I. This policy is required by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)/Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) accreditation standards. The accreditation standard requires that “the mission describes the institution’s broad educational purposes, its intended student population, the types of degrees and other credentials it offers, and its commitment to student learning and student achievement.”

II. As stipulated in AB 1725, California Community Colleges are charged with the following broad missions: transfer, vocational education, community services, contract education, and economic development.

III. VISION

The vision of the Rio Hondo Community College District is as follows:

“Rio Hondo College strives to be an exemplary California community college, meeting the learning needs of its changing and growing population and developing a state of the art campus to serve future generations” (Board: 6/21/06)

IV. MISSION

The mission of the Rio Hondo Community College District is as follows:

“Rio Hondo College is committed to the success of its diverse students and communities by providing dynamic educational opportunities and resources that lead to degrees, certificates, transfer, career and technical pathways, basic skills proficiency and lifelong learning.” (Board 12/9/15)

The mission is evaluated and revised on a regular basis.

V. VALUES

The values of Rio Hondo Community College District is/are as follows:

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Student Access and Success
- Diversity and Equity
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Integrity and Civility

VI. Source/Reference:
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 1A