Mission Statement Annual Assessment Report

Department: Special Education; College: Education; Degree Program(s) Masters in Special Education

Information about the purpose of mission statements and how to write them can be found on: http://air.sfsu.edu/assessment/resources along with some links to SFSU statements.

Mission Statement Rubric – developed and used by the University Academic Assessment Advisory Committee (UAAAC) to provide feedback to programs about their mission statement.

The program’s mission statement concisely articulates its guiding purpose and identity, clarifies the educational value of its curriculum, and aligns with the university’s broader public mission.

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1. What was your most recent mission statement prior to any revisions?
   • The Department prepares leaders and professionals (educators, clinicians, service specialists) to support the full participation of individuals with disabilities and their families in the same educational, vocational, and social communities as their peers. Support occurs across diverse settings with professionals assuming a variety of roles.

2. Please describe the process of revising or developing your mission statement. What informed your discussions about your new or revised mission statement (e.g. changes in the profession, new focus of the department)? How were department faculty members involved? Was it developed in department meetings or other gatherings?
   • The mission statement was last revised in 2013; most of the current faculty were not part of the department at that time. After creating the PLOs for the Masters in Special Education program, it made sense for us to review the mission statement. The communication disorders program is also now a separate department so it was the right time to revisit the mission statement. We had a small committee of faculty who developed the PLOs and reviewed the mission statement. Then the revisions were brought to the entire department during a faculty meeting for further refinement.

3. What is your revised mission statement?
   • The mission of the Department of Special Education is to prepare leaders and professionals (e.g., educators, related service providers) to support inclusive educational and social participation of individuals with disabilities in collaboration with their families, schools, and communities. The Department of Special Education is strongly committed to human rights, social justice, and equal access for individuals with disabilities across the lifespan.

4. Please post your revised mission statement on your department web page.

Given that this year you revised your mission statement, the next step would be to review of your program learning goals in the 2018-19 academic year (see attached)