Themes from Survey
Employee Comments

Community/Civic Engagement

Faculty and Staff at MSU Denver were asked four open-ended questions on the 2013 Campus Climate Survey. Listed below are the major themes regarding Community/Civic Engagement found in the responses to these questions.

Employees appreciate and value:

- The involvement with the Greater Denver community especially because so many of their students come from it
- The enhanced connection to University and state-wide issues provided by advents like the “News Clips” program
- The way in which the relationship with the community impacts their overall sense of pride and purpose

Areas warranting attention:

- General consensus that there needs to be an increased effort in partnering with community organizations, particularly in regards to remaining a diverse, inclusive environment
- Utilizing public-private partnerships while working to improve University offerings
- Focus on preeminence has reduced overall commitment to the mission of Metro State and its relationship with the community it serves
In Their Own Words:

“The role that it plays and the contributions it makes to the broader community – a tremendous resource to our citizens and workforce.”

“The sense that the institution is growing and that we are all making a positive impact on the students and communities we serve.”

“The fact that this institution contributes to the enhancement of the community.”

“I appreciate working in an environment that allows me to give back to the community.”

“The fact that we are an urban university and our students for the most part, in many majors reflects the diversity of Denver.”

“I find that, when I speak to people in the community, the reputation of MSU Denver has really grown and changed for the better. I feel proud to be a member of an institution that constantly strives to be better.”

“News Clips have been helpful to inform the MSU Denver community about the university’s positions and involvement on important state-wide issues and initiatives.”

“By continuing to develop public-private partnerships and by continuing to improve the quality of programs and services that are offered at this institution. We offer the best bang for your buck in almost all of higher education, we need to be proud of that and continue to find partnerships that push us further in that direction.”

“Metro has made great strides in developing the campus facilities, addressing Master degree programs, partnering with businesses and educators in the community and attracting a diverse and vibrant student population.”

“Work more with the community in a serious way.”
“A stronger effort in recruiting diverse students and students of color in majors that are predominantly white. What are the partnerships and opportunities to develop partnerships with diverse local high schools?”

“Continue to strive to meet the needs of Denver’s diverse population at an affordable price.”

“I believe by doing more for the community and starting to offer more options on the degree side and to try to at least help other degrees follow as master programs.”

“I think we should devote serious time and attention on community-based research, assessment of engaged learning, and programs that encourage deeper time-on-task learning communities (without residence life we must be much more thoughtful and directed)”

“The new construction of buildings should not only be public private partnerships but should also work to address mutuality and reciprocity with nearby communities.”