



Agenda Item (IV-A-1)

Meeting	9/4/2012 - Committee/Regular Board
Agenda Item	Committee - Governance (IV-A-1)
Subject	Mission Statement for the Board of Trustees
College/District	District
Funding	n/a
Recommended Action	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees review, discuss and adopt a Mission Statement for the Board.

Background Narrative:

Through the annual Self-Evaluation of the Board of Trustees completed in June 2012, the Board set a goal (#1) to establish a Mission Statement of the Board of Trustees. Based upon the goals of the Board, and the mission of the district, the following has been drafted for the Board's consideration and review:

"The Board is dedicated to providing governance and leadership that affords access to excellent higher educational opportunities for all who could benefit, thereby contributing to the strength of our communities and the local workforce. The Board, in collaboration with the Chancellor, is committed to supporting the missions of the Riverside Community College District and the Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges."

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Attachments:

[2012 Self Evaluation Goals](#)

1. Create a mission statement for the Board of Trustees with guiding principles for governance of the members of the board elected by-district.
2. Continue to mature and develop the reorganized District with three, separately accredited colleges with greater autonomy and accountability.
3. Support and facilitate relationships with local schools, industries and businesses, to facilitate a better educational continuum and for “making life better” in our community. This includes a continuation of holding joint meetings with school boards on focused topics of common interest.
4. Monitor student success and achievement of all student populations and review data and reports that provide perspective and trend analysis to support programs, operations and policy matters. Monitoring shall include attention to and support for efforts to close the “achievement gap” of under-prepared and under-represented students.
5. Strive for a positive, synergistic Board of Trustees that recognizes, respects, and capitalizes on the uniqueness of each individual, and that leverages and positions the board for the overall advancement of the District.
6. Support the role of the Chancellor and actions of the Board as a whole; and to fulfill the greater mission of the District and Board, as we steadfastly focus on our core mission.
7. Set policy and direction for the District; support Chancellor in advancing and executing the plan, and monitor implementation through the CEO evaluation process.
8. Advocate for the budget and provide stewardship for the district recognizing the fiscal dilemma community colleges face; including the right sizing of the district, monitoring enrollment (FTES), and advocate for new funding model(s).
9. Responsibly assure that mission and planning for colleges and district are linked to budget and resource development.
10. Advocate the role, mission, and vitality of community colleges within the state system, by exploring and addressing funding/revenue models to build sustainability.
11. Support the development of standards, policies and protocols that lead to efficiencies and sound resource development and implementation, including continued support for the Chancellor’s role in resource development.
12. Support programs, policies and investments that advance the district and its operations into sustainable practices, including but not limited to use of technology, LEED certified development and other resource and environmentally sustainable measures.
13. Assure leadership and policy matters are undertaken and aligned with the District Strategic Plan Themes of Student Access; Student Success; Service to Community; System Effectiveness; Financial Resource Development; Organizational and Professional Development; and Green Initiatives.
14. The Board remains unanimous in their support of Chancellor in leading labor negotiations to assure District resources and services are maintained and responsibly deployed, and to anticipate fair bargaining agreements will be realized with all labor groups.