

## CUNY Academic Commons - Documentation #2666

### Update About Text

2013-07-10 02:28 PM - Chris Stein

<b>Status:</b> Assigned	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Priority name:</b> Normal	<b>% Done:</b> 0%
<b>Assignee:</b> Luke Waltzer	
<b>Category name:</b> About page	
<b>Target version:</b> Not tracked	
<b>Description</b>	
<p>Following the conclusion of this ticket <a href="#">#2663</a> we should consider revising the text on the About page. Right now it just has the mission statement and a link to our Wikipedia entry. Neither of them is a direct way of answering on the page the question "what is the commons?"</p> <p>The assumption is that the "what is" question is the one most people have in mind followed by questions like, "why was it made," "who makes it," "who pays for it," "how long has it been around," some of which are answered and some not.</p> <p>If we do decide to rewrite it, there is the question of the tone of voice. Right now it is very formal with just the mission statement. Do we want to keep it formal or go for something more informal?</p> <p>If others agree we should get into this I can take a stab at it (other volunteers welcome too).</p>	

### History

#### #1 - 2013-07-10 02:32 PM - Matt Gold

Yes, very much needed and it would be fantastic if you could take a first crack, Chris. Many thanks!

#### #2 - 2013-07-10 02:34 PM - Matt Gold

- *Tracker changed from Feature to Documentation*
- *Status changed from New to Assigned*
- *Assignee set to Chris Stein*

#### #3 - 2013-08-10 01:55 PM - Boone Gorges

- *Target version set to Not tracked*

#### #4 - 2013-08-11 09:29 AM - Matt Gold

Hi Chris --

I'm happy to work with you on this. Do you have time to take a first shot in the next few weeks? Thanks so much for pointing this out.

best,

Matt

#### #5 - 2016-01-26 11:17 AM - Boone Gorges

- *Category name set to About page*

Bump. Would be great to see this. Adding Steve and Sam as watchers.

#### #6 - 2016-01-28 08:48 PM - Matt Gold

Adding Chris as a watcher, as we will be discussing some ideas about what the Commons is, should be, and will become during tomorrow's morning meeting

#### #7 - 2016-03-04 10:20 AM - Stephen Real

- *Assignee changed from Chris Stein to Matt Gold*

It seems very doable to update the About text based on our recent discussions. Let's assign this task to somebody on the team. We can a draft, polish it up and publish. I would propose that anything we publish need considered frozen, but a document that can evolve over time.

I am glad to volunteer to prepare the draft, but if there is a more appropriate party, I am also glad to defer to him/her.

**#8 - 2016-03-04 10:25 AM - Matt Gold**

*- Assignee changed from Matt Gold to Luke Waltzer*

Luke, do you want to take a shot at a first draft of this, perhaps working with Steve Real and Kelly Josephs?

Please do remember that we have a revised draft of the mission statement that was never published and that should be revisited

**#9 - 2016-03-04 11:03 AM - Luke Waltzer**

Yes, happy to work with Steve and Kelly to get this going. Can you please point me to the latest mission statement revision?

**#10 - 2016-03-04 11:19 AM - Matt Gold**

Thanks so much, Luke.

<http://commons.gc.cuny.edu/groups/cuny-academic-commons-subcommittee/docs/revised-mission-statemetr/>

FYI, I think we have a meeting today where we can begin discussion of this