

Introductory Statement: higher education is reflective of societies' values that are placed on accessibility and equality for all who seek and support learning opportunities. In accepting these values, Barton Community College accommodates and is responsible to diverse populations that include students, employees, and members of the public. With this understanding, Barton, as a member of the higher education community, affirms its understanding for responsibility and commitment to all who seek and support higher education.

Affirming Language: it is proposed that the Mission Statement be amended.

- Current

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- Revised

The Mission of Barton Community College is to provide quality educational opportunities that are accessible, affordable, continuously improving and student focused. Barton is driven to provide an educational system that is learning-centered, innovative, meets workforce needs, strengthens communities, **and meets the needs of a diverse population.**

Recommendation: Barton Trustees are requested to approve the revised Mission Statement that reflects the values for educating and serving diverse populations.