

WHEREAS, the College Education Master Planning Committee (CEMPC) is charged to annually review the College's mission statement and to recommend revisions where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, CEMPC understands the mission statement for an institution accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) must define the institution's broad educational purposes, its intended student population, and its commitment to achieving student learning; and

WHEREAS, CEMPC understands the mission statement to play a pivotal role in establishing long-term and short-term strategic goals for the college and in improving institutional effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, CEMPC recognizes the copy of the mission statement, posted to the College's website, as the "official copy" of the Merritt College Mission Statement,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, following a review of the College's mission statement, at a Special Meeting held November 4, 2013, CEMPC requests the College Council receive recommendation that the Merritt College Mission Statement be revised as follows:

Merritt College Mission Statement

The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping students to attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society and a global economy.

To accomplish its mission the College provides open access to excellent instructional programs and comprehensive support services in a culturally rich, caring and supportive learning environment. Our purpose is to provide opportunities for lifelong learning, contribute to the economic growth of our communities while assisting students to attain degrees and certificates, earn credits to transfer and develop the skills necessary to complete their educational goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CEMPC recommends to College Council that a reprint of the revised copy of the college's mission statement be posted throughout the campus and on the website.

BE IT FINNALLY RESOLVED, CEMPC recommends to College Council that a reprint of the revised copy of the college's mission statement be forwarded to the Accreditation Liaison Officer to serve as evidence in the Accreditation Self-Evaluation now underway at the College.