

Glendale Community College
Team A Review of Mission Statement 10/22/2010

MISSION STATEMENT

Glendale Community College welcomes students of all diverse backgrounds, goals, ages, abilities, and learning styles. As an institution of higher education, we are committed to student learning and success. Using personal interaction, dynamic and rigorous instruction, and innovative technologies, we foster the development of critical thinking and lifelong learning. We provide students with the opportunity and support to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to meet their educational, career, and personal goals. Our commitment is to prepare students for their many evolving roles in and responsibilities to our community, our state, and our society.

STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES

Glendale Community College is committed to:

- providing a rich and rigorous curriculum that helps students understand and appreciate the artistic and cultural heritage of this society, the history and development of civilization, the scientific environment in which they live, and the challenges of their personal lives;
- emphasizing the coherence among disciplines and promotion of openness to the diversity of the human experience;
- helping students to develop important skills that are critical for success in the modern workplace, such as verbal and written communication, mathematics, the effective use of technology for work and research, and the ability to work with others and conduct their lives with responsibility;
- providing an extensive array of student services and learning tools, including state of the art technology, to assist students in all aspects of their college experience;
- creating a supportive, non-discriminatory environment which enables students to reach their educational goals in an efficient and timely manner.

Criteria for reviewing the mission statement:

1. Has GCC made any substantive change in the programs and services offered by the college in the last year that suggest we need to revise our mission statement?
2. Does GCC think there are changes in programs and services we need to make that might require a change in the mission statement?
3. Are there any changes in our external environment, be they political, demographic, financial, technological, competition, or other—that GCC to review our mission statement?
4. Have they been any changes in state, district, or legal standards; or have there been any changes in the accreditation standards or a site visit recommendations that prompt a GCC to review the mission statement?

Accreditation standards for mission:

- Defines broad educational purposes, intended student population, and commitment to achieving student learning (Standard I.A)
- Aligned with college's purposes, character, and student population (Standard I.A.1)