

**Gavilan Listens
Fall 2012 Event
Student Responses**

- 1. What should change or be added to Gavilan College's mission statement?**
 - a. And is equal with all students
 - b. Embraces diversity and allows for opportunities to improve themselves, campus and community through education
 - c. Good as is
 - d. I would add that teachers are helpful and excellent
 - e. Perhaps also promote student safety? Other than that it seems solid
 - f. Something along the lines of Gav has a support system that creates leaders to better prepare them for today's society
 - g. Sounds good
 - h. No
 - i. No its perfect
 - j. There is not much I have a problem with, my only concern is that they follow through with statements on there and perhaps put a bit more emphasis on Gavilan as an independent program rather than prep for a four-year college
 - k. no
 - l. Maybe add something about wanting to change the world
 - m. Drop the diverse global society one, because I believe we don't focus on the world but mostly on ourselves
 - n. Students rule!
 - o. No its perfect
 - p. No it stands alone and reads well to me. Leave it the way it is.
 - q. Very good to whoever wrote it. This community college is a good community college I get a lot of help for all my classes
 - r. Good job with the mission statement especially how they mentioned global diversity
 - s. Not really everything sounds good and perfect
 - t. We strive to better the knowledge through hard work and teacher help
 - u. Not really
 - v. Helping students figure out what they want in life
 - w. Add something about it being more affordable
 - x. Mention student-teacher relationship
 - y. The only thing I would add is that it also makes you college read, helps improve your English, math skills if you are not ready for college courses
 - z. Help you to be better prepared for a 4-year
 - aa. Helps you to acquire life skills
 - bb. I would add something about the location being beautiful
 - cc. Drop the diverse global society. We are still in the united states of America not a global socialist society
 - dd. Gavilan college rocks! This should include students with disabilities wouldn't change anything
 - ee. Not really
 - ff. I cannot think of anything to add or change about it
 - gg. I want to celebrate all the nationalities that make up Gilroy. Have a Greek day, Scottish day, Japanese day. Bring film restoration in as a class.

- hh. I think Gav needs to work on making more activities.
- ii. I think your mission statement covers it all
- jj. The mission statement looks good, also prepares students for higher university with rigorous courses
- kk. No I would not change I think it's pretty good already
- ll. Give examples of what could be the useful services
- mm. no
- nn. No change needed
- oo. no
- pp. We hope every student succeeds in their life goals
- qq. I wouldn't change anything
- rr. No I think it's good as it is no I think it's perfect
- ss. To be more school spirit and more motivation to transfer.
- tt. Add athletic achievement in there with student learning.
- uu. I would add personal excellence to the statement. I feel personalism plays a major role in one's life. Therefore it ought to be recognized.
- vv. Emphasize gav's recent adaption of technology
- ww. Statement is good

2. If you dropped, added classes tell us why.

- a. I dropped physic because instructor wouldn't help me balance with my athletic schedule.
- b. I lost transportation to Gilroy
- c. Difficulty with teacher
- d. I didn't get my financial aid in time
- e. Fell behind
- f. Had to move
- g. Textbooks and course material were too expensive
- h. Was failing
- i. Had a car but it broke down so lost transportation
- j. I had to drop so I could work more so I could afford to go to school and to cover expenses
- k. Personal family issues
- l. Bad grades, couldn't afford some classes, I get no financial aid
- m. Some classes required more work than I wanted to put in
- n. Found out they were in the wrong class
- o. I couldn't afford the textbooks
- p. Overwhelmed (didn't seek tutoring)
- q. Over load of homework from multiple classes
- r. Family interference
- s. Classes were too expensive
- t. Extremely difficult and couldn't retain info & no previous experience with bio class
- u. Financial aid didn't get her in time I couldn't get my textbooks by the time I got my books I felt behind
- v. Work interference
- w. Not enough time/ time management
- x. Material is hard to understand
- y. Math course was too advanced
- z. Yes because the class was too much work and I didn't have time

- aa. Trouble finding a tutor that could help
- bb. Laziness
- cc. Government class teacher and student argued over sensitive subject made me feel uncomfortable
- dd. No financial aid
- ee. Couldn't afford classes
- ff. Online class was difficult with not enough direction, class was unclear
- gg. Math courses are too fast
- hh. Too many units @ once
- ii. Switched elective
- jj. Medical reasons
- kk. I had to move
- ll. Difficulty with teacher
- mm. Transportation issues
- nn. Need to work more hours to afford school
- oo. Dropped by instructor (with no reason, didn't miss any class or assignments)
- pp. Counselor mistaken class for required class
- qq. Life situations cause me to drop. Medical and transportation problems.
- rr. Didn't know how to do essay assignments and worth a lot of points
- ss. I dropped a lot of English classes because too extremely hard to understand, all work that work can be upsetting.
- tt. Is there a way to designate my withdrawal due to a medical need rather than a drop or withdrawal on any transcript?
- uu. I have a withdrawal from classes because of motivation also because I take and try to do too much at a time.
- vv. I dropped a couple classes because one, they were hard and teacher, like didn't care as much, well some teachers weren't there when I needed them.
- ww. I dropped classes because of working too much and because classes were too hard.
- xx. Yes it ended up being at an inconvenient time slot
- yy. Tell someone so you can get your GPA up next time
- zz. Yes I fell behind
- aaa. Yes because I had a family situations to deal with and didn't have time for school
- bbb. Classes were difficult
- ccc. Need help writing, writing center wasn't helpful

3. What do you need to be successful at Gavilan College?

- a. I believe that the students need the pricing of the equipment that they need to be cheaper and worth it because we are all going through some crisis. And I would change that we need more knowledgeable teachers that care about their students enough to help them out whenever needed. And more help in DRC.
- b. More study areas
- c. More tutors
- d. Winter classes
- e. Do what I'm doing now
- f. More science classes
- g. Help with FASFA and other financial aid
- h. Help finding scholarships, grants ect
- i. More support specific for different majors

- j. Time management skills, hard work, dedication and prioritizing are crucial to success
- k. Get help and places that offer it to be most successful I need to make sure to study and to do all my work
- l. I feel what I need to be successful at Gavilan college is motivation
- m. I think that I just need more time and dedication
- n. Counselors for personal counseling
- o. Actually attend class, participate, remain active and positive, abuse “given” resources...no one wants to admit it but come on...most of us don’t
- p. Determination, perseverance, persistence
- q. I need to put in more effort and time
- r. More tutors
- s. A series of student success workshops, focus on study skills, time-management, teacher communications, test prep
- t. More quiet rooms
- u. Organized book sharing
- v. Winter intersession please!
- w. I feel I need lots of study time, a study groups and the will to do it all
- x. I’m always tired! I have to work to pay bills but really want to be a good student I feel like it’s not an option to do both. I’d like help but don’t know where to go or who to ask.
- y. Winter classes should be offered again
- z. Money for books having the library math lab, MESA and the wonderful teachers here help me to be a successful college student
- aa. Persistence and determination
- bb. Help to feel part of Gav and the larger community
- cc. Online classes more variety and more available
- dd. Help to understand current politics I want to be informed of what’s going on out there.
- ee. Spring classes!
- ff. A fulltime transferring counselor M-F
- gg. I would like to say I would want to have a change in food prices. We people pay way too much for food here at this community college
- hh. More public transportation
- ii. More math lab hours in Morgan hill
- jj. More help in DRC area (special needs)
- kk. Better prices in cafeteria
- ll. It’d help to have more online classes and winter intersession
- mm. New gym equipment and bigger workout area
- nn. Encourage student expression...like this
- oo. I feel that I should be a successful student at Gavilan College to be someone in life and so that I can become whatever I want.
- pp. Nothing at all its good as it is
- qq. Transfer center
- rr. I like it
- ss. New technology
- tt. More textbooks and course material on reserve in library
- uu. High level tutors
- vv. Guidance with personal issues

ww. Better prices in cafeteria, I hate going to class hungry
 xx. Better gym
 yy. To have some days food choice. In order to give me variety and healthy my body.
 zz. Teachers should follow syllabus and keep them organized...change food prices
 aaa. Need help with essays
 bbb. A good gym would be nice! Bigger cleaner and more equipment
 ccc. Cheaper food in cafeteria
 ddd. Buildings are too old
 eee. Why are we charged a health fee?
 fff. Remodel buildings and more new technology
 ggg. I get hungry but can't afford cafeteria food and don't have a car to go into town
 hhh. Gav news should include a regular section of student achievements, every article should have an article on a inspirational student
 iii. Newer computers
 jjj. Cheaper books
 kkk. Bring free printing back
 ll. Every semester we pay a fee for a school nurse but she's never there and I don't receive any health services ever.
 mmm. To be a successful student you need to stay in school, do homework and turn in assignments.
 nnn. Organized carpools or zipcar access through Gavilan
 ooo. More activities, clubs in between classes
 ppp. We need more places to study
 qqq. Newer technology
 rrr. Get students more involved in sports and clubs. Improve on activities.
 sss. Better menu prices and better menu options
 ttt. More student involvement
 uuu. An upgraded gym for students to work out in would help improve their health and grades
 vv. More information and help to find internships
 www. More access to computers
 xxx. Personal influences
 yyy. Students need a better guide to choose correct profession
 zzz. Encourage more school spirit events → poetry slam, rallies, etc, clubs to be more open, school events!
 aaaa. Cheaper cafeteria food
 bbbb. We should have fund raisers so we can offer more scholarships
 cccc. Classes in Hollister, bigger variety
 dddd. Better trails in the hills, we should have a cross-country team
 eeee. More school spirit! Put up flyers for our sport events "GO RAMS!"...etc.
 ffff. Getting students involved (younger generation)
 gggg. Childcare for babies under age of 2
 hhhh. Have more rallies
 iii. Encourage anti-gang, no drunk driving and other programs as a school
 jjjj. Have more support with personal problems that affect you in school
 kkkk. Let student know there electronic options, special room
 ll. Writing center sucks and needs improvements

- mmmm. Because I didn't know about the programs that the campus had to offer. I think students are not informed of all those programs where they can get help
- nnnn. Picnic benches and benches to sit at throughout our beautiful campus so we can be outside and enjoy the nature and good California weather
- oooo. School should be more informative and welcoming to students
- pppp. Student support services should be more welcoming to students
- qqqq. Gav should help out new students a lot more and be more supportive
- rrrr. Let students know about resources, make sure they let all students know about resources.
- ssss. Better communication between teacher and students
- tttt. More help in writing center
- uuuu. More study areas
- vvvv. Have more university reps visit us
- wwww. I'm really happy at this college because you have everything you need to help you get your goals
- xxxx. We need auto shop class and trade classes
- yyyy. Gavilan should try to reach out to those who feel it's "too hard" it's sad to see fellow students quit because they are intimidated or lack positive support at home the support they need should be available here
- zzzz. Regularly offer tutorial in library to help students learn how to use library and other resource, how to do research, use MLA, APA
- aaaaa. Job fairs
- bbbbb. Advertise ways students can volunteer , get involved or help the community
- cccc. Library should be quieter
- dddd. Help students know they're options, universities, majors, careers...
- eeee. Less music in student center
- ffff. Better counselors
- ggggg. Help students with resumes, job hunting
- hhhhh. More activities in between classes
- iiii. Better prices in cafeteria, too expensive
- jjjj. More campus visits
- kkkkk. Help with transportation
- llll. Offer child care for babies
- mmmmm. More help when writing
- nnnnn. More tutors to help me
- ooooo. When transferring after graduation please extend FASFA grants to continue classes for a university
- ppppp. More support for nursing students
- qqqqq. More classes in Hollister
- rrrrr. Decrease registration fees, book prices and cafeteria food
- sssss. More control of people using facebook and youtube for non-educational reasons
- ttttt. Help those who are computer illiterate, especially older students returning to school
- uuuuu. Computers in library should be designated for recreational use and work. When students are on YouTube or facebook they should get off for the people who actually want to work. Especially in Hollister!!
- vvvvv. Advertise electronic tools in library

- wwwww. Movie night in student center or game night to help students meet and bond
- xxxxx. Letting part-time staff know about student resources and telling students
- yyyyy. Conflicting classes- core classes
- zzzzz. More tutors in MESA
- aaaaa. More staff to help students while writing
- bbbbb. I feel some teachers at gav still have to passion of doing their “job” I’ve lucked out and have teachers that are really amazing and bring out the “leadership” quality within my peers

4. What technology offered at Gavilan is useful to you?
 - a. Digital media
 - b. I love the ilearn website!! Very helpful ☺ and mygav. Being able to register for classes online.
 - c. I love library website! EBSCO host! Library database! I love mybanner/ portal! CQ Researcher!
 - d. Uses computers a lot
 - e. Ilearn/mygav
 - f. The digital media labs computers and software
 - g. Ilearn and the digital media
 - h. Internet access
 - i. Ilearn.gavilan.edu site
 - j. Gav.edu, with all the online signing up
 - k. Gavilan.edu
 - l. Ilearn
 - m. Mygav is very useful the thing that is helpful is ilearn and ebsco also the library as well
 - n. computers
 - o. The access to computers
 - p. The computers have been the most helpful on campus since I have no internet at home
 - q. The most useful technology has been the computers in the library
 - r. Mega
 - s. Wi-Fi
 - t. Most useful has been the availability of laptops
 - u. Gavilan website
 - v. Computers in writing center