

Resolution 07 – 2013
Revised College Mission Statement

Background

The policy of the Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) is to have its colleges formally review the college's Mission Statement and submit to the Board any changes for approval. The required review is to be completed every three years. In 2010, the President of the Gateway Community and Technical College initiated the development of a new Strategic Plan for the College for 2010 – 2016 which was adopted by the GCTC Board of Directors and approved by the KCTCS Board of Regents. Part of the development of the plan was the review and revision of the College's Mission Statement. In the spring of 2013, the College President initiated a review of the College's Mission Statement which involved key constituent groups internal and external to the college. The President's Leadership Team initiated the process at its annual summer retreat. Discussions were held with various existing teams and working groups throughout the summer. At the August 12, 2013 College-Wide Symposium, employees were asked to review the Strategic Plan, the 2013-14 annual plan priorities, and the Mission Statement. The Gateway Foundation Board and the Gateway Board of Directors met in a Future Focus Workshop session on August 29, 2013 to review the current and future desired state for the college. Feedback was tabulated for all groups and formed the basis for the consideration of two alternative mission statements and the current statement. The three statements were distributed electronically to employees and the members of the GCTC Board of Directors and the GCTC Foundation. The results of the electronic ballot revealed a general consensus for creating a more concise statement by retaining the first sentence of the current mission statement. The shortened statement was selected as first or second choice by 81.7% of the 137 respondents. The current mission statement was listed either first or second choice by 74.1% of the respondents.

Action

In accordance with KCTCS Board of Regents policy and based on the input received by the President of the College, the Board of Directors is asked to adopt the following revised mission statement:

Gateway Community and Technical College provides high quality, affordable, accessible, and inclusive postsecondary education and training resulting in a positive contribution to the economic vitality of the region and enhanced quality of life for all citizens.

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Gateway Community and Technical College Board of Directors, having received the recommendation of the College President on behalf of the College community, hereby formally recommends the above Mission Statement for Gateway Community and Technical College. The Board requests the President of the College to forward this action to the KCTCS System President and Board of Regents for approval at its earliest convenience.

This action adopted by the Board of Directors on this 19th day of September 2013.

Brent Cooper,
Secretary

Date