

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Doug Treadway
DATE: December 13, 2006
SUBJECT: Revised Ohlone College Mission Statement

Consent Agenda

WASC accreditation requires that the college periodically review our mission statement. The specific language from WASC indicates: "Using the institution's governance and decision-making processes, the institution reviews its mission statement on a regular basis and revises it as necessary". The current Mission Statement for Ohlone College reads as follows:

"The mission of Ohlone College is to serve the community by providing a center for career, technology, science, and liberal arts education; cultural enrichment, economic development, and lifelong learning. The College affirms its commitment to open access for all adults who can benefit from its instruction."

In October of this year, College Council recommended the following revised Mission Statement:

"Ohlone College offers instruction for basic skills, career entry, university transfer, economic development, and personal enrichment for all who can benefit from our instruction in an environment where student learning success is highly valued, supported, and continually assessed."

The Board made two recommendations in response to this proposed language, as follows:

1. Retain the wording about serving the community. Specifically, begin with the existing language "The mission of Ohlone College is to serve the community by..."
2. Delete the term "basic skills".

College Council then considered the Board's recommendations, accepting recommendation #1 and rejecting recommendation #2. Council now submits the following revised Mission Statement for Board approval:

The mission of Ohlone College is to serve the community by offering instruction for basic skills, career entry, university transfer, economic development, and personal enrichment for all who can benefit from our instruction in an environment where student learning success is highly valued, supported, and continually assessed.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends approval of the revised Mission Statement for Ohlone College, as revised and approved by College Council.