

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Strategic Planning

NO.: SPC 16-01

COMMITTEE DATE: April 6, 2016

BOARD DATE: June 14, 2016

APPROVAL OF NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the request of **North Shore Community College** to revise the College's mission statement to read as follows:

Mission Statement

North Shore Community College is a diverse, caring, inclusive community that inspires our students to become engaged citizens and to achieve their personal, academic and career goals through accessible, affordable, rigorous educational opportunities that are aligned with our regions workforce needs and will prepare them for life in a changing world.

The Board further authorizes the Commissioner to forward the same to the Secretary of Education, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 7.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 7, 9(e), and 22(n)

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North Shore Community College Mission Statement

The Board of Higher Education (BHE) is responsible for reviewing and approving institutional mission statements. M.G.L. c. 15A, §9(e) and §22[n].

On Thursday, September 3, 2015, NSCC officially kicked off the 2017-2021 NSCC Strategic Plan process that included a review of the mission statement. At this convocation, the assembly reviewed the mission, vision and values, and conducted small group activities that engaged participants in meaningful dialogue about NSCC's mission, vision, and values.

An inter-college, iterative process followed and included multiple renditions of the mission statement, which evolved from September 2015 to March 2016. A final version of the mission statement was approved by the NSCC Governance Coordinating Committee on March 28, 2016 and by unanimous vote at the NSCC Faculty Staff Meeting on March 29, 2016. The Strategic Planning Committee reviewed the NSCC proposed mission statement during the April 6, 2016 Touch Point II session and agreed that it was ready to be brought for NSCC board action. At its April 19, 2016 meeting the NSCC Board of Trustees unanimously approved the proposed changed Mission Statement.

Current and New Mission Statements

NSCC's current Mission Statement reads as follows:

North Shore Community College is a source of hope and opportunity and a regional leader for social and economic change. Blending tradition and innovation, liberal arts and career preparation, intellectual development and cultural and personal growth, we foster a diverse and caring community of learners where all are welcome and each is challenged. We offer lifelong education responsive to changing community needs, a global economy, evolving technology and the shifting roles faced by individuals and institutions. Our greatest contribution to the commonwealth is the success and achievement of our students.

NSCC's new Mission Statement reads as follows:

North Shore Community College is a diverse, caring, inclusive community that inspires our students to become engaged citizens and to achieve their personal, academic, and career goals through accessible, affordable, rigorous educational opportunities that are aligned with our region 's workforce needs and will prepare them for life in a changing world.

Rationale for Change:

NSCC believes the new mission statement to be more clear, memorable, and reflective of the purpose and work of North Shore Community College, in alliance with the Massachusetts Community College Mission Statement, and in compliance with NEASC Standard One.