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Austin Community College's mission statement [\[1\]](#) as required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Code [\[2\]](#) clearly defines the programs and services we provide: vocational, technical, and academic courses for certification or associate degrees; continuing education, remedial and compensatory education consistent with open-admission policies, and programs of counseling and guidance.

The mission statement is complimented by Board Policy A-2 Intended Outcomes [\[3\]](#), which serves as the College's operational restatement of the mission defined in Board Policy A-1. It states,

“In meeting its State-mandated mission, the College will establish outcomes designed to achieve:

- 1) A teaching and learning environment which provides balanced instructional program offerings among the core missions of the community college, and which encourages students to be active, life-long learners;
- 2) Accessible and affordable post-secondary and higher education programs and services for all who qualify and have the ability to benefit;
- 3) Enrollments reflecting diverse and traditionally underserved populations in numbers which at least mirror the local populations of our Service Area;

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- 4) Effective institutional support services which promote achievement of students' educational goals, student retention, and program completion;
- 5) Student performance which meets or exceeds State and national benchmarks in the following areas:
 - Transfer to universities,
 - Job placement from career workforce programs into family-wage careers,
 - College retention and program completion of students, including developmental students,
 - Basic skills acquisition including GED achievement,
 - Literacy-level increases including ESL students,
 - Successful transition from developmental to college-level courses
- 6) Improved personal lives by advancing students toward further education, and/or contributing to their ability to succeed in the workplace and to be productive citizens; and
- 7) Efficiently administered programs and services that avoid procedures that waste the money or time of students and staff and which create an institution that is a good place to work, learn, and otherwise experience the higher-education process.

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On April 21, 2006, the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) [\[4\]](#) composed of college supervisors represented on the Administrative Leadership Team, Presidents and President-Elects of Employee Associations, President and President-Elect of Student Government Association, and the President or group-selected representative of recognized Affiliate Organizations, began drafting a revised policy to merge Board Policies A-1 and A-2. The revised mission statement will be reviewed through the shared governance structure and approved by the Board of Trustees in July 2006. The revised mission statement will be published on the college's main website and web versions of the Catalog, the Fact Book, the Faculty Handbook, and the Student Handbook. It will be included in the next publication of printed versions of those documents.