

## Guiding Questions for Core Theme Team Meetings – March 15, 2016

Core theme 3B builds upon standard 3A and the College's comprehensive planning process as it applies to each of the four core themes. One important way that each core theme supports and is consistent with the institutional comprehensive planning process is through the mission critical activities (MCAs) that have been incorporated into specific annual departmental and program workplans. The goal of today's activity is to identify other ways in which core theme planning occurs at the College. Your team's responses will inform our response to standard 3.B. (The text of standard 3.B. is printed on the back of this page for reference).

Please discuss and record the group's responses to the following prompts:

1. What is happening in your area of the college that supports achievement of your core theme's objectives? Please refer to the list of core themes, goals, and objectives (helps us respond to standard 3.B.1)
2. What plans or planning processes exist in your area of the college that support achievement of your core theme's objectives, such as a departmental plan, weekly planning meetings, etc.? (helps us respond to standard 3.B.2)
3. Does your planning process include ways to make improvements based upon data? How is this done? (helps us respond to standard 3.B.3)
4. The core theme indicators may not fully measure achievement of the core theme objectives. What other data exists or needs to be collected that supports achievement of your core theme's objectives? (helps us respond to standard 3.B.3)

### Text of Accreditation Standard 3.B – Core Theme Planning

3.B.1 Planning for each core theme is consistent with the institution's comprehensive plan and guides the selection of programs and services to ensure they are aligned with and contribute to accomplishment of the core theme's objectives.

3.B.2 Planning for core theme programs and services guides the selection of contributing components of those programs and services to ensure they are aligned with and contribute to achievement of the goals or intended outcomes of the respective programs and services.

3.B.3 Core theme planning is informed by the collection of appropriately defined data that are analyzed and used to evaluate accomplishment of core theme objectives. Planning for programs and services is informed by the collection of appropriately defined data that are used to evaluate achievement of the goals or intended outcomes of those programs and services.