Recommendation

That the KCTCS Board of Regents approve the renewal of the mission statement for West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) as presented in the agenda materials.

Rationale

- It is the policy of the KCTCS Board of Regents that each Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)-accredited college under the jurisdiction of the KCTCS Board of Regents has a statement of purpose approved by the governing board and that the KCTCS Board of Regents periodically review and approve mission statements of each SACSCOC-accredited college.
- It is the policy of KCTCS that the college mission statement is reviewed annually and that the mission statement shall be submitted to the KCTCS Board of Regents for approval at least once every three years.
- The WKCTC Mission Statement Task Force was charged with conducting a review of the current mission statement. The review process included the following:
  - The Mission Statement Task Force discussed WKCTC’s current and future vision of service for the college and community constituents.
  - Academic, workforce training, and external community programming were discussed to ensure the mission reflected the needs of the WKCTC service area.
  - The Mission Statement Task Force recommended no changes to the mission statement as it reflected the current and future institutional mission; also considered was the fact that the current mission is in the middle of a current strategic planning cycle.
  - The Mission Statement Task Force voted unanimously to endorse the renewal of the current mission statement on January 22, 2015.
- The mission statement was presented to the WKCTC faculty and staff in open forums held on February 10, 11, and 13, 2015; participants were invited to make comments and suggestions.
- The WKCTC faculty and staff unanimously voted to endorse a renewal of the current mission statement at their February 27, 2015 meeting.
- The West Kentucky Community and Technical College Board of Directors endorsed a renewal of the current mission statement on March 3, 2015.
Background

The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) states that an institution must have “a clearly defined and published mission statement specific to the institution and appropriate to an institution of higher education, addressing teaching and learning and, where applicable, research and public service” and that “it must be approved by the governing board.”
West Kentucky Community and Technical College
Mission Statement

The mission of West Kentucky Community and Technical College is to provide excellence in teaching and learning, promote student success, and support economic development.

To accomplish this mission, West Kentucky Community and Technical College will provide the following:

- Academic, general education, and technical courses leading to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees.
- A general academic curriculum of university-parallel courses meeting transfer requirements of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree.
- Technical and occupational curricula designed to meet current and future workforce needs.
- Community partnerships as an integral component in assessing and providing programs for cultural, educational, economic, and civic development.
- A comprehensive program of transitional education.
- Customized training to meet the changing needs of business and industry.
- Adult and continuing education.
- Associate services including, but not limited to, library services, cultural and enrichment opportunities, information technology resources, and student support services.

West Kentucky Community and Technical College, a member of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, is a public, two-year degree granting institution serving western Kentucky with a tradition of accessible, affordable, and quality education and a commitment to meet the academic, workforce training, and lifelong learning needs of the community.

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