STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Los Angeles Mission College  
September 10, 2013  
Minutes

Present: Mary Lou Mendoza (proxy), Cindy Luis, Joe Ramirez, Ludi Villegas-Vidal, Diana Bonilla, Monica Moreno

Absent: Jose Luis Ramirez, Robert Smezanka, Marcela Lozano, Dennis Schroeder.

I. Minutes from August Meeting- Minutes approved with some minor changes.

II. Student Services Master plan update- SSSMP will need to have the campus goals included.

III. Mission Statement Process-The Mission Statement Process was not approved by the committee because it there appears to be missing a step before it goes to AFT and Senate.

IV. Mission Statement Discussion
The deep discussion commenced while looking at the mission statements from Pierce, Valley, ours and the district. Valley states it is a leader in student success and how do you evaluate it? Ours is better because it says "we are committed to the success of our students" Our mission doesn't state that we can get certificates. We should include the word Pathways. We provide students pathways. How can we measure accessibility? What makes us high quality learning institution? How do you measure that? Maybe use offers opportunities for access. Use the first line of Pierce. We can't guarantee but we can provide opportunities. Providing Pathways is very good. The district doesn't say anything about getting an AA degree or certificate. We like our first sentence. We must keep in mind; regarding the mission statement; that we need to consider how to measure, what is the evidence, and how do we support what we claim. The trend is to move away from the life- long learner concept. It is being impacted by the 60 unit limit and new guidelines. We also had a discussion regarding the inclusion of the different constituents that make up our community. We decided not to use communities but to use community. We want to be true to the northeast valley as a community college.

Los Angeles Mission College is committed to the success of our students. Mission college is a student centered learning institution that offers opportunities for access and success in a diverse college community. We offer students pathways for certificates, degrees, and transfer in addition to supporting continuing education, gaining career and technical proficiency and developing basic skills.

V. Goals- Sent out the goals from the retreat.

VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th at 2:00.