

An ad hoc committee (of which membership was announced in a previous email) has reviewed over 300 comments received during September and October regarding the first drafts of the mission, vision, value statements, and master goals. As a result of its work, I am announcing that a second set of drafts—based on your input—has been created. Emphasizing the core function of ASU, the second draft of the mission statement has been crafted as follows:

Angelo State University, a member of the Texas Tech University System, delivers a wide range of baccalaureate and graduate programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines. In a learning-centered environment distinguished by its integration of teaching, research, service, and co-curricular experiences, we prepare students to be responsible citizens and to have productive careers.

In addition to the mission statement, the vision statement, value statements, and master goals are available for review at [Revised Drafts](#). You will also soon receive a “hard copy” of each statement for your consideration.

We now enter the second phase of campus review. If you have any comments, you can post them to the aforementioned website. Two open meetings are also scheduled to allow face-to-face discussion about the drafts:

Monday, November 10, 2:30 p.m., University Center’s Nasworthy Suite
Tuesday, November 11, 4:15 p.m., Rassman 105

Public comment will close on November 14. The ad hoc committee will then consider all comments, create a final draft of each item, and submit them to Dr. Rallo for his review. If approved, the mission will then be forwarded to both the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at their respective March 2009 meetings.

A word about the vision statement:

You will see that the ad hoc committee did not recommend a vision statement. Since the academic program is at the heart of every educational endeavor, including a discussion of the academic future of the institution within the context of an updated academic plan was identified as the best way to engage faculty in this important discussion. Ideally, a vision statement will be ready for review by late spring or early fall 2009.

Academic and Student Affairs will be announcing, under a separate email, the steering committee and its process for academic planning.

If you’ve any questions about the process to date, you’re welcome to contact me.

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