

College Planning Committee – Mission Statement Taskforce  
Meeting Notes

February 27, 2014

**Attendees**

Present: Jim Haynes, Brian Murphy, Mallory Newell, George Robles, Randy Bryant, Marisa Spatafore, Jackie Reza, ~~Dave Capitolo, Mayra Cruz~~, Barbara Dahlke, Cynthia Kaufman

**Overview**

The group reviewed the minutes from the 2 previous meetings, which are posted on the Institutional Research Planning page. The group reviewed the new mission homepage which now includes the values statement as well. The group reviewed the mission statements of the 17 colleges that were re-affirmed accreditation in January 2014. The results showed that 9 of the 17 (52%) mission statements clearly defined the student population in which they serve while the others were similar to ours or less descriptive.

The group reviewed 6 different drafts of the mission statement as suggested by the group at the previous meeting. It was shared that Academic Senate expressed that they use the mission statement on a daily basis in all that they do and hope that it remains intact in its current version, as they feel if fits exactly what we do and who we serve. The group reviewed the six versions and agreed to keep it intact, with a modification to the Institutional Core Competence: Global, Social and Cultural Awareness to Civic Capacity for Equity, Social Justice and Environmental Sustainability.

The mission statement put forth by the group is:

**De Anza College provides an academically rich, multicultural learning environment that challenges students of every background to develop their intellect, character and abilities; to realize their goals; and to be socially responsible leaders in their communities, the nation and the world. The college engages students in creative work that demonstrates the knowledge, skills and attitudes contained within its Institutional Core Competencies:**

- **Communication and expression**
- **Information literacy**
- **Physical/mental wellness and personal responsibility**
- **Civic capacity for equity, social justice and environmental sustainability**
- **Critical thinking**

The statement will be shared with the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, De Anza Student Body for feedback, Equity Action Committee, then final approval by College Council.

The group also discussed if it would be appropriate to move from a 6 year review of the mission, as aligned in the 6-year planning cycle to a 3 year review. The group unanimously agreed that it would not be appropriate to review it on a 3 year cycle, and would prefer to remain with the current planning cycle.