

Questions to Consider



Personal Equity

(Who am I?)

On a personal level, individuals practice self-awareness and equity; claim responsibility as a person and commit to equitable education; learn to recognize and address personal biases

- What is your level of commitment to equitable education? To you, what is the difference between interested and committed?
- Do you know why equitable education matters to you?
- Do you actively work to learn about your own biases?
- Do you question yourself about your own identities, including your racial identity, and how your identities impact your work?
- Do you actively work to develop your equity consciousness (CUE) by exploring, understanding, and working with different forms of racism and isms, bias, power and positionality, oppression, and internalized oppression?
- Do you know your triggers and how to stay present when you are triggered?
- Do you engage in healing work so you can stay engaged in social justice and equity work?

(Curtis Linton, USC Center for Urban Education, Veronica Neal, DeAnza College, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, Chao)

Educational/Professional Equity

(What do we do?)

In professional roles, individuals utilize equity-based practices to effectively support and actualize success for disproportionately impacted and marginalized populations

- Do you provide all students with the individual support they need to reach and exceed a common standard or expectation? (Linton 2011, 87)
- Do you engage as an equitable “best practitioner”?
- Do we design our personal and institutional support systems and our professional environment to help actualize success for all students?

Institutional Equity

(Who are we?)

College policies, practices, processes, and structures actualize success for disproportionately impacted and marginalized populations

- Is there clarity in language, goals, and measures for all equitable practices?
- Is “equity-mindedness” the guiding paradigm for language and action?
- Are practices and policies designed to accommodate differences in the contexts of students’ learning rather than to treat all students the same?
- Is ARC enacting equity through a continual process of learning, disaggregating data, and questioning assumptions about relevance and effectiveness?
- Is equity enacted as a pervasive institution- and system-wide principle? (see reference below)
- Is there visible leadership and accountability for equity?
- Is there accessible professional development in place to develop your equity frame and support your equity learning and equity success?

Developed from CUE’s five principles of Equity by Design.

Reference: <http://cue.usc.edu/equity-by-design-five-principles/>

