



## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM**

TAB 1

June 10, 2009

### **Topic**

Mission Study Task Force Update

### **Description**

The Mission Study Task Force will meet on June 3, 2009. Presentations and discussion will focus on administrative efficiencies that can be gained through technology, alternative delivery models in higher education and the implications of these and previously discussed major trends for our System Direction.

### **Key Questions**

- What are the implications of the major trends for the organization and delivery of higher education, especially by community and technical colleges?
- Can efficiencies be gained for the college system through technology?

### **Analysis**

**Technology efficiencies.** The Strategic Technology Plan adopted by the Board in Spring 2008 included a number of recommendations related to the efficiencies that could be gained with centralized administrative technology functions. Since the plan's adoption, State Board staff has been working with the newly formed WACTC Technology Committee and the Information Technology Commission to examine common technology functions and ways to create efficiencies collectively across the college system. Mike Scroggins will be discussing the work of the two system technology groups with the Mission Study Task Force on June 3. Findings from that discussion will be discussed at the June 10 State Board meeting.

**Alternative delivery models.** An element of the Mission Study work plan is to examine alternative delivery models used by the newer, for-profit post-secondary institutions. State Board staff is developing a summary of strengths, weaknesses and features of the for-profit and on-line higher education institutions. Findings from the task force discussion will be provided at the June 10 Board meeting.

### **Background Information**

September Board agenda item on the Mission Study:

[http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2008/sept08/tab\\_4\\_ctc\\_mission\\_study\\_complete.pdf](http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2008/sept08/tab_4_ctc_mission_study_complete.pdf)

October Board agenda item on the Mission Study:

[http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2008/oct08/tab\\_1\\_mission\\_study.pdf](http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2008/oct08/tab_1_mission_study.pdf)

December Board agenda item on the Mission Study

[http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2008/dec08/tab\\_3\\_mission\\_study.pdf](http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2008/dec08/tab_3_mission_study.pdf)

February Board agenda item on the Mission Study

[http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2009/4-5feb2009/tab\\_4\\_mission\\_study\\_update\\_feb\\_2009.pdf](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2009/4-5feb2009/tab_4_mission_study_update_feb_2009.pdf)

April Board agenda item on the Mission Study

[http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2009/1-2apr2009/tab\\_5\\_mission\\_study\\_update-complete.pdf](http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2009/1-2apr2009/tab_5_mission_study_update-complete.pdf)

May Board agenda item on the Mission Study

[http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2009/6-7may2009/tab\\_9\\_Mission\\_Study\\_May\\_09.pdf](http://www.sbctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2009/6-7may2009/tab_9_Mission_Study_May_09.pdf)

### **Outcomes**

Board members will have an opportunity to discuss potential technology efficiencies and lessons from private, for-profit and online higher education institutions.

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