

Ozarka College Mission Statement Task Force
January 12, 2007
Minutes

We did this meeting by email. We all discussed any ideas that we had on our existing Mission Statement and ideas that we have for changes.

From: Dusty R. Johnston
Sent: Fri 1/12/2007 2:51 PM
Subject: Mission Statement

The Strategic Planning annual cycle indicates that the mission, vision, values, philosophy, & scope will be reviewed in January. Please take time to review the mission and make any suggestions for improvement.

Also, I would like to begin establishing vision and values statements at this time. I encourage you to look at other college catalogs for examples. I do offer the RMCC catalog as a good example. I had very little to do with it, but a committee spent a great deal of time producing it. Maybe we can short cut that a little. (www.rmcc.edu)

The objectives in the Ozark catalog are similar to most institutions philosophy and scope statements. Please review those as well for suggested improvements.

I would like to have feedback by Monday January 29.

Thanks
DRJ

Ozarka College Mission Statement Task Force
February 9, 2007
Minutes

The Mission Statement Task Force met on February 9, 2007 at 1:00 in the Main Building Board Room. Members present were: Kim Whitten, Judy Cannady, Ron Helm, Bettie Estes, Mike DeLong, Dusty Johnston, and Scott Pinkston.

The agenda:

To look over the Mission Statement we now have.

Mission Statement and Objectives

The mission of Ozarka College, a public two-year institution located in north central Arkansas, is to provide its students and other citizens with quality comprehensive higher education, technical education, adult education, continuing education, workplace education, and cultural opportunities. Ozarka's primary objective is to encourage development of academic, technical, economic, social, cultural, and global awareness skills that lead to a positive, productive, and fulfilling life in an ever-changing world.

The College is committed to the following general objectives:

1. Through the Associate of Arts program, Ozarka students will gain the general education information, skills, and attitudes that support successful transfer to a four-year college or university.
2. Through the Associate of Applied Science programs, Ozarka students will gain the broad range of knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for successful entry into the workforce.
3. Through the Technical Certificate and Certificate of Proficiency programs, Ozarka students will gain the specialized knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for entry-level positions in their fields.
4. Through the Adult Education program, adult learners throughout the service area will be able to improve their academic and practical skills and complete a GED.
5. Through the Continuing Education program, citizens of Ozarka's service area will gain the knowledge and skills they desire for personal improvement or community service.
6. Through the Business and Industry Outreach program, adult learners at local businesses and industries will be able to upgrade job skills by accessing customized training activities that promote workforce readiness and on-the-job success.

7. A low teacher-to-student ratio will promote comprehensive learning and understanding.
8. Learners will benefit from ease of access to educational facilities by provision of off-campus sites.
9. Learners will benefit from being able to choose from a variety of technology-supported, distance-education learning opportunities: web-based and telecourse instruction in academic areas, compressed two-way video delivery, and expanded technological access to library and research materials.
10. Expanded financial and scholarship assistance, as well as academic, vocational, and personal guidance and counseling, will help students meet their educational goals.
11. The College will assist educational, civic, social, and cultural endeavors in the service area by offering its facilities and professional staff in support.
12. The College is committed to enhancing student learning and evolving to meet the needs of the community through assessment and evaluation of student academic achievement, student services, and institutional operations.

General Education Philosophy

Ozarka College provides core classes to instill general education knowledge, skills, and attitudes which are then reinforced throughout the academic and technical curriculum. The goal of general education is to give students the ability to:

1. Communicate accurately and convincingly in written, spoken, and nonverbal forms;
2. Apply perspective, collect relevant information, and weigh evidence to develop solutions to the problems and complexities of life;
3. Demonstrate how physical and cultural history has shaped the present and points to the future;
4. Apply higher-level mathematical reasoning and/or the scientific method to solve problems;
5. Use technology to discover, organize, and manage knowledge for academic, personal, and/or technical purposes; and
6. Recognize and expand awareness of global multicultural viewpoints.

Scott moved to adjourn. Ron seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 3:00.
Minutes respectfully submitted on February 10, 2007 by Judy Cannady.

Ozarka College Mission Statement Task Force
March 22, 2007
Minutes

The Mission Statement Task Force met on March 22, 2007 at 1:00 in the Main Building Board Room. Members present were: Kim Whitten, Judy Cannady, Ron Helm, Bettie Estes, Mike DeLong, and Scott Pinkston.

Agenda:

To discuss the Mission Statements from other schools to give us ideas about how we would like to re-do our own Mission Statement.

We looked at the Mission Statements from these schools:

RMCC

SAU TECH

NWACC

Mid-South Community College

Mike moved to adjourn. Ron seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Minutes respectfully submitted on March 25, 2007 by Judy Cannady.

Ozarka College Mission Statement Task Force
April 3, 2007
Minutes

The Mission Statement Task Force met on April 3, 2007 at 1:00 in the Main Building Board Room. Members present were: Kim Whitten, Judy Cannady, Bettie Estes, Mike DeLong, Dusty Johnston, and Scott Pinkston.

The agenda:

To discuss the Mission Statements ideas that we have all come up with since our last meeting

After Bettie read to us a mission statement that she had been working on, and comparing it to one that the rest of us had liked that Dr. DeLong had submitted some time back we realized they were almost identical. The consensus of the meeting was to use it with possible tweaking of verbiage as follows:

Ozarka College provides life-changing experiences. -OR- Ozarka College provides life-altering learning experiences. -OR- some combination of the two.

We further discussed keeping the mission statement brief to one short sentence and not limiting it to "north central Arkansas" or "four-county area". The group agreed that we could elaborate with our value statements and purpose, which brought us to begin thinking about that area of our charge at hand.

The current 12 objectives are #1 not aesthetically eye-pleasing or eye-catching, and #2 they are way too lengthy/wordy without really saying anything...

We decided to meet back next Tuesday, April 10th at 11AM in the conference room and each of us bring our own ideas on the value statements.

Scott moved to adjourn. Ron seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:00.
Minutes respectfully submitted on April 6, 2007 by Judy Cannady.

Ozarka College Mission Statement Task Force
April 10, 2007
Minutes

The Mission Statement Task Force met on April, 10, 2007 at 1:00 in the Main Building Board Room. Members present were: Kim Whitten, Judy Cannady, Ron Helm, Bettie Estes Mike DeLong, and Dusty Johnston.

The agenda:

To look over the rough draft of our New Mission Statement and Values

Bettie moved to adjourn. Judy seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:00.
Minutes respectfully submitted on April 12, 2007 by Judy Cannady.

Ozarka College Mission Statement Task Force
August 20, 2007
Minutes

The Mission Statement Task Force met on August 20, 2007 at 1:00 in the Main Building Board Room. Members present were: Kim Whitten, Judy Cannady, Ron Helm, Bettie Estes, Mike DeLong, Dusty Johnston, and Scott Pinkston.

The agenda:

To look over the final draft of our New Mission Statement and Values

Mission, Vision, & Values

Mission

Ozarka College provides life-changing experiences through education.

Vision

Ozarka College will be the educational resource of choice in our community providing a quality, innovative, and intellectual learning-centered environment that is responsive, adaptable, and caring.

Values

Our values are the principles, standards, and ideals that form the foundation of our actions. These are the things to which we, as a community of educators, ascribe worth. Our values reveal what we strive for and give us our identity as a college.

- **Learning**

Ozarka College values learning and scholarship for our students, our employees, and the community. We value personal growth and provide access to diverse learning experiences in a technological, supportive environment so that our students can achieve their educational goals. We seek to continuously learn as an organization, promote lifelong learning, and be responsive to our changing environment.

- **Caring**

Ozarka College values people and ideas. We respect the dignity and potential of each individual, expressed through fairness, responsiveness, and just treatment for all. We value individual diversity and recognize the unique contributions of all individuals. We promote open communications and the free exchange of thoughts and ideas.

- **Quality**

Ozarka College strives for excellence and integrity in all we do. We are committed to provide a quality, educational environment, being innovative in our course and program offerings, and maintaining quality in all aspects of our work. We continuously seek avenues of improvement.

- **Community**

Ozarka College values community – both the community we serve and the community we create within. As students, faculty, and staff, we have a responsibility to our community that is expressed through involvement. We actively pursue collaborative partnerships in our service area, with the community providing unique learning environments and support for our students while the college provides services, cultural learning opportunities, business outreach, and facilities usage for our communities. We value our college community and encourage the engagement of all through participation, collaboration, and communication.

Bettie moved to adjourn. Judy seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:00.
Minutes respectfully submitted on August 22, 2007 by Judy Cannady.