Mission Statement Annual Assessment Report

Department _______Political Science___________________________________________
College_______________________LCA__________________
Degree Program(s) ________BA _______________________________________________

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 of Political Science seeks to guide students towards becoming active and informed members of the community, locally and globally. We train students in five subfields--American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Public Law, and Public Administration-- with the aim of increasing their knowledge of the historical and geographical specificity of political power, institutions, values and practices, as well the ways in which these can be transformed. Our faculty supports students as they learn to think and act as conscious and fully engaged political agents, committed to social justice and political transparency and participation. Students leave the classroom with the knowledge and skills to open doors to diverse career opportunities.

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?

Our mission statement was developed through faculty email discussions and faculty meetings. The only revision is the removal of the public administration breadth. This was done through recommendations of the curriculum meeting and then 2 faculty meetings because for many years we have been unable to teach enough public policy courses to sustain the breadth, due to lack of TT faculty in this subfield.
3. What is your revised mission statement?

The Department of Political Science seeks to guide students towards becoming active and informed members of the community, locally and globally. We train students in four subfields—American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, and Public Law— with the aim of increasing their knowledge of the historical and geographical specificity of political power, institutions, values and practices, as well the ways in which these can be transformed. Our faculty supports students as they learn to think and act as conscious and fully engaged political agents, committed to social justice and political transparency and participation. Students leave the classroom with the knowledge and skills to open doors to diverse career opportunities.

4. Please post your revised mission statement on your department web page. We will do so after our change to the requirements for the major is approved by the administration.