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Skyline College Strategic Directions

Vision, Mission, Values, Goals and Strategies

Vision

Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

Mission

Skyline College is a comprehensive, open access community college that provides student-centered education leading to transfer, career advancement, basic skills development, and personal enrichment.

The College is committed to preparing students to be culturally sensitive members of the community, critical thinkers, proficient users of technology, effective communicators, socially responsible lifelong learners and informed participants of a democracy in an increasingly global society.

Skyline offers innovative instruction and student support to a rich tapestry of diverse learners through the hallmarks of the college: academic excellence, responsive student services, advanced technology, community and industry partnerships, and workforce and economic development.

Values: Education is the foundation of our civilized democratic society. Thus:

- **Campus Climate.** We value a campus-wide climate that reflects a ‘students first philosophy’ with mutual respect between all constituencies and appreciation for diversity. Both instruction and student services are dedicated to providing every student with an avenue to success.
- **Open Access.** We are committed to the availability of quality educational programs and services for every member of our community regardless of level of preparation, socio-economic status, cultural, religious or ethnic background, or disability. We are committed to providing students with open access to programs and services that enable them to advance steadily toward their goals.
- **Academic Excellence.** We value excellence in all aspects of our mission as a comprehensive community college offering preparation for transfer to a baccalaureate institution, workforce and economic development through vocational programs and certificates, Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, and lifelong learning. We are committed to academic rigor and quality with relevant, recent, and evolving curriculum and well-equipped programs that include new and emerging areas of study. We are dedicated to providing education in a climate that values innovation and freedom of intellectual exploration, discovery, thought, and exchange of ideas for all.
- **Community Connection.** We value a deep engagement with the community we serve and our role as an academic and cultural center for business, industry, labor, non-profits, government and the arts.
- **Shared Governance.** We value just, fair, inclusive, and well-understood governance processes based upon open and honest communication.



Skyline College Goals & Strategies

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GOAL 1: Develop the scope, quality, accessibility and accountability of instructional and student service offerings, programs, and services.

- Strategy 1.1. **INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, SERVICES & MODES OF DELIVERY:** An innovative and comprehensive balance of programs, courses, services and modes of delivery that meet student and community needs.
- Strategy 1.2. **STUDENT ACCESS, SUCCESS, & EQUITY IN OUTCOMES:** Student access to the college, student success in achieving their goals, and equity in student outcomes for all student populations.
- Strategy 1.3. **OUTREACH & RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY NEEDS:** Broad outreach efforts that build partnerships and respond to educational community needs.
- Strategy 1.4. **ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING:** Ensure that Skyline College assesses student learning at the course, program and institutional levels, engages in shared reflection on the results of these assessments, and uses the results to sustain or improve student learning.

GOAL 2: Enhance institutional effectiveness in the planning and decision-making processes through cooperative leadership, effective communication, and shared governance.

- Strategy 2.1. **INTEGRATED PLANNING & INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT:** An integrated planning system that responds to all stakeholders and tracks and measures college-wide performance indicators.
- Strategy 2.2. **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION:** Widespread, continuous and reliable communication that informs decision-making processes and ensures institutional effectiveness.
- Strategy 2.3. **SAFE & SECURE CAMPUS:** A safe and secure environment that includes staff trained in emergency procedures.

GOAL 3: Fulfill the college's role as a leading academic and cultural center for the community through partnerships with business, the community, and non-profit organizations.

- Strategy 3.1. **CULTURAL CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY:** A position and presence in the community as a major cultural center.
- Strategy 3.2. **MARKETING, OUTREACH & CONNECTIONS TO ACADEMIC & BUSINESS COMMUNITIES:** Broad outreach and marketing efforts that incorporate continuous evaluation of community needs for comprehensive planning to build public awareness.

GOAL 4: Provide adequate human, physical, technological and financial resources to successfully implement educational programs and student services in order to improve student learning outcomes.

- Strategy 4.1. **INTEGRATED & EVIDENCE-BASED RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM:** A comprehensive, integrated and evidence-based resource planning system that responds to all stakeholders and is tied to budget, program and services decisions.
- Strategy 4.2. **UPDATED FACILITIES:** Updated facilities that include timely replacement of equipment.

GOAL 5: Offer faculty and staff opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

- Strategy 5.1. **COMPREHENSIVE STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** Unified and coordinated staff development programs that are dynamic, comprehensive and rich.