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7.00 CURRICULUM

1. The curriculum of the College shall be developed continuously, consistent with the mission, vision, and values of the institution.
2. As content-area experts, faculty will lead the development of the curriculum. The Curriculum Committee, which includes faculty representation from all academic departments, will review all curriculum proposals and make recommendations to the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs (Chief Academic Officer).

7.01 COURSE OFFERINGS

The course of study shall be published in the Mineral Area College Catalog and shall be presented in a manner which students and prospective students can understand easily.

7.02 ACCREDITATION

The Board of Trustees will support the College's efforts to attain standards of quality as defined by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and the Higher Learning Commission. Individual programs will maintain standards as required by the State of Missouri and programmatic accreditation standards.

7.10 FACULTY

The College will establish and maintain reasonable processes to determine faculty qualifications, taking into account formal education and relevant experience. Faculty members teaching general education courses are recommended to hold a master's degree in the discipline area or a master's degree in a related field with 18 graduate credit hours within the discipline. Faculty members teaching career and technical education courses should have a combination of education and tested experience in the field. In all cases, standards of appropriate accreditation groups will be considered in the faculty credential review process.

7.11 INSTRUCTION

1. It shall be the responsibility of the appropriate administrator to establish a level of excellence and achievement for students consistent with the mission, vision, and values of the institution.
2. Under no circumstance will any policy be established by the Board of Trustees, administrators, or faculty to fail a specified percentage of students in any class or classes.
3. The faculty shall share responsibility for promoting strong scholarship. They shall frequently discuss in departmental and faculty meetings

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- matters pertaining to scholarship, and shall present their findings or suggestions to the Board of Trustees through administrative channels.
4. All programs and courses will have defined student learning outcomes, along with defined levels of achievement. Faculty members will assess student learning to ensure students are meeting defined learning goals at both the course and program level.

7.12 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The Board of Trustees encourages full inquiry into all matters worthy of the consideration of scholars and free persons. Instructors are urged to rise above political, religious, or social partisanship and to present impartially and fairly divergent points of view, consistent with the mission and vision of the College. Discrimination in fact or teaching, as designated in Title VII and Title IX, will not be tolerated.

Every faculty member at Mineral Area College has the autonomy to teach required concepts in a manner they believe best supports student learning

Effective 5-15-25, the Board of Trustees approved a reorganization/re-numbering of Board Policy sections for clarity and easier navigation. Article VIII – Tobacco-Free Policy moved to the Assurances section and Article IX – Professional Staff was re-numbered to become Article V and follow the other employee-related sections. Formerly Article VI – Curriculum and Instruction became Article VII.

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