

Day 32: Did you know that CMU's mission documents explain the institution's emphases?

HLC Criterion 1.B.2. The mission document or documents are current and explain the extent of the institution's emphasis on the various aspects of its mission.

The current *Strategic Plan 2020* was approved by the Board of Trustees in January 2016 and includes CMU's mission, vision, and values statements, as well as future directions expressed through strategic goals. The mission statement is current, having been updated in 2012, and clearly states that the University's priority is excellent teaching along with offering an array of opportunities to students and the larger community "to grow intellectually, professionally, and personally." The vision statement addresses institutional priorities, including teaching and academic programs, faculty quality and diversity, and community support, and underscores the University's commitment to the community and region.

CMU's core values reflect the emphasis on instruction and community service, illustrated by the following excerpts:

- *a learning environment that develops and promotes the skills of inquiry, reflection, critical thinking, problem-solving, innovation, teamwork, and communication in students;*
- *student choice in academic programming that prepares future leaders to function as productive and responsible members of a global society;*
- *a faculty recognized for their professional expertise and quality of instruction;*
- *an attainable, accessible post-secondary experience for students in and outside of Western Colorado;*
- *a culture committed to integrity and academic and intellectual freedom; and*
- *a diversity of students, faculty and staff that promotes a balanced exchange of ideas.*

To learn more, click here to [read](#) the full criterion text and CMU's Assurance Argument and Evidence. Links to supporting evidence are identified by underlined words but are not available through the PDF version.

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