

## **Questions for the Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation: Guidelines for Submission of Themes**

*From WSCUC's proposal directions except for the last two items*

### **What does it mean to have “areas of study” as part of our theme?**

- “Areas of study” means that the institution is undertaking new or enhanced projects or activities. The Commission expects that the institution will use its resources to focus on important efforts that enhance educational effectiveness.

### **Do our theme’s “areas of study” projects and/or activities all have to be brand new? Do they all have to be completed by the time of our WSCUC 2020 site visit?**

- “Areas of study” does not mean that a project or activity must be completely new. It could be an expansion of an existing project, activity or initiative. The liaison will be looking to determine that the themes represent an important effort tied to WSCUC Standards.

### **Can LLU do whatever it wants to do for its theme and areas of study?**

- As an institution develops its themes, consider that the Commission emphasizes accountability and outcomes.
- Themes must be tied explicitly to the Standards and relevant CFRs.

### **What is the review process for our theme proposal and who is involved?**

WSCUC liaisons will review the institutional submissions in their portfolios using the following criteria:

1. To what extent do the themes address the Standards and Criteria for Review (CFRs)?
2. To what extent has the institution demonstrated the importance of the themes?
3. To what extent will the projects lead to improvements in educational effectiveness, student achievement, or quality performance?
4. How realistic has the institution been in setting goals, outcomes and a timeline for completing the projects?
5. How achievable are the expected results?

The liaisons may request additional information or suggest revisions in the submission, as needed. At the conclusion of the review process, liaisons will inform the institution that its submission has been accepted and that it can proceed with the review for reaffirmation of accreditation. The submission document will be shared with the peer evaluation team before the Accreditation Visit.

### **What do you think will be LLU’s biggest problem with our theme of One Loma Linda?**

- We have too many “areas of study” that we could and perhaps should include so will need to determine the best way to prune the topics.

### **When is LLU’s TPR proposal due?**

- DUE: May 31, 2018