generally. Further, the groups mentioned have no connection with what happens during in-classroom time. Until that is rectified and this campus comes together in deliberate and meaningful way, our mission statement will be fraudulent as currently written.
- Not sure why "sustainability" is included; "civic engagement" included in "Opportunities" section
- Comprehensive support services to promote academic success and wellness of all students.
- Cut the environment section. Add a section on access that addresses distance learning
- I think some updating is needed to ensure we are aligned with the new SSSP.

Employment Classification Distribution of Respondents

Answer Choices	Responses	
Faculty (full time)	41.89%	62
Faculty (adjunct)	23.65%	35
Classified (full time)	28.38%	42
Administrators/Managers	6.08%	9
Total		148