

Explanation for the revision to and brief history of the current UM Mission Statement

As explained by Provost Duerk prior to the General Welfare Committee (GWC) meeting :

There was a question about faculty input to the Mission Statement. The draft mission statement represented faculty input from the creation of the current mission statement written and approved by the faculty, the Common Purpose written and approved by the faculty, and the Roadmap process including the President’s listening tour in which faculty provided input. For example, faculty could recite the university Common Purpose but not the Mission, suggesting that at our core it resonates stronger with the campus community. Hence, the current draft is merely an integration of these three things (current Mission Statement, current Common Purpose, and our Values). What it represents is alignment and integration of these three processes. That’s why every attempt was made to retain as much of the language from all of them as possible. Then, a few tweaks were made to bring it into alignment with SACS-COC requirements. Our previous Mission Statement could be argued to be compliant with SACS-COC expectations. This one clearly is.
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Brief History:

The GWC formed an ad hoc committee to revise the version submitted at the 2/14/18 meeting. The results of those revisions are included in the materials for the 2/28/18 Faculty Senate meeting.

The GWC electronically approved with friendly amendments by a majority with 1 abstention.

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