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**Re:** COM Mission Statement

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As the Mission Review Taskforce, we offer the following revised College of Marin Mission Statement for your review and recommendations. Revisions were made based on survey feedback received from the College Council, each of your Senates, the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee and the Educational Planning Committee. The majority (75%) agreed that the current mission statement reflects the college's purpose. Even so, approximately half offered comments and suggested changes. Many of these involved re-wording. Consequently, we revised the mission statement with the intention of keeping the existing content and most of the original language, altering it to eliminate redundancy, use current terminology and create clarity and simplicity. In addition, we addressed the issue of degrees and certificates, student success and attempted to use more global than program-specific terminology.

As specified in the Integrated Planning Manual mission review process, we are requesting that you review this proposed revision, share it with your constituents and provide us with your approval and/or recommendations. The College Council will then approve or revise the proposed mission, circulate any additional revisions to the college community, then forward to the Board of Trustees for approval.

We would appreciate your feedback no later than the end of February. If you would like us to attend the meeting at which you discuss the revision to answer any questions, let us know. Otherwise, please provide your feedback in writing via email.

## Revised Statement (with changes highlighted)

College of Marin's commitment to educational excellence is rooted in providing equitable opportunities and fostering success for all members of our diverse community by offering:

- preparation for transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- associate degrees and certificates
- career technical education
- basic skills improvement
- lifelong learning and community and cultural enrichment

College of Marin responds to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment that promotes social and environmental responsibility.

## Original Statement (with changes highlighted)

College of Marin's commitment to educational excellence is rooted in our mission to provide excellent educational opportunities for all members of our diverse community by offering:

- preparation for transfer to four-year schools and universities;
- workforce education;
- basic skills improvement/~~English as a Second Language~~;
- intellectual and physical development and lifelong learning; and
- cultural enrichment.

The College of Marin is committed to responding to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment with a strong foundation of sustainability, which will instill environmental sensitivity in our students.