

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Changes to Collin College's Mission, Vision, and Philosophy and Purpose Statements

DISCUSSION: Since 2013, Collin College has had a goal to offer baccalaureate degrees in response to student and community demand. Goal #2 of Collin College's 2013 – 2016 strategic plan was to, "Provide access to innovative higher education programs that prepare students for constantly changing academic, societal and career/workplace opportunities." One of the many actions to accomplish this goal was to:

2.4.2 Prioritize programs, develop curriculum, and propose to the THECB baccalaureate degrees at Collin College in Health Sciences, Technical, and Workforce fields.

To accomplish this goal, Collin College was actively involved with legislators during the 83rd and 84th legislative sessions regarding bills that would allow Collin College to offer baccalaureate degrees. Although bills in the 83rd and 84th sessions were unsuccessful, Senate Bill 2118 in the 85th legislative session was signed by Governor Abbott on June 12, 2017. This legislation will enable Collin College to offer up to three bachelor's degrees.

Prior to Collin College taking any steps toward seeking approval from accreditors to offer a baccalaureate degree, and consistent with Texas Administrative Code 9.53, the Board of Trustees must review and adopt a mission, vision, and philosophy and purpose statements that are consistent with this expanded direction.

Collin College's mission and vision support the strategic goal to offer a baccalaureate degree. However, the philosophy and purpose statement is limiting and should include reference to awarding a baccalaureate a degree. The proposed change to philosophy and purpose statement is as follows:

Philosophy and Purpose Statement

Through its campuses, centers and programs Collin County Community College District fulfills **industry needs and** its statutory charge **by providing:**

- Academic courses in the arts and sciences to transfer to senior institutions.
- Technical programs, leading to **baccalaureate degrees**, associate degrees or certificates, designed to develop marketable skills and promote economic development.
- Continuing adult education programs for academic, professional, occupational and cultural enhancement.
- Developmental education and literacy programs designed to improve the basic skills of students.
- A program of student support services, including counseling and learning resources designed to assist individuals in achieving their educational and career goals.
- Workforce, economic, and community development initiatives designed to meet local and statewide needs.
- Other purposes as may be directed by the Collin Board of Trustees and/or the laws of the State of Texas.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The District President recommends approval of the revised philosophy and purpose statement to include reference to awarding baccalaureate degrees.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

“Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves a change to the Collin College purpose statement to state that Collin County Community College District fulfills **industry needs and** its statutory charge **by providing:**

- Technical programs, leading to **baccalaureate degrees**, associate degrees or certificates, designed to develop marketable skills and promote economic development.”