Mesa College Mission Statement

San Diego Mesa College empowers our diverse student body to reach their educational goals and shape the future. As a comprehensive community college committed to access and success, we promote student learning and achievement leading to degrees and certificates in support of transfer education and workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. Faculty and staff collaborate with our students to foster scholarship, leadership, and responsibility to effect positive change within our community.

Process for Drafting and Vetting the Mesa College Mission Statement, 2014

The Mission Statement Revision was begun at President’s Cabinet Retreat on April 15, 2014, through a hands-on facilitated activity by Dr. Madeleine Hinkes and President Pamela T. Luster. Outcomes of the activity were summarized and included in a worksheet aligning the excerpts with necessary components of a mission statement, per ACCJC, and per California Education Code. Dr. Hinkes, Co-Chair of the Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee then placed it on the agenda for the April 21, 2014 PIE meeting, where committee members worked together to create a draft mission statement. There was active participation by faculty, staff, students, and administrators. The draft statement was vetted by the Academic and Classified Senates, with both representatives reporting back with minor feedback. The Academic Senate requested that language regarding “transfer and workforce education” be added to the second sentence, which it was.

The Planning and Institutional Effectiveness will review and approve the vetted draft at its May 13, 2014 meeting, and forward it for review and recommendation to the President by President’s Cabinet on May 20, 2014.