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1.  TSTC Enrollment Reports (Oral Report)  

   Elton E. Stuckly, Jr.  
   J. Gary Hendricks  
   Jeff Kilgore

(c) denotes Consent Agenda Item
Board Meeting Date: May 12, 2016

Proposed By: Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer

Subject: Policy for Faculty Professional Development

Background: TSTC provides broad opportunities for faculty and instructional leaders to remain relevant in their fields as well as improving their instructional delivery in the classroom and laboratories. These activities include boot camps for new instructors, leadership training for department chairs, and seminars on best practices in technical education.

Justification: This new policy statement establishes the minimum professional development required for faculty and instructional leaders at TSTC and describes how the College will support this development.

Additional Information: A Statewide Operating Standard (ES 1.18) provides the operating requirements that support the policy statement. It describes the types of faculty professional development activities, the expectations of faculty and instructional leadership participation, and the responsibilities of TSTC departments to support the ongoing development of faculty to improve student learning.

Fiscal Implications: None

Attestation: This Minute Order is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations to the best of my knowledge.

Attachment(s): None

Recommended Minute Order: “Texas State Technical College supports and promotes the professional growth and development of its faculty and instructional leadership to advance the College’s goals and improve the quality of education delivered to students.”

Recommended By:

Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer
Board Meeting Date: May 12, 2016

Proposed By: Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer

Subject: Policy for Academic Integrity

Background: Academic integrity is the foundation of college success as students learn to express original ideas, cite sources, work independently, and report results accurately and honestly. These skills carry students beyond their academic studies into successful careers. Academic dishonesty not only cheats the student of valuable learning experiences, but also harms the college instructional environment for other students.

Justification: This new policy statement establishes the institution’s position on academic integrity and the responsibilities of students and faculty to uphold the standard.

Additional Information: A Statewide Operating Standard (ES 4.27) provides the operating requirements that support the policy statement. It describes the expectations of honest scholarship and the processes by which faculty may administer academic discipline in cases of academic dishonesty. The Standard also details the due process procedures for student appeal in accordance with existing Standard ES 3.23.

Fiscal Implications: None

Attestation: This Minute Order is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations to the best of my knowledge.

Attachment(s): None

Recommended Minute Order: “Texas State Technical College acknowledges academic integrity as a fundamental principle of the learning environment, and it recognizes the rights and responsibilities of faculty and students to uphold the appropriate standards of academic integrity.”

Recommended By: Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer
Board Meeting Date: May 12, 2016

Proposed By: Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer

Subject: Rescission of Superseded Policies in Educational Services

Background: On May 8, 2014, by Minute Order #32-14(c), the TSTC Board of Regents approved the concept and implementation of a single accreditation for the Texas State Technical College System effectively merging its four colleges into a single entity. This effort has come to be called “Single Accreditation” or abbreviated as “SA.” Single Accreditation requires that TSTC migrate some of its heretofore local and often dissimilar practices to a unified statewide level. This minute order effects such a change.

Periodically, Board policies are reviewed and replacement policies are recommended to the Board. The Minute Order listed below was superseded by a new statewide policy that was approved at the February 2016 meeting.

Justification: Superseded policies can be rescinded to eliminate confusion regarding prior policies adopted.

Additional Information: None

Fiscal Implications: None

Attestation: This Minute Order is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations to the best of my knowledge.

Attachment(s): None

Recommended Minute Order: “The following Minute Orders are hereby rescinded:

10-07 Faculty Expectations and Workload.”

Recommended By: Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer