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REMOVAL OF CORE THEMES

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STRATEGIC THEME: Belonging: Transform our learning culture toward creating a sense of belonging and well-being for every student

Delivery: Redefine time, place, and systems of educational delivery to create a more learner-centric ecosystem

Workforce: Respond to community and workforce needs by developing a culture of agility

Enterprise: Cultivate a long-term sustainable college enterprise

REPORT: In 2020 the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities updated its accreditation standards. The new standards no longer require colleges to adopt and measure Core Themes. Colleges in the middle of an accreditation cycle were given a choice of when to start following and reporting on the new standards. Portland Community College began reporting under the new Standards in 2021 with the Year 6 Policy, Regulations & Financial Review Report. The College is currently preparing for the Year 7 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (self-study) report and site visit. In order to be consistent with the new standards, it is important that the College ensure that any reference to Core Themes is transitioned out.

RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with adopting the 2020 Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Standards, remove all reference to Core Themes on the PCC website, including Board of Directors website, and use of Core Themes in the Board Agendas.