

Library 2011-12

Learning Commons Planning

Summary:

Provide research and input into the Learning Commons planning process.

Description

Libraries form the heart of most learning commons developed at other institutions. Lane Library currently serves as a de facto learning commons, and provides a test case for functionality to be included in the new learning commons funded by the bond. Library staff collect observations on traffic flow, computer use, study space patterns, and other student needs. Research into the literature on learning commons models, and field trips to other facilities are part of the planning.

Questions and Answers

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This initiative is linked to past initiatives that support the Learning Commons.

Describe the resources needed:

Research involves visiting other community college learning commons and libraries. We will be spending travel money on these field trips. Library databases are used to research literature on the topic.

What specific measurable program outcomes do you expect to achieve with this initiative? The outcomes should be specific enough to be measurable. Also, outline the method that will be used to determine the results.

Information gathered by library staff will be provided during the planning process for the learning commons project. Eventually all students at Lane will be impacted.

Department Priority:

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Unit Resources:

When Learning Commons planning accelerates, this initiative will rapidly escalate in importance. At this time, library business takes precedence over this research task.

Funding Request: Carl Perkins

Funding Request: Curriculum Development

Funding Request: Technology Fee