

**Florence Community Conversation
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What is Lane doing well?

Florence Center
Good communication
w/community
w/main campus
Good director
Florence staff strive to do their best
Florence Center pays close attention to
community needs
Students are able to access more and
more classes at Florence
Florence ESL program – meeting the
need by providing child care during
class

Good media coverage

College Now
Good transition point between high
school and 4-year institutions
High School relations

Partnerships with businesses
Automotive partnerships
Nursing Program - partnership with
SOCC, hospitals
Diagnostic Imaging w/Linn Benton
Focus on health care is very good

Scholarship program

Meeting the needs of retired citizens
Non-credit courses for seniors
Non-credit classes and their value
Elder Hostel
Outward Ventures program
Providing lifelong education

Technology/registering online
Distance learning

Culinary program

Approach budget reductions intelligently
Finding innovative ways to work toward
financial sustainability – i.e. Siltcoos
Station

Trades training
Having the flexibility to contact Lane for
job training skills
Accommodating adults returning to
school to increase earning potential.

Fitness/Wellness program

Cooperative Education
Student interns are high quality

Siltcoos Station Restoration

What should Lane be doing more of in the future to meet community needs?

Summer school at Florence campus
Open all campuses year-round in order
to avoid losing students to schools that
are open year-round and maintain
program continuity
Need more “face-to-face” instructors in
Florence – some part-time instructors
were reduced

Expand healthcare programs
Expand Florence nursing program
All Lane health occupation programs
need to somehow be available to
students in Florence, or at least all the
pre-requisites

Cooperative Education – great program, could do more

Coop advisors need to determine if students are suited for work

Help get word out about open positions

Culinary program at Florence

Lane needs to partner with the casino and Siuslaw High School to expand the culinary and hospitality program to Florence – other restaurant/hotel operators in Florence would also join such a partnership

Management training for restaurants

More partnering with OCVA and other programs catering to tourism/hospitality

Standard 12th grade reading level for all graduates

Courses in leadership, professionalism, how to work in the field

Determine student

suitability/compatibility w/programs

More life skill focus

Reserve academy

What does Florence need Lane to be doing to support the development of the community?

Business classes

More credit classes

Offer child-care certification courses

Offer more professional programs in Florence, for example, paralegal

Career Pathways

Offer a hospitality career pathway as a continuation of the program at Siuslaw High School. The SHS program includes Culinary Arts I, II and an internship.

Expand the culinary and hospitality program to include Florence classes.

Career pathways for more programs

Target parents of high school students with the idea to promote the value of a community college. Educate the parents to influence their high school child.

Lobby for more support from the community to better support students with needs, including the importance of filling out paperwork for scholarships. Create more focus on opportunities for men and try and recruit More ESL

Expand distance learning

Continue utilizing technology – more online offerings, keep using IP video

Expand non-credit classes for seniors

Reinstate senior discount

Need to be more visible for seniors

Tap into senior pool for instruction ideas

Tutors for seniors learning to use computers

Classes on volunteerism

Facilities

Expand health care training programs and access for Florence students

Marketing

Partnering with other colleges

Partner with Food Share

Promote College Now

Challenge our young to stay in Florence we're seeing a steady move of young adults to re-locate (community issue)

More opportunities for upper level kids coming from the high school

Balance between serving senior residents and K-12

Keep communication strong between Florence center and public schools

Open campus longer each day and on weekends

All college facilities open in the summer
Florence employees paid 100% vs. 86%

Provide instruction for experienced persons to receive teaching certification

Continue and expand the Outward Ventures program, with more focus on wellness for seniors.

Continue to draw senior citizens as resources to the college

More senior classes, both credit and non-credit.

Increase non-credit class offerings

Remodel science instructional facilities and classrooms in Florence

Work readiness training for entry-level workers. Many employers in Florence experience new employees who lack basic work readiness skills such as dependability, appropriate behavior/conduct, problem-solving skills, work ethic, productivity expectations, etc.

Bring in more jobs. Several small businesses are closing due to the casino opening 5 restaurants, taking away a great deal of business.

More job skills training i.e, childcare providers

More job shadowing

Workforce Training

Provide and educate about Lane program access and financial aid support for more Florence students.

More LCC Foundation help for Florence, support whole programs, not just scholarships

Offer College Now courses in summer
Reinstate summer term at Florence campus

If campus is closed, make it available as space to be used by the community for other purposes

More volunteers at the Florence campus
Better collaboration with main campus

Distance Learning

Need a library and/or a partnership with local public library

Need good study space

Continue supporting Siltcoos Station renovations