I. Introduction

A. 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.”

B. 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.

C. The mission, vision, and values are widely published both in print and in online materials. They are reviewed and evaluated on a three-year cycle.

II. Mission

A. The mission represents Rio Hondo Community College’s most fundamental purposes.

III. Vision

A. The vision articulates what the College wants to achieve through its mission.

IV. Values

A. The values articulate the College’s operating philosophies and reflect its organizational ethos and most deeply-held beliefs.

V. Sources/references

A. ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.A

B. Rio Hondo College Educational Master Plan