

Procedure: 5.3.1p

Academic Governance

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that faculty participate in governance in academic matters, program approval and curricular activities. Technical Colleges shall develop and implement procedures outlining the role of faculty in academic governance.

II. RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties

TCSG Board Policy 5.3.1 - Academic Governance

TCSG Board Policy 4.1.3 - Job descriptions

TCSG Board Policy 4.1.8 - Instructional Staff Work Assignments

TCSG Board Policy 5.1.2 - General Program and Program Specific Standards

TCSG Board Policy 5.1.9 - Program Approval and Termination

Statewide Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee Guidelines

SACSCOC 10.4 – Academic Governance

III. APPLICABILITY:

All work units and Technical Colleges associated with the Technical College System of Georgia.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Faculty, Full-time: employees who teach credit courses for a Technical College and work forty (40) or more hours per week for a pre-determined period between nine (9) and twelve (12) months each academic year. Faculty are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime Provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and not subject to the accompanying salary basis test.

Faculty, Adjunct: a temporary, time-limited appointment. Professional credentials required for appointments as full-time faculty will also be required in this capacity in the same academic program. Employment encompasses a single academic term, and related terms and conditions are outlined in a memorandum or letter of appointment.

V. ATTACHMENTS: N/A

VI. PROCEDURE:

Each Technical College shall develop appropriate processes for faculty involvement in academic matters that may include defined and published procedures such as:

1. Academic committee structure
2. Program approval and termination
3. Faculty responsibility for curricular and academic standards
4. Advisory committee function
5. Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee (IFCC) function
6. Other as needed.

VII. RECORD RETENTION: N/A