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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gina Ramos
Chair, GCC Board of Trustees

VIA: Mary A. Y. Okada
President

FROM: Dr. R. Ray D. Somera
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SUBJECT: Request for Board approval of new mission statement

DATE: March 5, 2009

As a product of widespread consultations with key sectors of the college community over the past several months, attached is the new mission statement for the Board's review and approval.

This initiative is in keeping with the 2000 visiting team's recommendation that an annual review of the mission statement be conducted for accreditation purposes. The last mission statement change occurred in 2005. The development of the Institutional Strategic Master Plan (ISMP) earlier this year necessitated this year's review of the existing mission statement.

The robust campus dialogue regarding the mission statement was led by Standard I Self-Study Chair Norman Aguilar and his committee members. Faculty, staff and administrators for the most part actively participated in this critical exercise.

I urge the Board to endorse and adopt the attached mission statement to supersede BOT Policy 100.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our excellent accreditation record.

Dr. R. Ray D. Somera
Vice President, Academic Affairs