

FACULTY HANDBOOK

Southwest Texas Junior College
2015 -2016

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The items listed on the following page will be in the online manual. The manual has cross referencing and policies can be located by keying in a word or phrase, a policy code, or by using the browse index or section.

The Sexual Harassment Prevention training manual is on the college website. Each employee is responsible for completing the training, printing a certificate of completion and returning the certificate to the Human Resources Coordinator. All employees must have this training every two years with documentation in the personnel file.

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

President 7281

Vice Presidents

Academic Affairs 7286
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Finance 7294
Student Services 7223
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Deans

Applied Sciences 7264
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Directors

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Child Development 591-2590
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Accounts Payable 74171
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Purchasing Agent 7342
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591-2590, 7288

CIS (Computer Info. System) 4136
Computer Center Help Desk 7323
Cosmetology 7361
Counselors 7366
Criminal Justice 7364

Distance Learning

Uvalde

Espinoza/Main Office (2928)4154
Espinoza Rm 12 (2928) 2949
Espinoza Rm 14 (7382) 7383
Espinoza Rm 15 (2928) 2934
Matthews Rm 2 (2923) 2923
Tate 10 (2928) 1729
LVN (2909) 7220

Del Rio

D. L. Office 1597
Room 9 (1561) 1561
Room 105 (1575) 1575
Room 206 (1569) 1568
Room 301 (1571) 1571
Room 1 1584
LVN (1587) 1587

Eagle Pass

Room A114 (4128) 4128
Room C113 (4132) 4132
Room C115 5078
Room E200 (5065) 5065
Room E201 (5065) 5065
Room E 204 (5060) 5060

Crystal City

Room 8 (9145) 374-9145
Room 10 (9152) 374-9152

Pearsall

Room PIF 4 334-5062
Room PIF 5 334-5043

Dormitories:

Garner Hall Lobby 6269
Dorm Supervisor 7269
Hubbard Hall Lobby 2938
Dorm Supervisor 278-1821, 7330
Financial Aid 7313
Gym (Lobby) 7315
Hum.& Fine Arts (Fax4167) 6246
Human Resources 7330
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Reading 7381
S.S. Tutoring 7306
Writing 2908
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Library 7367
Maintenance 7203

Management 4176
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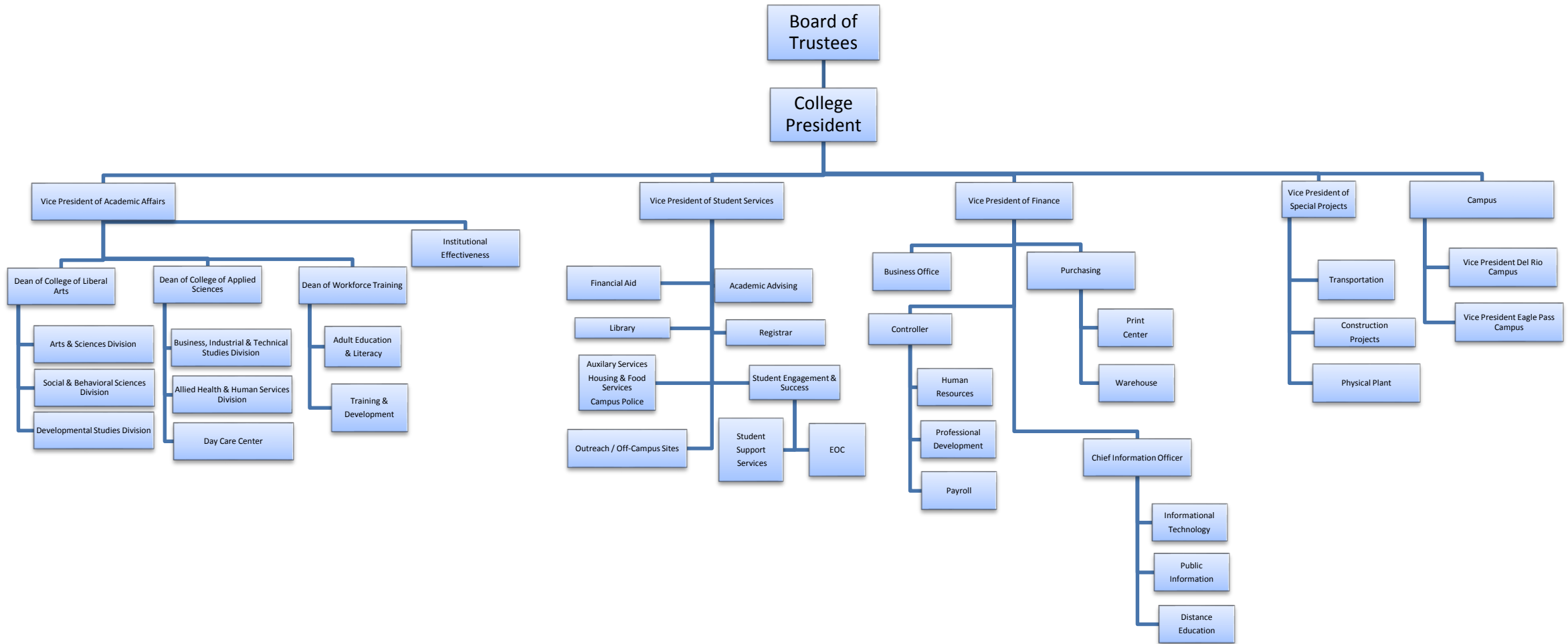
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Training Center. Hondo

Main Line 830-426-2018

Southwest Texan 7350
Student Center (**SUB**) 7243
Student Information Center 4198
Student Success 4173
Student Support Services 7295
Sul Ross Center **279-3001**
Swimming Pool 7211
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General Administration

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The President of the College is responsible for the overall operation of the College District. The specific responsibilities of the office are to:

1. Act as executive officer of the Board of Trustees, charged with putting into effect its policies and regulations.
2. Act as executive officer of the faculty, charged with seeing that faculty policies and regulations are put into effect.
3. Bear responsibility of the Board of Trustees for the satisfactory government and administration of the college.
4. Participate in selecting a competent and harmonious teaching and administrative staff, and recommend their employment to the Board of Trustees.
5. Inform the Board of Trustees on all matters pertaining to the promotion, demotion, and dismissal of members of the teaching and administrative staff.
6. Represent the institution to its constituency, to the general public, and to educational groups.
7. Prepare and execute the annual budget for operation of the college.
8. Have ultimate control of the College District's fund-raising activities subject to Board approval of said activities.
9. Report to the Board of Trustees, to the standardizing agencies, and to the constituency of the college.
10. Foster the feeling of friendship and unity among teachers, administrators, the Board of Trustees, and the constituency of the College District.
11. Advance the long- range plans approved by the Board of Trustees to include students, facilities, staff, programs and revenue.
12. Act as an advisor for all College District construction.
13. Annually monitor and evaluate the progress of the College District toward achieving goals and objective necessary to perform its particular responsibilities contained in the mission statement

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14. Promote awareness of the program quality to the Board of Trustees, the community, and to college personnel.
15. Maintain close communication with and serve as the administrative contact person for the chairs of the following committees:
 - a. Strategic Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness Committee
 - b. Long Range Physical Plant Committee
16. Chair the President's Cabinet and as chair, lead the institutional effectiveness process for the college.
17. Coordinate the completion of the IPEDS report to the U.S. Office of Education.
18. Oversee the Rodeo Program and Rodeo Club. Approve the purchase of practice livestock for the Rodeo Team and approve travel of the Rodeo Team.
19. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Qualifications

Minimum Academic Qualification

- Master's Degree is required.
- Doctorate in a recognized academic discipline from a regional accredited institution is preferred.

Other Qualifications

- Experience as a successful senior-level administrator in a community college or other post-secondary institution.
- Experience and ability in fiscal management.
- Successful faculty experience at a community college or other post-secondary institution.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the community college mission and student success.
- Knowledge of the accreditation process and a successful track record of participation in leading a college through the reaffirmation of accreditation.
- Administrative experience in institutional research and planning.
- Administrative experience in curriculum development.
- Administrative experience in strategic planning.
- Strong understanding of assessment of student learning outcomes, resource development and allocation, and personnel and faculty development.
- Accomplished written and oral communication skills, including strong computer skills.
- Demonstrate innovative educational leadership and planning.
- Knowledge of legislative processes and the ability to represent the college with local, regional, state and federal government groups and agencies.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Vice President of Student Services is general responsible for all College functions and services traditionally associated with non-instructional efforts to support and develop the “whole student” during his/her college career. The specific responsibilities of this officer are to:

1. Supervise the student activities program.
2. Serve as foreign student advisor.
3. Supervise financial aid and veterans affairs.
4. Supervise the Outreach Department and Off-campus sites.
5. Supervise Housing and Food Services.
6. Supervise Campus Police.
7. Evaluate transcripts.
8. Supervise the counseling and testing programs.
9. Supervise the campus libraries.
10. Code new applications for residency.
11. Supervise the handling of students’ course additions, drops and withdrawals.
12. Supervise and coordinate all facets of admission, registration, and other activities concerning students of college.
13. Assist the President with the monitoring and evaluation of the progress of the college toward achieving goals and objectives necessary to perform its particular responsibilities contained in the mission statement.
14. Provide for the coordination and oversight of institutional effectiveness processes and procedures in the respective areas of responsibility.
15. Maintain a close communication with and serves as the administrative contact person for various committees.
16. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

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VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES**

Minimum Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Student Personnel Services or Counseling/Guidance; or in a related field required.
- Doctorate in a recognized academic discipline from a regionally accredited institution is preferred.
- Three to five years supervisory experience in Higher Education.

Other Qualifications

- Computer skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; bilingual preferred.
- Ability to interact with a diverse student population and a variety of individuals with different interest and backgrounds.
- Knowledge of history, role, mission of community colleges
- Knowledge of student activities and housing programs.
- Knowledge of financial aid, grants, and scholarships.
- Knowledge of transcript evaluation.
- Knowledge and implementation of policies
- Knowledge and of marketing and student recruitment.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Vice President of Special Projects is responsible for managing functions, communication, and services essential to the implementation of all college construction programs and activities. In addition, the VP of Special Projects manages all aspects of the Physical Plant and Transportation Operations. The specific responsibilities of this officer are to:

1. Supervise the following college personnel areas, and services:
 - a. Physical Plant
 - b. Transportation
2. Act as advisor to the President of the College in matters of college policy related to issues of administrative support, construction, and physical plant.
3. Oversee and manage the development, operation and maintenance of all college construction projects. In this role, serve as liaison between SWTJC and architects, contractors, city and county government officials, and utility companies.
4. Oversee the development and implementation of student, faculty and staff transportation plans and schedules.
5. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Minimum Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree required.
- Doctorate in a recognized academic discipline from a regionally accredited institution is preferred.
- Three to five years of experience in higher education administration.

Other Qualifications

- Administrative experience in institutional research and planning.
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills.
- Leadership qualities.
- Strong computer skills.
- Ability to interact with a diverse population.
- Ability to interact with community leaders.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Vice President of Academic Affairs is generally responsible for supervision of the teaching personnel and the educational programs of the college, including Adult Basic Education and Work Force Training, via regular contact with the Dean of Workforce Education. The specific responsibilities of the office are to:

1. Act as chief advisor to the President of the College in matters of college policy, particularly in instructional affairs
2. Formulate educational policies and present them to the President and the faculty for consideration.
3. Preside over meetings of the faculty.
4. Direct attention of faculty members to changing educational thought and practice, particularly as they affect higher education.
5. Supervise, support, and collaborate with the Dean of Liberal Arts, the Dean of Applied Sciences, the Dean of Adult Basic Education and Workforce Development, and the Director of Institutional Effectiveness.
6. Supervise curriculum, courses, and methods of instruction, and evaluate instruction.
7. Recruit new faculty members and cooperate with the Eagle Pass and Del Rios Campus the Vice President, Instructional Deans, and Division Chairs in the nomination of new members for the teaching staff, and make recommendations to the President regarding the promotion, demotion, or dismissal of members of the faculty.
8. Prepare reports of various kinds related to instructional personnel.
9. Make recommendations for improvements of the physical plant as it relates to the educational program.
10. Prepare the budget for instructional supplies and equipment.
11. Approve all requisitions for instructional supplies and equipment.
12. Order, sign, and prepare diplomas for convocation.
13. Prepare the schedule of classes in cooperation with the Division Chairs, Deans, Vice President of Eagle Pass and Del Rio, and Vice President of Student Services for day and evening classes.
14. Appoint faculty committees.
15. Calculate salaries each contract period for full-time and part-time faculty

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16. Approve faculty travel.
17. Approve exceptions in courses required for graduation
18. Make exceptions in attendance at graduation.
19. Schedule all classrooms.
20. Coordinate the production of the college catalog.
21. Inspect classrooms and equipment at various times.
22. Verify that official transcript(s) and application form is received on all faculty members
23. Prepare *Faculty Handbook*.
24. Organize opening Faculty Meeting each semester.
25. Maintain close contact with, and serves as the administrative contact person for the chairs of various committees.
26. Assist the President with the monitoring and evaluation of the progress of the college toward achieving goals and objectives necessary to perform its particular responsibilities contained in the mission statement.
27. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Minimum Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction or Master's degree and five years curriculum development at the collegiate level.
- Doctorate in a recognized academic discipline from a regionally accredited institution is preferred.
- Two years of full time teaching experience at the college level required.

Other Qualifications

- Evidence of experience in Higher Ed. Administration.
- Evidence of effective human relations skills and ability to relate to internal and external constituencies.
- A vision for strengthening the College's instructional programs and services.
- Experience in providing services to a diverse population.
- Knowledge of the accreditation process and successful track record of participation in leading a college through reaffirmation of accreditation.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This is an administrator position responsible for managing the business, financial and information services of the college. This position exist to be an enabler or supporter for other administrators and department heads; helping them determine how to accomplish their objectives and there by providing a supportive foundation for organizational success. As the college’s chief financial officer, this position provides collaborative financial management leadership for the college; ensures the short and long-term fiscal health of the college; oversees the business practice of the college; ensures that the budget is linked to and supports the college’s strategic plans; and ensures that information and informational technology is ever evolving and is supported by the college budget.

Supervises:

- Controller
 - Payroll
 - Human Resources
 - Professional Development
 - Grant Accounting
- Business Office Director
 - Accounting Receivables
 - Cashiering
 - Accounts Payable
- Purchasing Manager
 - Procurement
 - Print Shop
- Chief Information Officer
 - Informational Technology
 - Web Presence
 - Public Information/Marketing
 - Social Media
 - Distance Learning

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Advise the college President on matters of college finance and business management
2. Received all funds due the college from federal, state, and local sources
3. Manage the college’s program of funds investment.
4. Prepare the annual operating budget.
5. Manage the college’s short and long term debt programs.
6. Prepare financial reports required by the College Board of Trustees, President, general administrative offices of the college, and state and federal agencies.

7. Develop and maintain a system of budgetary controls consistent with policies established by the Board of Trustees and college administration.
8. Cooperate with the independent auditor employed by the Board of Trustees to perform the annual audit and such other auditors as may from time to time conduct specialized audits of the college finances for state and federal agencies.
9. Cooperate with the director of student financial aid in administering and disbursing the funds available for student aid under the various federal, state, and local assistance.
10. Coordinate institutional fiscal management services.
11. Oversees and coordinates the college's informational technology needs.
12. Coordinates the marketing and social media the college presents to the world.
13. Coordinates the purchasing activities of the college, including contract management.
14. Assist the Presidents in monitoring and evaluating the progress of the college toward achieving goals and objectives necessary to perform its particular responsibilities contained in the purpose statement.
15. Approve the use of college facilities by outside groups.
16. Performs other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Minimum Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Business or relevant field required.
- CPA preferred.
- Doctorate in a recognized academic discipline from a regionally accredited institution is preferred.
- Five years of financial and management experience, specifically in developing and monitoring budgets.
- Experience in higher education.

Other Qualifications

- Strong organizational skills.
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills.
- Leadership qualities.
- Strong computer skills.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
VICE PRESIDENTS AT EAGLE PASS AND DEL RIO**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Vice Presidents of the Del Rio and Eagle Pass campuses are responsible for the overall operation of the campuses. The general responsibilities of the position are:

- a. Improvement and evaluation of instruction, including faculty development
- b. Oversight and supervision of facilities
- c. Inter-campus and inter-departmental coordination and communication
- d. Recruiting, advising, counseling, and placement of students.

The specific responsibilities of the position are to:

1. Make initial recommendations regarding the budget needs of the campus, with respect both to operations of the facility, supplies, equipment and staff.
2. Plan the program of course offerings at the site in cooperation with faculty, the Dean of Liberal Arts, and the Dean of Applied Sciences.
3. Coordinate student registration.
4. Provide, when necessary, a credentialed substitute and appropriate class materials upon an instructor's absence.
5. Advise the Vice President of Academic Affairs regarding the time schedule and room schedule for courses at the campus.
6. Cooperate with Instructional Division Chairs in all curricular and instructional issues.
7. Assist in the recruitment, interviewing, and employment of faculty members.
8. Report to the College President the progress and evaluation of the campus, including evaluation of faculty members at the campus.
9. Give approval to purchase requisitions and work orders.
10. Serve as a member of the President's Cabinet.
11. Serve as a liaison between SWTJC, service area communities, Sul Ross Rio Grande College, and other constituencies as appropriate.
12. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

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VICE PRESIDENT AT EAGLE PASS AND DEL RIO**

Minimum Academic Qualification

- Master's Degree in Education or a relevant academics discipline required.
- Three to five years' experience in Higher Education teaching, administration, or institutional research and planning required.
- Doctorate in Educational Administration or in an academic discipline from a regionally accredited college preferred.

Other Qualification

- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills
- Leadership qualities
- Strong computer skills
- Ability to interact with a diverse population
- Ability to interact with community leaders

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS AND DEAN OF APLIED SCIENCE**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Dean of Liberal Arts and the Dean of Applied Sciences are generally responsible for supervision of instructional personnel and educational programs of the college. Specific responsibilities of the offices are as follows:

1. Act as chief advisor to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs in matters of college policy, particularly in instructional affairs.
2. Formulate educational policies and presents them to the Faculty, the Curriculum Committee and the appropriate Vice-President for consideration.
3. Preside over meetings of the faculty.
4. Direct attention of faculty members to changing educational policy, thought, and practices, particularly as they affect higher education.
5. Supervise curriculum, courses, and methods of instruction, and evaluate instruction.
6. Recruit new faculty members and cooperate with Division Chairs in the nomination of new members for the teaching staff, make recommendations to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs regarding the promotion, demotion, or dismissal of members of the faculty.
7. Prepare reports of various kinds relating to faculty issues.
8. Make recommendations for improvements of the physical plant as it relates to the educational program.
9. Prepare the budget for the appropriate Divisions.
10. Approve requisitions for expenditures.
11. Each semester prepare the schedule of classes in cooperation with the Division Chairs, Associate Vice-Presidents, and Vice-President of Student Affairs for day and evening classes.
12. Approve faculty travel.
13. Meet with Division Chairs once a month at various times.
14. Inspect classroom and equipment at various times.
15. Approve and follow up on maintenance work orders for faculty members.

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16. Serve on the following:
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Library Committee
 - Faculty Development Grants Committee
 - Instructional Long-Range Planning Committee
17. Assist the Vice-President of Academic Affairs with monitoring and evaluating of the progress of the college toward achieving goals and objectives necessary to fulfill the College's mission.
18. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Minimum Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction or Master's Degree and five years curriculum development at the collegiate level.
- Doctorate in a recognized academic discipline from a regionally accredited institution is preferred.
- Two years of full time teaching experience at the college level required.

Other Qualifications

- Evidence of experience in Higher Education Administration
- Evidence of effective human relations skills and ability to relate to internal and external constituencies.
- A vision for strengthening the College's instructional programs and services.
- Experience in providing services to a diverse population.
- Knowledge of the accreditation process and a successful track record of participation in leading a college through reaffirmation of accreditation.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
DEAN OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Dean of Workforce Education oversees the Workforce Development/Continuing Education offerings of SWTJC, as well as the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Program. While continuing Education Units may be awarded to students completing given programs, as a rule programs under this division are offered on a non-credit basis.

Specific responsibilities of the Dean are:

1. To respond to service area business, industry, and agency requests for training/continuing education.
2. To support economic and workforce development efforts and initiatives throughout the Southwest Texas Junior College service delivery area.
3. To develop relationships with communities, employers and regional agencies in support of the department's goals and objectives. Assist other partnering institutions/departments with a similar mission.
4. To oversee coordination and delivery of all workforce training programs, courses, workshops, and seminars. Specific responsibility for overall program operation, budget and cooperation of Workforce Education Division to include student recruitment, assessment, enrollment, and placement along with faculty/staff supervision.
5. To coordinate the recruitment, selection, supervision and evaluation of qualified instructors for Workforce Education and AEL courses.
6. To contribute to Grant applications and maintain state and national certification/licensure programs under the Workforce Education Division.
7. To manage Grants awarded to the Division.
8. To develop and promote new programs for the Workforce Education Division.
9. To approve Purchase Orders and Check Requisitions for program areas.
10. To perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Vice-President of Academic Services.

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DEAN OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION**

Minimum Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction or MBA preferred; Master's Degree required.
- Two years' experience in supervising Workforce/Continuing Education programs.

Other Qualifications

- Excellent oral and written communication skills; Bilingual desired.
- Ability to work with diverse constituencies, including local Workforce Boards, School Districts, State and Federal agencies.
- Familiarity with writing grant applications, managing grants, and grant reporting requirements.

Instructional Personnel

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

DIVISION

The instructional program of Southwest Texas Junior College is organized into five instructional divisions: Allied Health and Human Services; Arts & Sciences; Social & Behavioral Sciences; Development Studies; and Business, Industrials, & Technical Studies. The number, structure and competent units of the instructional division are determined by the SWTJC Administration based upon the needs of the college and recommended by the President of the College to the Board of Trustees.

DIVISION CHAIR

Each instructional division is headed by a Division Chair who is formally appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President of the College. The Division Chair is an integral part of the college administration. His/her principal role is to assist the Dean of Liberal Arts and the Dean of Applied Sciences in organizing, leading, managing, and evaluating the college's instructional program.

SELECTION/APPOINTMENT

Persons serving as Division Chairs are recommended to the President of the College by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, based upon the results of a committee interview process. Persons serving as Division Chairs may hold tenured status as members of the instructional faculty, but their service as Division Chairs is not tenured and is reviewed annually by the Dean of Liberal Arts or the Dean of Applied Sciences and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Division Chairs hold 10-month, one-year contracts.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria governing the selection of division chairs are: (a) professional training/or experience in the instructional supervision and (b) demonstrated ability to work effectively with faculty, supervisors, and other officers of the college administration to achieve the goals of the college's instructional program.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL DIVISION CHAIR

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Division Chair is responsible for organizing, supervising and coordinating the work in his/her particular division. The general responsibilities of the position are:

1. Evaluate and improve instruction, including faculty development.
2. Coordinates Inter-departmental communication.
3. Assist in recruiting, advising, placement of students.
4. Conduct regular meetings for communicating information, discussing issues, and making decisions.
5. Communicate faculty perspectives and concerns to the Dean of Liberal Arts/Applied Sciences and other segments of the campus community as appropriate.
6. Ensure that each department within his/her division meets all accountability standards of the College, the Coordinating Board, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges, and other applicable agencies or boards.
7. Collaborate with Administration, faculty, and the Office of Institutional Planning and Research to support the institution's assessment, planning, and evaluation cycles.

The specific responsibilities of the position are as follows:

1. Make division-level recommendations to the appropriate Dean, after consulting the relevant Vice President and other staff, regarding the budget needs of the departments with respect to supplies, equipment, other operational needs and personnel.
2. Plan each semester's course offerings, including room assignments, in cooperation with faculty and the Registrar.
3. Implement and follow procedures developed by the Distance Education Committee regarding the approval of courses for online delivery.
4. When necessary or appropriate, make arrangements for providing a credentialed substitute and/or class materials upon an instructor's absence.

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5. In cooperation with the appropriate Vice President, oversee the evaluation of the faculty members in the division, including conducting evaluation of instructors, making classroom visits, completing the "Division Chair's Evaluation of Instruction," reviewing student evaluation of faculty, and collaborating to develop an appropriate growth plan, if needed.
6. Serve on hiring committee for faculty and staff position within the Division.
7. Collaborate with faculty, the Professional Development Officer and the Office of the Institutional Planning and research in developing or contributing to:

Unit Action Plan (UAP'S)	Outcomes Manager
Program Review	Core Curriculum Development and
Assessment	Attendance and Grade Reporting
Strategic Planning	QEP
8. Gives division-level approval to purchase requisitions.
9. Ensure that departments meet Carl Perkins requirements, if applicable.
10. Actively participate in the college's registration, student-advising, recruitment, and placement activities.
11. Perform initial mediation or investigation of student or personnel complaints (including ADA situations).
12. Verify and approve monthly departmental absence reports.
13. Actively participate in required annual departmental Advisory Committee meetings
14. Maintain Master Syllabi Templates
15. Oversee textbook adoption processes.
16. Oversee program revision, including degree plans, course updates, etc.
17. Attend and participate in committee meetings as assigned.
18. Serve as first point of contact for faculty's reporting pf custodial/maintenance issues.
19. Perform other duties as assigned by the College President, Vice President of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Liberal Arts or Dean of Applied Sciences.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In the Divisions given programs are required by the State Boards/Agencies to have Program Coordinators.

The Program Coordinator is responsible for organizing, supervising and coordinating the work in his/her instructional program. The program coordinator is academically qualified to provide (1) program coordination including curriculum development and review, and (2) leadership in addressing program quality and compliance with accrediting authorities. The general responsibilities of the position as they relate to the program are:

- a. Coordinates all activities related to maintaining program relevance, effectiveness, viability, and compliance/accreditation.
- b. Evaluates instruction using appropriate assessment techniques and improves instruction by preparing and implementing Unit Action Plans.
- c. Cooperates with and provides documentation to the Office of Institutional Planning and Research as required to support the institution's assessment, planning and evaluation processes.
- d. Assists in the recruiting and advising, and placement students.
- e. Conducts regular meetings for purposes of communicating information, discussing issues, and making decisions on program matters.
- f. Ensures that the program meets all accountability standards of the College, the Coordinating Board, and other applicable agencies or boards. In pursuance of this, he/she provides, with faculty assistance, all data and information required by the Office of Institutional Planning and Research or other college offices.
- g. Works effectively with his/her department/division chairs and other officers of the college administration to achieve the college's goals for instructional programs.

The specific responsibilities of the position are as follows:

1. Develops and administers appropriate assessments of student program outcomes.
2. Uses assessment information for program improvement, specifically in the development and implementations of Unit Action Plans for the program.
3. Assists the department chair in scheduling and conducting advisory committee meetings (technical programs only).

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4. Conducts an annual Employer Satisfaction Survey as specified by the Office of Institutional Planning and Research (technical programs only).
5. Maintains contact with employers and provides students with assistance in career planning and job placement (technical programs only).
6. Advises the department/division chairs regarding the time schedule and room schedule for courses in the program.
7. Performs other duties as may be assigned by the Division Chair, Dean of Applied Sciences, or Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Faculty Regulations & Procedures

Faculty Titles

Title ranks are Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Professor Emeritus, and Honorary Professor Emeritus.

In order to be eligible for promotion consideration from 'Instructor', a teaching faculty member must have completed the following requirements in a full-time tenured or tenure-track position.

Assistant Professor: To be eligible for consideration for promotion to this rank, a faculty member must have completed a minimum of three (3) years as an Instructor at Southwest Texas Junior College, and provide documentation of satisfactory progress in two (2) areas of the criteria from sections two (2), three (3), or four (4) of the tenure application.

Associate Professor: To be eligible for consideration for promotion to this rank, a faculty member must have completed a minimum of three (3) years as an Assistant Professor at Southwest Texas Junior College, and provide documentation of additional progress in criteria two (2), three (3), and four (4) of the tenure application.

Professor: To be eligible for consideration for promotion to this rank a faculty member must have completed a minimum of four (4) years as an Associate Professor at Southwest Texas Junior College, and have been awarded tenure status by the tenure committee.

Professor Emeritus: Upon retirement from Southwest Texas Junior College, a faculty member must have attained the rank of Professor and received recognition for outstanding service, i.e. SWTJC Outstanding Faculty Member Award, SWTJC Faculty Association Teaching Excellence Award, or other awards approved by the SWTJC Faculty Evaluation Committee, SWTJC administration, and SWTJC Board of Trustees.

Honorary Professor Emeritus: In extraordinary cases and where a faculty member's service is strongly identified as worthy of continuing recognition, a recommendation for awarding this title may be made to the Faculty Evaluation Committee by any Southwest Texas Junior College employee. The committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the College President. Upon the recommendation by the President, final approval is given by the SWTJC Board of Trustees.

Evaluation: Applications for title changes must be received by the Vice President of Academic Affairs no later than November 1 of the academic year in which the applicant is seeking a title change. The Tenure Committee will review applications during the following Spring semester and make recommendations to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, who will forward them to the President for consideration.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is understood that no specific job description can specify every professional responsibility of the faculty member, which might arise. When an individual accepts a position as a faculty member, he or she assumes the responsibility of serving the needs of students and of actively assisting the college as it strives to fulfill its goals and objectives. Thus, these responsibilities will at times require the faculty members to undertake in a cooperative spirit professional duties not specifically mentioned in the job description.

The faculty member is generally responsible for the overall duties associated with instructing students. The faculty member is responsible to his/her students, Division Chair, the Dean of Applied Science or the Dean of Liberal Arts, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs to:

1. Respond to evaluative processes including but not limited to:
 - a. Faculty self-evaluation
 - b. Chair evaluation of faculty
 - c. Dean's evaluation of faculty
 - d. Student evaluation of faculty
 - e. Programs/course review
 - f. Program/course review
2. Support the mission goals and objectives of the college, and that result in improved teaching effectiveness and student learning.
3. Provide instruction intended to achieve the specific goals and objectives stated in the syllabi of the assigned courses, and create a wholesome, meaningful learning environment in the classroom and laboratory.
4. Advise students on their progress in courses. To this end, instructors are required to maintain accurate, current grades for each student in the required system or program (e.g., Campus Cruiser).
5. Aid in planning and assessment of instructional programs and policies within the college.
6. Be on time for classes and labs and promptly notify the respective Division Chair or the appropriate Dean in the event of an unscheduled absence.
7. Maintain each class/lab meeting for the entire scheduled time unless prohibited by a legitimate reason or event.
8. Maintain a five-day work week.
9. Post and maintain scheduled office or 'on campus' hours with student advisement conferences in mind.

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10. Update, validate, and submit class rolls to the Registrar's Office at designated times.
11. Maintain an accurate attendance record for each assigned class or lab, in the appropriate medium or system (Campus Cruiser, e.g.) and report excessive absences to the Registrar for processing. If continued absences occur, and after attempting to contact the student, faculty will report enforced withdrawals to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
12. Submit the required "Student Attendance Report" as described below under the section "Student Absences."
13. Submit all required student grade reports to the Registrar's Office according to schedule.
14. Report student problems to the Division Chair as deemed necessary.
15. Attend all faculty meetings, commencements, and other appropriate meetings called by Committee Chairs, Division Chairs, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, or the President
16. Ensure, when applicable, that all departmental brochures are kept current.
17. Provide appropriate advising to students and present a positive attitude toward teacher-student learning relationships.
18. Order necessary textbooks, lab manuals, and other instructional material through the bookstore according to college procedures.
19. Develop in Syllabus Manager each semester an updated syllabus for all assigned courses.
20. Provide to students a current syllabus with information about the goals and requirements of each course, the nature of the course content, the methods of evaluation to be employed, and classroom policies, including required classroom behavior.
21. Share with other faculty members the responsibility of serving on committees as assigned by the Division Chair, appropriate Dean or Vice President, or the President.
22. Serve as faculty sponsor for student organizations.
23. Assist in the recruitment, promotion, placement and follow-up studies of students.

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24. Follow college policies and procedures as outlined in the Faculty Handbook and other published policy manuals.
25. Assist with student registration.
26. Pursue opportunities for professional growth (including pre-approved summer jobs to obtain current knowledge for lectures and labs).
27. Annually file in the Office of Professional Development and use a professional development plan (location: <http://www.swtjc.edu/> >Professional Development >PD Planner).
28. Be active in the governance of the College, by maintaining a voice in the Dean's Forum and Faculty Association.)
29. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Dean of Liberal Arts, the Dean of Applied Sciences, or the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

DISTANCE LEARNING INSTRUCTOR

In addition to the Faculty duties and obligations outlined above, instructors teaching via Video Conference must:

1. Complete a training program designed to familiarize teachers with distance learning equipment and techniques.
2. Make available to students at each site on the first day of class course syllabi and all other relevant materials. As far as is possible, all handouts and other papers that will be necessary throughout the semester should be available on site at the beginning of the semester.
3. Instructors are responsible for the establishment and maintenance of discipline at all sites.
4. Maintain the privacy of all distance learning students, be it electronically or otherwise

Procedures for Protecting the Privacy of Online Students

Southwest Texas Junior College protects the privacy of all its students, adhering to the same privacy standards for online students as it does for "face-to-face" students. Guidelines provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) govern all college efforts to maintain privacy and control of student information.

To further protect student privacy in online or hybrid courses, these procedures shall be followed:

- The arbitrary SWTJC student Identification Number, assigned through Colleague, the institutional management system, will always be used to identify students, in lieu of Social Security Numbers.
- Students will access online learning materials via an approved Learning Managements System (LMS) all of which requires unique user names and passwords for access, and which students may select and change.
- Online faculty will instruct students never to reveal their log-in names or passwords to anyone.
- Student postings to course discussion boards, chat rooms, and class forums shall be accessible only to members of the class, the instructor, and SWTJC staff specifically authorized and responsible for student learning assessment or oversight of the academic quality and integrity of the course.
- Instructors will communicate grades to online students via the secure gradebook communication capabilities of the LMS.
- Instructors or staff will not communicate grade information or other protected information via emails, which can be intercepted or viewed by someone other than the student.

Instructional support staff, such as monitors assigned to assist Dual Credit students, shall adhere to all procedures outlined above. In addition, such staff shall complete and submit to the Distance Learning Office at the Uvalde Campus the 'Southwest Texas Junior College Distance Learning Department Confidentiality Agreement' at the beginning of his/her first semester of employment/assignment. This Agreement will remain in force until the staff member no longer holds the support position. Revision of the Agreement will require staff to re-submit the document.

LAB ASSISTANT

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lab Assistant is responsible for assisting the instructor of record in the preparation, organization, and facilitation of all lab activities. In addition, the Lab Assistant and the instructor(s) of record must meet regularly and work cooperatively in order to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the course syllabus/syllabi. Specific responsibilities for the Lab Assistant are:

1. Assist the instructor of record in planning and implementation of lab instructional activities
2. Prepare lab for instructional activities
3. Assist students in lab activities
4. Assist the instructor of record in the assessment of student learning
5. Assist in the advising of students on their progress in the course(s)
6. Assist in cleaning and organizing lab
7. Monitor and maintain lab equipment
8. Know, understand, and abide by the parameters set by the instructor(s) of record in the course syllabus/syllabi
9. Support the mission, goals, and objectives of the college
10. Work to improve teaching effectiveness and student learning
11. Promote a positive attitude among the students toward the course(s), instructor(s), SWTJC, and learning
12. Perform other duties as assigned by the instructor(s) of record

TEACHING ASSISTANT

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The teaching Assistant (TA) is responsible for assisting the instructor of record in the preparation organization, and facilitation of their assigned course(s). In addition the TA and the instructor(s) of record must meet regularly and work cooperatively in order to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the course syllabus/syllabi. Specific responsibilities for the TA are:

1. Grade assignments using the grading criterion outlined by the instructor(s) of record
2. Post grades and attendance in the Portal grade book
3. Aid in the planning and implementation of instruction
4. Aid in the assessment of student learning
5. Assist in the advising of students on their progress in the course(s)
6. Know, understand, and abide by the parameters set by the instructor(s) of record in the course syllabus/syllabi
7. Process and submit reports, such as Drop forms, grade and attendance reports, CORE assignments, etc., as requested by the instructor(s) of record
8. Support the mission, goals, and objectives of the college
9. Work to improve teaching effectiveness and student learning
10. Promote a positive attitude among the students toward the course(s), instructor(s), SWTJC, and learning
11. Perform other duties as assigned by the instructor(s) of record

FACULTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INSTRUCTIONAL WORKLOAD

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Faculty members are subject to assignment in both day and evening classes on or off of their "home/main" campus, provided that the combined teaching load does not exceed eighteen contact hours per week. For Faculty teaching in "lecture only" courses in Academic disciplines, 15 contact hours per week (five 3-hour classes) define a "full load." For Faculty teaching "lecture+lab" courses (Biology, e.g.), 18 contact hours per week (3 classes with accompanying labs) define a "full load." An adjustment may be made for additional duties or for various class/lab combinations at the discretion of the college administration. No reduction is made in teaching load for committee assignments unless exceptional circumstances arise. The teaching load for Division Chairs shall be two courses per semester. Exceptions must be approved by the appropriate Dean or the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Load sheets are submitted electronically by individual Faculty members to the Vice President of Academic Affairs office at the beginning of each semester.

The full-time teaching load for "lab-only" faculty members shall be six (6) labs.

OFFICE HOURS

Full-time instructors with academic assignments are required to be on campus at least thirty hours per week. Instructors with a teaching load of fifteen contact hours are to schedule at least fifteen hours per week as office/on-campus hours, and those instructors with a teaching load of eighteen contact hours are to schedule at least twelve office/on-campus hours per week. Exceptions to this policy will be for instructors in programs that are regulated by external agencies and for other paraprofessionals who teach in non-credit-hour programs.

Contact hours for overload courses must be calculated in addition to the required number of hours per regular work week. Five (5) of the office hours may be scheduled for travel if off-campus classes are assigned as part of the regular load or may be scheduled as club sponsorship, student activities or official college committee assignments in which the instructor may be involved. One (1) of the office/on-campus hours must be reserved for institutionally directed purposes such as assessment/planning activities and professional development. This hour is not necessarily scheduled on a weekly basis but rather to be counted in a total of eight (8) hours committed to these purposes over the course of a semester.

The office/on-campus schedule should be: (1) posted on the office door of the instructor, (2) included in the course syllabi and (3) submitted to the Division Chair and the Vice President of Academic Affairs as part of the Load Sheet.

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ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Instructors who teach courses online as a part of their regular load must maintain an equal amount of time at an appropriate college site equal to the number of contact hours required for the online course(s).

Faculty wishing to convert additional on-campus office hours to "electronic" office hours may do so by complete the "Conversion of Posted On-Campus Office Hours to Electronic Office Hours" form at:

http://swtjc.edu/tinybrowser/files/curriculum_and_instruction/fh_conv_off_hours_14-15.pdf

The instructor needs to send a copy of the completed and signed form to the Distance Learning office where it will be attached to the Online Course Approval form for the course listed above.

Distance Education Policy

Faculty teaching via Distance Education modalities (online, video-conferencing, hybrid, e.g.) must be aware of and fulfill the requirements of SWTJC "Distance Education Policy":

Southwest Texas Junior College Distance Education Policy

I. Institutional Policies

A. Mission

To provide quality education to students who prefer or require an alternative classroom setting. To accomplish this, SWTJC makes use of online, interactive video, and other technologies either singly or in combination.

B. Definitions

1. **asynchronous**: the use of learning technologies to deliver course material to students that are at a different time and place than the instructor
2. **blended (hybrid)**: more than 50% and less than 85% of content delivered online resulting in some reduction in the number of seat days
3. **distance educational/learning**: a form of learning where the learner is physically separate from the instructor and other learners; methodologies include online, blended (hybrid), web-facilitated, and interactive video
4. **interactive video (or video-conference)**: an interactive delivery mechanism which uses 2-way audio and video to facilitate synchronous (real time) interaction between presenters and learners who are separated by significant distance
5. **online**: more than 85 of course content delivered in an asynchronous internet-based format resulting in a significant reduction in the number of seat days
6. **synchronous**: the use of leaning technologies to deliver course material in real time to students who are at a different place than the instructor

C. Distance Education Standards and Practices

Distance Education courses, certificates, and degree programs adhere to Best Practices, as established by the accrediting agencies and educational organizations that govern SWTJC. These include:

1. Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges

[Best Practices For Electronically Offered Degree and Certificate Programs](#)

[Distance Education Policy Statement](#)

2. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

[Principles of Good Practice For Academic Degree and Certificate Programs and Credit Courses Offered Electronically](#)

[Guide for Incorporating the Principles of Good Practice into Electronically-Based Courses](#)

D. Evaluation of Distance Training for Distance Education

The responsibility for evaluation and revising distance education policy resides with the college's Distance Education Committee. Revisions are presented first as recommendations to the college's Curriculum Committee and then to the President's Cabinet for approval.

E. Support and Training for Distance Education

The college will:

1. Provide training and support to enhance the added skills required of distance education faculty.
2. Provide administrative and technical support for the delivery, supervision, and evaluation of distance education.
3. Utilize effective evaluative and screening measures to match student needs and abilities with distance education requirements.
4. Provide empirical data to assist in the evaluation of distance education success, student and faculty satisfaction, effectiveness of course design, retention, and faculty effectiveness in order to assure continuous distance education improvement.
5. Inform faculty and staff of current distance education policies and procedures.
6. Provide distance education students with academic advising, personal counseling, technical support services, library and learning resources, and financial aid (if eligible).

II. Institutional Policies

A. Academic Quality of Distance Education

Distance education instruction will meet the quality standards applicable to traditional instruction, as outlined in the faculty handbook in the faculty regulations and procedures section. In addition, distance education courses will comply with all descriptions, policies, and uses as stated in the current college catalog. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Syllabi
2. Textbooks
3. Grading
4. Assessment of learning outcomes

B. Oversight of Distance Education Courses

As with all academic activities, distance education courses are subject to approval and review by the Curriculum Committee, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the President's Cabinet. All distance education instructional content shall be administered by the same department administering the corresponding traditional instruction.

C. Approval of Distance Education Faculty

Distance education faculty will be selected and evaluated by the same standards, review, and approval procedures used by the institution to select and evaluate faculty responsible for traditional instruction. Faculty who desire to teach distance education courses must demonstrate knowledge and skills related to best practices in distance education.

D. Approval of Distance Education Courses

All distance education courses must be approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs for delivery.

Prior to scheduling a distance education course, faculty must submit an Online Course Approval form or a Video-Conference Instructor Approval form to the Director of Distance Learning.

The forms must be reviewed and approved by the:

- Director of Distance Learning
- Division Chair
- Instructional Dean
- Vice President of Academic Affairs

E. Delivery of Distance Education Courses

1. Faculty assigned to teach a distance education course will be responsible for the design and delivery of instruction. As with traditional courses, distance education faculty are responsible for the following:
 - a. Maintaining the rigor and quality of the course.

- b. Making reasonable efforts to guarantee the authenticity of student work.
- c. Planned interaction and timely feedback between students and faculty that is detailed in the course syllabus. Faculty response to student e-mail inquiries will be made within 24 hours during normal business days.
- d. Evaluating courses every semester to revise content and delivery to improve student success.
- e. A customized Portal class page to include course information, delivery method, access point, syllabus, introduction and orientation.
- f. Providing for appropriate interaction between faculty and students. This interaction may occur during faculty office hours, or it may take place via telephone, email, electronic chats, on-site meetings, video teleconference or other methods. Appropriate interaction for a course depends upon the course delivery mode and the technology used by faculty.
- g. The number of on-campus posted office hours held per week equals the number of hours of traditional courses. In addition, faculty teaching an online course shall make themselves available to students for additional office hours equivalent to the contact hours of the course. For example, an online class which would have met on campus for 2½ hours per week requires the instructor to be available to students 2½ additional hours per week.
- h. Five (5) hours of a faculty member's office hour requirement may be designated as online office hours and may be held off campus. Online courses with extensive student contact via email, electronic chats, or additional activities, may have the required additional on-site office hours reduced by submitting a Conversion of Posted On-Campus Office Hours to Electronic Office Hours form to the Director of Distance Learning.
- i. A proctored mid-term and final examination for online courses during the Fall and Spring semesters; during summer terms and any other shortened semester, only the final examination for online courses will be proctored.

2. Student Responsibilities

- a. Before taking an online course, a student must be assessed to determine readiness to benefit from the online mode of instruction.
- b. Students must take two proctored exams. Students must submit a reservation request for all proctored examinations and present a valid picture identification card at the time and location of their reserved examination.
- c. Students may be required to sign an affidavit declaring their understanding of ethical uses of technology.

F. Accessibility (ADA)

As with traditional courses, students taking distance education courses may request accommodations to meet individual needs of the learner. In distance education courses, special arrangements may be made to deliver the course in an alternative format as needed.

G. Copyright Compliance

Faculty are expected to understand and adhere to the copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code), as updated by the Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act). Copyright law must be followed when performances, displays, copies or other reproductions of copyrighted material are made available to students. This includes the posting of copyrighted material on any college learning management system. Under the TEACH Act, it is permissible to make copyrighted materials available to students, providing that such materials (1) do not exceed an amount or duration comparable to that typically displayed in a live classroom setting; (2) are directly related to the course content; (3) are an integral part of the teaching content; (4) are intended solely for and are available only to students enrolled in the course; and (5) are retained only for the class session. The students must be notified that the materials may be subject to copyright protection.

H. Intellectual Property Rights

SWTJC supports the development, production, and dissemination of intellectual property by its employees. Intellectual property includes, but is not limited to, inventions, copyrightable works, trademarks, and tangible research property. (See Policy [CT - LEGAL](#) and [CT - LOCAL](#))

Students Support

A. Student Complaints/Grievance Procedures

Any student who wishes to make a formal complaint to the college should refer to the Student Handbook, which is available online:

B. Counseling and Advising

Distance education students can access the same advising and counseling as their traditional counterparts. With offices on the Crystal City, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, and Uvalde campuses, the Counseling Centers assist students with academic, technical, career, and personal concerns in ways consistent with their personal and educational goals, and in ways which benefit them currently and in the future. Students needing specific support services should contact the Counseling Center, (830) 591-7366.

C. Student Success Services

Distance education students can access the same student success services as their traditional counterparts. Services include tutoring, study plans, study groups, resource libraries, computer labs, university preparation, and transfer advising. Writing feedback and tutoring are offered online to off-campus, distance education students via the Writing Centers.

D. Library Resources

The college ensures that students participating in distance education courses have access to adequate and appropriate learning resources. Students have access to the SWTJC libraries and also the virtual library resources. The home page for the SWTJC libraries is <http://swtjc.libguides.com/home>.

College Bookstore

Information concerning the college bookstore can be accessed at its home page, <http://swtjc.edu/pages/student-life/bookstore>

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Faculty members are assigned to various committees. Some assignments are made at the beginning of a given semester. Others are made during the regular school year as the need arises. Some committees are by circumstance more active than others. Committee assignments are an integral part of the instructor's work load and professional responsibility. This requirement assists in the overall operation of the College. No reduction is made in teaching load for committee assignments unless exceptional circumstances arise.

LIBRARIANS

Librarians are employed in accordance with board policy and are considered non-teaching faculty. However, librarians are required to provide instructional support services to teaching faculty in the preparation of student research skills and may teach one three-hour class as part of their employment. Librarians will maintain a forty hour work week. Librarians are compensated at pay rates established for members of the non-teaching faculty. Head Librarians are generally employed on an eleven-month contract.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS & COUNSELORS

Advisors and counselors are considered to be non-teaching faculty members. However, they are required to provide a minimum of one three-hour unit of instruction module during each of the two long semesters. Advisors and counselors are generally employed on a ten month contract. The terms of the contract periods will vary with the services needed by the Vice President of Student Services. Advisors and counselors are expected to maintain daily office hours in accordance with the Registrar's Office of forty hours a week. Advisors and counselors are compensated at pay rates established for members of the non-teaching faculty.

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Faculty Load Sheet

Name:
Semester:

Division:
Date:

---WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE---

COURSE	SECTION	CLASS TIME	LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	TOTAL HOURS
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POSTED OFFICE HOURS		MINIMUM POSTED OFFICE HOURS	
TIME	HOURS	HOURS	
MONDAY		Contract Office Hours	
TUESDAY		Online Contact Hours	
WEDNESDAY		Online Office Hours	
THURSDAY		Total Activity Hours	
FRIDAY		Institutional Directed Office Hour	
		Release Time	
		Minimum Posted Office Hours	
TOTAL POSTED OFFICE HOURS			
ONLINE OFFICE HOURS			
TOTAL POSTED/ONLINE OFFICE HOURS			

Please specify up to a maximum of five office hours that are used for:

- Travel
- Club
- Committee
- Student Activity
- Other Activity

TOTAL NON-POSTED OFFICE HOURS

B. TOTAL WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS (POSTED & NON-POSTED)

C. INSTITUTIONAL OFFICE HOUR

D. ADJUSTMENT FOR ONLINE CONTACT HOURS

E. RELEASE CONTACT HOURS

F. TOTAL OF A, B, C, D & E MUST BE CONTRACT LOAD

---EXTRA CLASSES---

COURSES	SECTION	CLASS TIME	LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	TOTAL HOURS
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FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

CLASS SIZE

LIMITATIONS

The following policies on class size apply to all classes.

1. An effort is made to limit Freshman English classes to twenty-five students and most academic classes to thirty-five students. Exceptions may be made by special arrangements
2. Generally, a minimum of ten students is required for a class to be held or "make."
3. Exceptions to the above policy will be made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Vice Presidents, or the President of the College with the six factors that are listed below taken into consideration
 - a. The total number of students enrolled in that department.
 - b. The contact hours earned by the student enrolled
 - c. The department budget expenditures.
 - d. Future enrollment projections. (e.g., small STEM class sections may be allowed to promote STEM majors).
 - e. Student need for graduation requirements.
 - f. The needs for the department to assure more diversity in course offerings for the institution.
4. Classes taught through instructional telecommunications (interactive video) are limited to fifteen students per site not to exceed 45. Exceptions may be made by special arrangement.

ADEQUATE ENROLLMENT

Class enrollment in each department should be adequate to warrant the number of instructors assigned a full teaching load in that department. Adequate enrollment for a department shall be determined by a committee composed of the President, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the appropriate Dean, and the appropriate Division Chair. The factors to be considered in determining adequate faculty shall be the six items listed above in #3.

FACULTY REGULATION AND PROCEDURES EXAMINATIONS, GRADING AND WITHDRAWAL

EXAMINATION FINALS AND MAKEUPS

Final Examinations will be scheduled by the Registrar; all others by the instructors. Departures from the Final Exam Schedule must be approved by the appropriate Dean, the appropriate Vice President, or the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Examinations missed as a result of absences not specifically excused through proper channels may be made up only with the consent of the instructor. The instructor is responsible for clearly stating his/her exam make-up policy in each course syllabus. The student is responsible for making arrangements with the instructor to take make-up examinations when allowed.

Instructors should post final examination and semester grades only through the approved electronic vehicles (currently Campus Cruiser and WebAdvisor). Instructors must observe privacy rules and regulations provided through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or otherwise provided by College policy.

The nature and content of examinations are left to the discretion of the instructor.

Some departments require common final exams. In this case the departmental instructors work collaboratively to develop the exam

EARLY CLASS DISMISSAL

Other than for online courses, instructors are expected to hold all classes and laboratories for the entire scheduled times. It is against the policy of the college for classes to be dismissed early unless scheduled tests absorb over half of the period. A ten or fifteen minute quiz does not justify dismissal of a class.

Online courses should be designed to require instructors and students to invest time, effort, and preparation similar to that required for success in 'face-to-face' courses.

GRADING METHODS

A great deal of misunderstanding over grades will be avoided if the instructor explains grading methods to the students at the beginning of the school term. That explanation must accompany a written description of the instructor's grading method in the class syllabus, including numbers and types of exams, quizzes, etc., and their point or percentage values.

Instructors may follow any method of grading they desire, as long as it is based on a sound and fair academic procedure. Mid-term and semester grades are designated in terms of letters, which may be interpreted as follows:

A	=	Excellent	90-100
B	=	Good	80-89
C	=	Average	70-79
D	=	Passing	60-69
F	=	Failure	59-Below

EXAMINATIONS, GRADING AND WITHDRAWAL

I	=	Incomplete
W	=	Withdrew
EW	=	Enforced Withdrawal
Q	=	Quit Assigned for students who have excessive absences but to not receive an "F" for the course

I becomes an **F** if the student does not complete remaining work during the first six-weeks of the subsequent semester. If the student completes the necessary work, the instructor should complete the "Request for Grade Change" and submit it to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. A student's grade may be changed to remove an "I," to correct miscalculation, or to correct a data entry error. A student who withdraws from a course before the published "last day to drop" will receive a "W." After that, an earned grade must be assigned by the instructor.

Developmental courses (college preparatory) are graded on an **A, B, C, F, P, W, and EW** basis. Developmental courses are calculated in the student's Overall GPA. The grade of **EW** stands for **Enforced Withdrawal**. This grade will be applied administratively to distinguish between an institutionally enforced withdrawal and a student-initiated withdrawal. Grade point averages are computed by assigning values to each grade as follows:

A	4 points	F	0 points	W	0 points
B	3 points	P	0 points	EW	0 points
C	2 points	Q	0 points		

It is also the policy of Southwest Texas Junior College that student grades be determined on the basis of the students' performance in learning the course curriculum. Enhancement of grades based on students' participation in activities that take place outside the classroom, laboratory, or library is permitted if the activity is related to one or more of the approval learning outcomes of the course.

Under no circumstances shall academic credit be granted for fund-raising activities.

PERMANENT RECORD GRADES

The "Request for Grade Change Form" will be completed by each instructor when a student's grade must be changed. This form will be kept in the student's permanent file by the Registrar.

REQUEST FOR "GRADE CHANGE" FORM

Date _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Colleague Assigned# _____

Course Title: _____

Grade From

To

FACULTY INFORMATION

Name of Instructor: _____

Justification:

- _____ a. Removal of "I"
- _____ b. Miscalculation of Grade
- _____ c. Other – Attach explanation

Semester/Year when course was initially attempted _____

Faculty Signature

Vice President of Academic Affairs

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES RECORDS REPORTS AND SYLLABI

REPORTS

Instructors will file promptly reports required by the administrative officers of the college.

CLASS ROLLS AND MID-SEMESTER GRADES

Through WebAdvisor, instructors access official student rosters for each of their classes provided every semester by the Registrar's Office. Faculty verify, correct, and return these rosters to the Registrar's Office at designated times

Mid-semester grades for all students must be submitted via WebAdvisor by faculty according to deadlines provided by the Registrar's Office. Faculty will record mid-semester grades as 'A,' 'B,' 'C,' 'D,' or 'F.' These letter grades do not have to correspond to exact numerical grades but should represent students' status at mid-term.

GRADE BOOK

Instructors must enter and save all student grades in the Grade Book feature/function of Campus Cruiser (the "Portal.") or the currently required Learning Management System. Instructors must enter and save grades in a timely manner, and students must have access to all grades assigned during a given semester.

SYLLABI

All instructors are required to have a syllabus for each course and laboratory they teach and make the syllabi available to students. An electronic copy of each syllabus, by semester be on file in the Syllabus Manager. Division Chairs are responsible for maintaining current master Syllabi for all courses offered in their division.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

FACULTY ABSENCES

When instructors are as much as fifteen minutes late to a class, students are entitled to a "walk". When unable to meet a class, instructors should notify, as appropriate, the Division Chair, the Vice President of their campus, the Dean of Liberal Arts or Applied Sciences, or the Vice President of Academic Affairs as far in advance as possible. Instructors should also provide, via electronic or other means, assignments and a brief description of the work to be done in their class (es) during their absence.

Instructors are expected to meet classes punctually and regularly. Unexcused absence is just cause for the college to withhold a day's pay. Unexcused tardiness is also just cause for the college to withhold one-fourth day's pay.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Regular College Class Attendance Policy

Students are expected to regularly attend all classes in which they are enrolled and are responsible for the completion, if permitted, of all work missed because of an absence. Any class work missed because of an absence and not completed may affect the grade of the student regardless of the reason for the absence. The manner in which make-up work for absences is administered is left to the professional discretion of the individual faculty member. SWTJC makes no distinction between excused or unexcused absences. Therefore, the instructor may count all absences except when prohibited by State law or statute.

According to State law there may be a valid reason for a student's absence from class. Acceptable reasons are, but not limited to: personal illness, death in the immediate family, religious holy days in compliance with Section 51.911 of the Texas Higher Education Code, military or legal obligations, or school trips. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor of an absence related to one or more of the aforementioned categories and to ask for make-up work.

An instructor may request the withdrawal of a student from a class when the total number of absences exceeds SWTJC criteria for "Excessive Absences" and the student has failed to make the appropriate contact with the instructor regarding the validity of the absence and the need for make-up work.

SWTJC defines "Excessive Absences" as a student's number of absences having exceeded the equivalent of two weeks of class meetings in a course; specifically: (a) six absences from a class that meets three times per week (typical MWF schedule), (b) four absences from a class that meets two times per week (typical TTH schedule) and, (c) two absences from a class that meets once per week (typical evening course). Attendance counting begins on the official first day of class. When a student reaches the "Excessive Absence" threshold, the instructor may report the student to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. For attendance reporting purposes for online classes, "attendance" is defined as a student's having logged on and completed a reviewable/gradable activity.

The "Excessive Absences Drop Form" is used for this reporting. If the absences continue, the instructor may initiate an enforced withdrawal by using this "form." Following agreement by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the student will be dropped from the class. When an instructor requests the enforced withdrawal of a student from a class, a grade of "EW" will be recorded.

Developmental Education Class Attendance Policy

Students are expected to regularly attend all classes in which they are enrolled and are responsible for the completion of all work missed during an absence. Any instruction missed and not completed may affect the grade of the student regardless of the reason for the absence. The manner in which make-up work is administered is left to the professional discretion of the individual faculty member.

The instructor of a developmental education course may request the withdrawal of a student from a class when the total number of absences exceeds the equivalent of two weeks of class meetings in a course; specifically: (a) six from a class that meets three times per week (typical MWF schedule), (b) four from a class that meets two times per week (typical TTh schedule), (c) two from a class that meets once per week (typical evening course), and (d) three from a summer class. Attendance counting begins on the official first day of class. When an instructor requests the withdrawal (drop) of a student from a course due to excessive absences, a grade of EW will be recorded for the student. SWTJC makes no distinction between excused or unexcused absences. Therefore, the instructor may count all absences in reaching the total except when prohibited by State law or statute.

College policy requires that faculty maintain student attendance records in Campus Cruiser (or the currently required LMS) throughout a semester. Based on this report, the college will review and assess the situation of students not showing regular attendance and withdraw students who do not take corrective action. At times other than these, the option of forced withdrawal is left to the course instructor (see above).

Students who test below the "college ready" threshold on the TSI Assessment and whose individual education plan calls for enrollment in one or more developmental instruction areas must remain enrolled in at least one of those areas or they may be withdrawn from all classes.

Attendance Reporting Procedure

The primary purpose of the SWTJC Attendance Procedure is to strongly encourage students to attend class. In Fall 2012, faculty began recording attendance daily on the college's portal system, Campus Cruiser. This has made possible the collection of real time attendance data resulting in more timely interventions to get students back to regular attendance. This improvement is reflected in the procedure described below.

SWTJC third and eighth week attendance management procedure

It is important that students be warned for excessive absences during the first 3 weeks of class in a regular term. The procedure below includes this restriction.

1. Week 1 Attendance Report

- a. OIPR Responsibility:
 - i. At 1:00 PM on Tuesday of following week, dump Campus Cruiser attendance report.
 - ii. Prepare "student no-show" list and forward to registrar and VP Student Services.
 - iii. Prepare "class not set-up" list and forward to Technical Dean, Liberal Arts Dean, and VP Instruction
- b. Registrar responsibility:
 - i. Check registration records against "student no-show" list.
 - ii. Remove students not registered.
 - iii. Email edited list to Technical Dean, Liberal Arts Dean, and VP Academics.
 - iv. Robo-call and email students on edited list, encouraging them to attend class.
- c. Technical Dean and Liberal Arts Dean
 - i. Contact instructors on "class not set-up list" to resolve issue.
 - ii. Contact instructors on "student no-show" list with instructions to email and phone, encouraging an immediate return to class.
- d. Faculty responsibility:
 - i. If applicable, set-up classes on "class not set-up" list.
 - ii. Communicate with non-attending students by phone and email.
 - iii. If applicable, complete "Attending But Not Registered Form" and forward to registrar.

2. Week 2 Attendance Report (same as week 1)

- a. OIPR Responsibility:
 - i. At 1:00 PM on Tuesday of following week, dump Campus Cruiser attendance report.
 - ii. Prepare "student no-show" list and forward to registrar and VP Student Services
 - iii. Send "student no-show" list to all instructors on the list.
 - iv. Prepare "class not set-up" list and forward to chairs and copy Technical Dean, Liberal Arts Dean, and VP Instruction
- b. Registrar responsibility:
 - i. Check registration records against "student no-show" list
 - ii. Remove students not registered.
 - iii. Email and robo-call remaining students and encourage to attend class.
- c. Faculty responsibility:
 - i. Set-up classes on "class not set-up" list.
 - ii. Communicate with non-attending students by phone and email.
 - iii. If applicable, complete "Attending But Not Registered Form" and forward to registrar.

3. Week 3 Attendance Report

- a. Week 3 Attendance Report
 - i. At 1:00 PM on Tuesday of following week, dump Campus Cruiser attendance report.
 - ii. Prepare "student no-show" list and forward to registrar and VP Student Services.
- b. Registrar responsibility:
 - i. Check registration records against "student no-show" list
 - ii. Remove students not registered.
 - iii. Remove remaining students from class.
 - iv. Prepare final rosters and e-mail to instructors.
- c. Faculty responsibility:
 - i. Review the final roster received from the Registrar and notify the Registrar's office of any inaccuracies.

4. Week 8 Attendance Report

- a. OIPR Responsibility:
 - i. At 1:00 PM on Tuesday of following week, dump Campus Cruiser attendance report and e-mail it to the VP of Academic Affairs, Dean of Liberal Arts, Dean of Applied Science, and the Registrar.
- b. Registrar responsibility:
 - i. Drop students per each instructor's request as submitted on the Excessive Absence Drop Form.
- c. Faculty responsibility:
 - i. Prepare the Excessive Absence Drop Form and submit to the Registrar.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROGRAM OR COURSE

The Curriculum Committee is the body charged with approving new programs or courses and for approving changes to existing programs.

Members

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Chair
Dean of Applied Science
Dean of Liberal Arts
Dean of Workforce Education
Each Division Chair
Vice President of Eagle Pass and Del Rio
Registrar
One Advisor/Counselor
Financial Aid Representative
Library Representative
Four Faculty Members
One Faculty Association Representative
One Student Representative

A recommending body to the President's Cabinet, the Curriculum Committee collects and analyzes educational program data and thereby:

1. Recommends and initially approves changes to SWTJC curricula and to educational policy and procedures;
2. Recommends and initially approves changes to relevant portions of the College Catalog and the Faculty Handbook;
3. Serves as a forum for the presentation and exchange of general information regarding all educational functions of the college;
4. Ensures that college curricula comply with rules and regulations of the SACSCOC, THECB, the Texas Board of Nursing, and all other relevant agencies;
5. Ensures that the curricula directly relate to the statement of purpose and strategic goals of the institution.

New Program/Policy/Procedure:

To recommend new programs of study or courses, or to recommend changes to existing degree plans, programs, courses, policies or procedures, the sequence below should be followed:

1. The President, Vice Presidents, Deans, Division Chairs, Program Directors, or their designees may propose a new offering or a change.
2. Academic Programs and Courses –
Those making the proposal to the Curriculum Committee should conduct research on courses taught in senior colleges and universities in the first two years (concerning transferability) and on courses taught in other junior colleges. The course(s) must be listed in the current Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM).

3. Technical-Vocational Programs --
Those making the proposal to the Curriculum Committee should conduct research based on the needs of the community and the needs of students. This involves the use of input from advisory committees. The course(s) must be listed in the current Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM).
4. Initiator reports to the Curriculum Committee after having submitted the appropriate paperwork to the Committee. All Curriculum Committee documents are available to Committee members via the Shared Files function on Campus Cruiser.
5. The Curriculum Committee votes approval/disapproval of new course, program, policy, or procedure.
6. The Curriculum Committee chair submits the approved item to the Cabinet and to the President of Southwest Texas Junior College for approval/disapproval.

Program Revisions after Cabinet Approval:

1. The appropriate Dean submits proposed courses or programs to the Board of Trustees, Southwest Texas Junior College, for its approval.
2. The appropriate Dean submits academic and vocational courses to the Coordinating Board for approval.
3. The Program Review process evaluates and monitors progress and degrees of success.
4. The Curriculum Committee reviews appropriate data provided by the Office of Institutional Planning & Research.
5. The Curriculum Committee makes recommendations to the Cabinet regarding strategy modifications.
6. The Curriculum Committee recommends to the Cabinet to implement, expand, reduce, or terminate specific programs

Program Review

The Curriculum Committee

1. Oversees the Program Review Process to ensure that it occurs within the stated timeline.
2. Monitors the implementation of the Program Review Process.
3. Provides assistance to units involved in the process.
4. Develops modifications as necessary to ensure the process functions effectively.
5. Develops modifications of the Indicators of Effectiveness, including related criteria, as needed.
6. Reviews self-study reports and the reports of the Program Review committees.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES SPONSORS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

FACULTY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The relationship between advisor and students is crucial to the success of the student organization. The relationship will vary from semester to semester, year to year and individual to individual. It is critical that the advisor and the student organization members and officers clearly communicate expectations with each other. The following list contains duties and responsibilities for student organization advisors.

1. The advisor recognizes and supports the role participation in student organizations plays in the educational and personal development of students.
2. The advisor works with the student organization, but does not dictate the group's programs or activities. Advisors should be frank and honest in offering suggestions, ideas, and possible consequences, but does not exercise power or control over the policy of such organizations unless the policy violates College policy.
3. The advisor should attend meetings regularly, consult frequently with officers, and be well informed as to the programs and activities of the student organization. The advisor should be familiar with the goals of the organization and should help members evaluate progress.
4. The advisor should be familiar with the constitution and bylaws and help with interpretation and application. Ensures that a copy of the constitution and bylaws and a list of officers is on file in the Student Life office within the first month of each fall semester.
5. The advisor should be highly familiar with College policies and procedures and work with the student organization to comply with them.
6. The advisor should be aware of the financial condition of the student organization and work with the student members to keep accurate financial records. Advisors will verify and sign all requisitions for the disbursement of organization funds; ensures that no student makes purchases for his/her club in the name of the College.
7. The advisor should guide students in selection of program content and purpose, encourage the organization to provide opportunities for educational and personal development, and help ensure that activities and programs justify expenditure of students' time, abilities, energy, and dues.
8. The advisor should help train new officers and help develop leadership skills among officers and members of the organization. Advisors should work closely with officers to understand their responsibilities and to interpret and apply policies and regulations.
9. The advisor should discourage domination of the organization by any individual or group, encourage members to fully participate and take responsibility for group activities, and inspire balance between academics and co-curricular commitments.
10. The advisor should be aware of liability issues, advise the organization to make prudent decisions regarding these issues in planning activities, and be prepared to deal with major problems or emergencies within the organization. The advisor should provide supervision of students on all off-campus trips.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

TRAVEL APPROVAL

All trips for instructional purposes must be approved in advance by the appropriate Division Chair, Dean, and the supervising Vice President. Instructional trips will be approved when such experience is deemed to be an integral and essential part of a program of study. Students will be allowed to make up any classroom work that is necessary. The college will provide expenses for instructors and transportation on approved trips but the students must pay their own expenses unless the club has raised funds and properly deposited them in the Club activities account.

USE OF COLLEGE VEHICLES

All trips sponsored by student organizations must be approved in advance by the Office of Student Life and by the Vice President of Student Services. All costs of such trips must be borne by the organization. If college vehicles are used for such trips, then prevailing institutional mileage rate charge will be applied.

College owned vehicles may be used for in state trips only.

APPROVAL OF DRIVERS

Any driver that is not a SWTJC regular employee must be approved by the Vice President of Student Services or the Vice President for Administrative Affairs prior to being allowed to drive for the trip. Personnel sponsoring the trip should submit in writing a request for approval allowing adequate time for approval prior to the trip. The request for approval must be accompanied by a statement signed by the proposed driver indicating all moving violations and/or accidents incurred within the last three years. All drivers of SWTJC vehicles are subject to random drug testing. [Policy](#)

LIST OF ABSENTEES

Sponsors scheduling trips or other school activities should provide the faculty, the administration, and the cafeteria with a list of the names of prospective absentees two days in advance of the event

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TEXTBOOKS AND PRINTING CENTER SERVICES

TEXTBOOKS

Classroom texts are used for a minimum of two years unless exceptional circumstances apply. Requisition forms for book changes are available via the Curriculum and Instruction web page.

In order to provide adequate time for book changes to be processed and in order to establish consistency in ordering, book change requisitions shall be processed only during the summer months. This will allow for all books to be available in the fall semester of each year. All book changes must be approved by the appropriate Division Chair, Dean, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The bookstore manager shall notify the Division Chair of any books that are no longer available upon ordering, or if a book (new edition) is received other than the one ordered. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the appropriate Division Chair, Dean, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

PRINTING CENTER SERVICES

Faculty and Staff should utilize the Printing Center whenever possible to meet printing or duplicating needs. Additional services include collating, stapling and binding of materials.

All routine work requests should be submitted three days in advance of the day needed. Larger projects or special projects should be submitted earlier. Requests may be submitted via email at fgarza1054@swtjc.edu. Clients should consult Printing Center personnel for a completion timeline projection.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDUES EVALUATIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the faculty evaluation instruments shall be to (1) promote professional excellence and improve skills; (2) facilitate and enhance student learning and growth; and (3) provide for the continuous improvement of program quality by using the results for individual faculty improvement plans.

PHILOSOPHY

The evaluation process at Southwest Texas Junior College is built on mutual trust and open communication to maintain the dignity and worth of the individual and the college.

With the cooperation of the faculty, the administration shall be responsible for maintaining procedures and criteria for the evaluation of all teaching staff.

Evaluation is an assessment of the individual's fulfillment of contractual responsibilities and of support for and progress toward the college's goals and objectives.

OBJECTIVES

1. To evaluate the effectiveness of the instructor in presenting knowledge, information, and ideas by appropriate means and methods.
2. To emphasize interaction between instructor and students.
3. To assist the instructor in the implementation of effective teaching techniques.
4. To provide the instructor with sources of information and material for self-development.
5. To provide data that indicates what is expected of the instructor.
6. To assist the instructor to find and understand his/her strengths and weaknesses in order to improve instructional performances and assist in reaching the overall objective of the instructional program.
7. To provide students with a means to express views which are relevant to faculty development and administrative decisions affecting personnel.
8. To increase among students, faculty and administrators the exchange and the interchange of ideas that will lead to general improvement in teaching performance.
9. To provide a comprehensive record for evaluation of teaching effectiveness; which can be used as one of the criteria when reappointment, tenure or promotion is being considered.
10. To continue to develop a sense of responsibility and to provide a response to the demand for accountability imposed by contractual agreement and *The Faculty Handbook*.
11. To promote institutional effectiveness.

FREQUENCY

Self-Evaluations, Student Evaluations, and Division Chair Evaluations will be conducted every year for the first three years of an instructor's employment, again during the sixth and tenth years of service, and then each five years thereafter (fifteenth, twentieth, etc.) Additional evaluation procedures will occur in necessary Deans will conduct the Division Chair Evaluations at their locations. Evaluation by the Vice President of Academic Affairs will be conducted on an as-needed basis

Student evaluations will be summarized for each faculty member using a frequency table for each item and also an additional table displaying a mean score calculation. The n/a rating will not be calculated in the mean score average.

FACULTY PORTFOLIO

At the end of each spring semester, each full-time faculty member will submit a Professional Development Planner report. This information will be used to help document improvement in the educational programs of SWTJC and may be used to prepare applications for tenure.

The following categories must be completed by May 31st each year:

1. Professional Development Plans
 - a. Update Division Chair/Director and Dean
2. Professional Development Activities
 - Section I – complete before activity has taken place
 - Section II – complete after activity has taken place

Activities include the following:

- a. graduate hours earned
 - b. summaries of seminars, workshop in-service training programs, and professional meetings attended
 - c. description of consulting activities
 - d. list of committees (State, Regional, or National) that you serve on
3. Faculty Profile
 4. Fall Classes
 5. Fall Profile
 6. Fall Load Sheet
 7. Fall Institutional Hours
 8. Spring Classes
 9. Spring Profile
 10. Spring Load Sheet
 11. Spring Institutional Hours
 12. Institutional Service Responsibilities including:
 - a. description or service on standing of ad hoc committees, as evaluated by the committee chairperson
 13. Students Service Responsibilities including:
 - a. List of student organization sponsored.
 - b. List of extra-curricular activities or service

14. Professional Growth including

- a. list of panels, workshops, and seminars where faculty member was a presenter
- b. description of papers presented at conferences or published in professional journals.
- c. list of community/civic activities.
- d. research underway or completed
- e. grants or awards received during the year

15. Self-Evaluation Form

16. Professional Development Form

- a. Based on Self-Evaluation
- b. Based on Student Evaluation
- c. Based on Supervisor Evaluation (if evaluated)

Southwest Texas Junior College

Faculty Profile

Name:

Date:

Division:

Year:

I. TEACHING

A. Fall 20XX Classes

Fall 20XX Profile

1. Contracted load – class:6
2. Contacted load – office:
3. Lecture load:
4. Lab Load:
5. Lecture overhead:
6. Lab overload:
7. Online load:
8. Course preparations:
9. New course taught
10. New course developed:
11. Instructional Methods:

Lecture
Lab
Seminar

Field Course
Self-Paced
Mini-Course

Other/Describe:

Travel hours to off-campus classes (regular load)

:

POSTED OFFICE HOURS

	TIME	HOURS
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
ONLINE OFFICE HOURS (MAX 5)		
TOTAL POSTED OFFICE HOURS		

NON-POSTED OFFICE HOURS

- Travel**
- Club**
- Committee**
- Student Activity**
- Other Activity**

TOTAL NON-POSTED OFFICE HOURS

TOTAL OFFICE HOURS

B. Spring 20XX Classes

II. INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

SWTJC Committee/Activity	
Committee Chair	
Your Role	
Frequency of Meetings	

III. STUDENT SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

SWTJC Club/Activity	
Frequency of Meetings	

IV. Professional Growth

Workshops of conference attended	
Professional organization membership	
Publications other than news release	
Research underway	
Grants or awards received during the year	
Community Service Involvement	

Self-Evaluation

Name _____

Date _____

Division _____

Year _____

Yes	No	Sometime	N/A		
				1	Do you clearly identify course goals to your students?
				2	Do you frequently stop to ask pertinent questions to check student
				3	Do you provide learning activities which encourage active student
				4	Do you provide students with a written, clearly-stated grading system that is fair and equitable?
				5	Are you accessible to your students?
				6	Do you demonstrate interest in your students?
				7	Are you adept at classroom management skills? (Returning tests and assignments promptly, beginning and ending class on time, handling problem students, etc.)
				8	Do you accept constructive criticism, responding favorably to suggestions for improvement?
				9	Do you seek methods to improve your teaching effectiveness?
				10	Schedule permitting, do you attend student functions and
				11	Do you attend faculty and committee meetings?
				12	Do you work to accomplish administrative goals?
				13	Are you familiar with how to find college policies and procedures as
				14	Is it important for you to promote good community relationships

Professional Development

Date	
Division	

Based on Self Evaluation

Strengths	
Improvement Needs	
Goals Date of Completion	

Based on Students Evaluation

Strengths	
Improvement Needs	
Goals Date of Completion	

Based on Supervisor Evaluation

Strengths	
Improvement Needs	
Goals Date of Completion	

Student Evaluation of Instruction

Instructor _____ Semester _____

Date _____ Class _____

Instruction: Think through each statement and give your fair and honest judgement. Please note: Online students will answer n/a for question 5.

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree or Disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree
- n/a Does not apply

The Instructor

- _____ 1. Provides students with a course syllabus that contains:
 - a) a clearly stated grading policy
 - b) an attendance policy
- _____ 2. Clearly explains the goals and objectives of the class.
- _____ 3. Demonstrate expertise of his/her subject.
- _____ 4. Is prepared and organized.
- _____ 5. As a rule keeps the class the entire period.
- _____ 6. Stay focused on the subject matter.
- _____ 7. In reasonably prompt in returning:
 - a) _____ test
 - b) _____ Assignments
- _____ 8. Gives a sufficient number of test and assignments to ensure fair evaluation.
- _____ 9. Gives adequate advance notice for major examination.

- _____ 10. Examination and other graded work are based on material stressed in lecture and/or assigned readings.
- _____ 11. Presents the material in a clear and understandable manner.
- _____ 12. Communicate clearly and distinctly.
- _____ 13. Present material in a way that permits note taking.
- _____ 14. Relates classroom material to the real world.
- _____ 15. Exhibits a positive attitude toward learning and students by:
 - a. ___ Encouraging student participation.
 - b. ___ Encouraging student expression of ideas.
 - c. ___ Respecting student viewpoints.
 - d. ___ Willingly admitting his/her errors.
- _____ 16. Is usually available for conference during office hours.
- _____ 17. As a result of this instructor, my interest in the subject has increased.

I.

Please check:

A. I am taking this course for the following reason

- 1. ___ It was required course.
- 2. ___ I took it as an elective
- 3. ___ I am interested in this subject.
- 4. ___ Other (Specify) _____

B. Would you recommend this course to another student?

- 1. ___ Yes
- 2. ___ No
- 3. ___ Maybe

C. Would you recommend this instructor?

- 1. ___ Yes
- 2. ___ No
- 3. ___ Maybe

D. Would you take another class with this instructor?

- 1. ___ Yes
- 2. ___ No
- 3. ___ Maybe.

II. What did you like most about the instructor's teaching methods?

III. What did you like least about the instructor's teaching method?

Professional Development Form
Recommendations Based on Student Evaluation

Name_____

Date_____

List of Strengths: (Areas which are scored highest)

List of Areas in Need of Improvement (Areas which are scored lowest)

Goal(s). (Include projected dates)

Action Plan: (If needed)

Comments:
Instructor:

Division Chair

Instructors

Division Chair

Date

Date

PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
FACULTY EVALUATION

Instruction: Ratings are to be based on the Division Chair's, Dean's or Vice President's perception of the instructor's level of performance.

1- Unsatisfactory 2- Fair 3- Average 4- Good 5- Excellent N/A – Does not apply

FOLLOWS COLLEGE POLICIES:

- _____ 1. Completes records and reports accurately and according to schedule.
- _____ 2. Performs such assignments as may be assigned by appropriate supervisor(s) according to job description/responsibilities.
- _____ 3. Attends faculty and departmental meetings at which he/she is expected to be present.
- _____ 4. Is available at posted office hours and complies with attendance policy page <http://swtjc.edu/tinybrowser/files/hr/swtjcfacultyhandbook2015.pdf#page=36>
- _____ 5. Follows proper procedures.
- _____ 6. Follows proper channels and chain of command.

Comments:

QUALITY OF WORK:

- _____ 1. Expresses ideas clearly and accurately, both verbal and written.
- _____ 2. Written letters and documentation are professionally written and free of errors.
- _____ 3. Students are provided with a course syllabus, a written grading policy, and a written Class attendance policy; compliant with SWTJC policy. ([EFA \(Legal\)](#) and [Attendance Procedure](#) and [Attendance Policy \(DevEd\)](#))
- _____ 4. Excellent knowledge of subject matter is observed.
- _____ 5. Creates a positive learning environment where students are actively engaged.
- _____ 6. Other (discipline or department specific items).

Comments:

RESOURCEFULNESS:

- _____ 1. Proposes instructional, departmental and/or program improvements in areas including UAP goals, budget, and curriculum.
- _____ 2. Incorporates new teaching methods and/or technology.
- _____ 3. Other (discipline or department specific items).

Comments:

STUDENT RAPPORT/SERVICE:

- _____ 1. Develops professional relationships with students and encourages open communication between faculty and student
- _____ 2. Takes part in early alert system to help at-risk students by reporting to appropriate staff and participates in advising students.
- _____ 3. Other (discipline or department specific items)

Comments:

PEER RAPORT/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- _____ 1. Develops positive professional relationships with faculty and staff.
- _____ 2. Maintains adequate communication with appropriate supervisor(s).
- _____ 3. Demonstrates teamwork and willingness to support program/department and college initiatives.
- _____ 4. Accepts supervision, constructive criticism, and attempts to correct any deficiency
- _____ 5. Willing to adapt to different circumstances or has sound reasons for opposition.
- _____ 6. Cooperates and contributes to institution with initiative.
- _____ 7. Other (discipline or department specific items).

Comments:

PROFESSIONALISM:

- _____ 1. Presents an appropriate professional appearance.
- _____ 2. Conduct/behavior and language inside/outside of the institution is appropriate according to SWTJC standards. ([DH Local](#))
- _____ 3. Demonstrates continued professional growth.

Comments:

STUDENT EVALUATIONS:

- _____ 1. Overall Student Instructional Survey rating of 4.00 or higher.
- _____ 2. Comments reflect positive impact of professor.
- _____ 3. Other (discipline or department specific items).

Comments:

Comments by Division Chair, Dean of Liberal Arts/Applied Sciences, or Vice President:

Comments by Instructor:

Instructor Date

Division Chair, Dean of Liberal Arts/Applied Science, or Vice President Date

Check Sheet for Class Visitation

Instructor _____ Date _____

Class _____ Period _____

1. Unsatisfactory
2. Fair
3. Average
4. Good
5. Excellent
- n/a No opportunity to observe

1. ____ Class began on time.
2. ____ Class activities indicated good planning.
3. ____ Class lasted for entire scheduled time.
4. ____ Students seemed interested in the presentation.
5. ____ Students took notes.
6. ____ Students' participation in activities was appropriate.
7. ____ Instructor's presentation was appropriate (professional).
8. ____ Instructor's diction was clear and distinct.
9. ____ Instructor demonstrated self-confidence and poise.
10. ____ The general class atmosphere reflected mutual respect and regard.

Comments:

The best activity I noticed was

I think improvement could be made in

I have seen this report:

Signature of Instructor

Date

Instructor Comments:

Signature of Division Chair, Dean, or
Vice President

Professional Development Form

Recommendations Based on Division Chair's, Dean's, or Vice President's Evaluation

Name _____

Date _____

List of Strengths: (Areas which are scored highest)

List of Areas in Need of Improvement: (Areas which are scored lowest)

Goal(s): (Include projected dates)

Action Plan: (If needed)

Comments:
Instructor:

Division Chair, Dean,
or Vice President

Instructor

Division Chair, Dean or
Vice President

Date

Date

Faculty Evaluation of Division Chair

Division Chair _____

Semester _____

Date _____

Instructions: Ratings are to be based only the Faculty member's perception of the Division Chair's level of performance.

1. Unsatisfactory
2. Fair
3. Average
4. Good
5. Excellent
- n/a Does not apply

The Division Chair

1. ____ Demonstrates knowledge and use of basic administrative procedures.
2. ____ Efficiently manages administrative responsibilities.
3. ____ Is professional in his/her approach to the position.
4. ____ Is flexible in his/her approach to problem-solving.
5. ____ Demonstrates a positive attitude toward his/her work and maintains a helpful relationship with others.
6. ____ Promotes confidence and trust among faculty members.
7. ____ Supports, encourages and promotes teaching effectiveness.
8. ____ Encourages and assists in professional growth.
9. ____ Works effectively with other administrators, instructional personnel, and classified employees.
10. ____ Makes information available concerning the departmental budget.
11. ____ Provides faculty opportunity for input in departmental budget planning.

12. ____ Administers budgetary requests promptly and equitably.
13. ____ Provides faculty opportunity for input in preparation of class schedules
14. ____ Is receptive to new course proposals.
15. ____ Welcomes suggestions for improving the department.
16. ____ Is open to suggestions and constructive criticism which are intended to improve his/her effectiveness.
17. ____ Explains the basis for his/her decisions.
18. ____ Posts and keeps required office hours.
19. ____ Treats all faculty fairly.
20. ____ Presents a professional appearance.
21. ____ Represents his/her division in communications with higher administration.
22. ____ Lets faculty members know when they've done a good job.
23. ____ Handles student complaints in an appropriate manner.
24. ____ Offers positive criticism for the improvement of instruction.
25. ____ Conducts classroom visitations as unobtrusively as possible.
26. ____ Conducts evaluations in a fair and professional manner.
27. ____ Provides the quality of leadership I expect.

What is the most important observation you can make about the division chair?

Identify any departmental policies or procedures which you feel need immediate improvement.

I have seen this report.

Faculty Member

Division Chair

Date

Dean/Division Chair's Evaluation of Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President _____

Semester _____

Date _____

Instructions: Ratings are to be based on the Dean/Division Chair's perception of the Vice President's level of performance.

1. Unsatisfactory
2. Fair
3. Average
4. Good
5. Excellent
- n/a Does not apply

The Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. ____ Is effective in carrying out the duties of his/her position.
2. ____ Understands and implements institutional policies, procedures and mission.
3. ____ Encourages a productive and mutually supportive atmosphere throughout the institution.
4. ____ Assists each Dean or Division Chair in the development and maintenance of budgetary matters and discusses budgetary priorities with them.
5. ____ Considers classroom activities of primary importance to the school program.
6. ____ Organizes and distributes information appropriately.
7. ____ Is willing to make decisions in the best interest of the overall program.
8. ____ Is able to communicate effectively with college personnel.
9. ____ Assigns work fairly.

10. ____ Is fair and objective in matters having to do with salaries, evaluations, renewal, promotion and tenure.
11. ____ Is available for consultations when needed.
12. ____ Recognizes and compliments faculty and staff on jobs well done.
13. ____ Discusses with the Dean/Division Chair those faculty members who need Improvement.
14. ____ Involves others in the decisions that affect them.
15. ____ Tolerates differences and considers other viewpoints.
16. ____ Gives constructive criticism in a positive manner.
17. ____ Is willing to help other administrators, faculty, and staff in personal
18. ____ Responds constructively to students referred by faculty members for advice or assistance.
19. ____ Faculty feels free to approach him/her on any matter of concern.
20. ____ Makes fair and sound judgments regarding his/her areas of responsibility.
21. ____ Is effective in establishing and maintaining high morale among his/her staff.
22. ____ Explains the basis for his/her actions and decisions.
23. ____ Is flexible in his/her approach to problem-solving.
24. ____ Is open to suggestions and constructive criticism intended to improve his/her effectiveness.
25. ____ Is calm, self-assured, poised, and tactful.

Comments of Division Chair:

Division Chair

Date

I have seen this report.

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date

Dean's Evaluation of Division Chair

Division Chair _____

Semester _____

Date _____

Instructions: Ratings are to be based on the Dean's perception of the Division Chair's level of performance.

- 1. Unsatisfactory
- 2. Fair
- 3. Average
- 4. Good
- 5. Excellent
- n/a Does not apply

The Division Chair

- 1. ____ Understands the division's purpose, goals and proper growth in service to the institution.
- 2. ____ Serves as an effective advisor to the Administration.
- 3. ____ Handles departmental problems without "unnecessary" communication with superiors.
- 4. ____ Facilitates communication between division and administration.
- 5. ____ Cooperates with colleagues and administrators in support of the mission and purpose of the college.
- 6. ____ Demonstrates the knowledge and use of basic administrative techniques and procedures relative to the responsibilities and duties of his/her position.
- 7. ____ Performs work-related activities with minimal supervision and direction.
- 8. ____ Demonstrates efficiency and promptness in meeting deadlines.
- 9. ____ Exercises sound judgment in the recruitment and selection of faculty and in administrative decision making.
- 10. ____ Accepts appointments to faculty and special committees.
- 11. ____ Effectively schedules classes and is impartial in the assignment of institutional work load.

- 12. ____ Effectively prepares, administers and utilizes division budget.
- 13. ____ Provides necessary information and feedback to co-workers.
- 14. ____ Promotes confidence and trust among faculty members.
- 15. ____ Focuses on the improvement of instruction.

Comments by Dean:

Dean

Date

I have seen this report.

Division Chair

Date

Evaluation of Adjunct Faculty by Supervisor:

Division Chair

Vice President

Instructional Assessment Coordinator

Instructor _____

Semester _____

Date _____

Instructions: Ratings are to be based on the Division Chair's/Vice President's, or Supervisor's perception of the instructor's level of performance.

1. Unsatisfactory
2. Fair
3. Average
4. Good
5. Excellent
- n/a Does not apply

The Instructor

1. ____ Is committed to job and institutional objectives.
2. ____ Demonstrates continued professional growth.
3. ____ Possesses health and stamina for effective job performance.
4. ____ Presents an appropriate professional appearance.
5. ____ Maintains adequate communication with appropriate supervisor(s).
6. ____ Follows proper procedures and policies.
7. ____ Follows proper channels and chains of commands.
8. ____ Performs such assignments as may be assigned by appropriate supervisor(s).
9. ____ Participates in evaluation procedures.
10. ____ Completes records and reports accurately and according to schedule.

11. ____ Accepts supervision, constructive criticism, and attempts to correct any deficiency
12. ____ Willing to adapt to different circumstances or has sound reasons for opposition.
13. ____ Demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching.
14. ____ Displays a courteous and helpful attitude toward students.
15. ____ Is available at posted office hours.
16. ____ Provides students with a course syllabus, a written grading policy, and A written class attendance policy
17. ____ Makes sufficient effort to support college programs.
18. ____ Attends faculty and departmental meetings at which he/she is expected to be present.
19. ____ Works effectively with colleagues and associates.

Student comments on Instructor have been:

Comments by Supervisor:

Comments by Instructor:

I have seen this report.

Supervisor

Instructor

Professional Development Form

Recommendations Based on Supervisor's Evaluation

Name_____

Date_____

List of Strengths: (Areas which are scored highest)

List of Areas in Need of Improvement: (Areas which are scored lowest)

Goal(s): (Include projected dates)

Action Plan: (If needed)

Comments:

Instructor:

Supervisor:

Instructor

Supervisor

Date

Date

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES NON-CREDIT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Courses designated as non-credit or continuing education may be provided by the College in accordance with state statutes and the regulations and standards formulated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges. The following procedures and guidelines will be adhered to in order to offer a non-credit or continuing education course:

1. The Dean of Workforce Education shall coordinate all non-credit and continuing education courses offered by the College, including recruitment and selection of instructors.
2. The intent of the costs levied for the course is for the course to be self-supporting. Therefore, a budget shall be developed and tuition determined to comply with this intent. If substantial costs for a course are defrayed by an outside entity, tuition and fees will be calculated accordingly.

A Continuing Education Unit is defined as ten contact hours of instruction in a non-credit course of study. Under this system ten contact hours equal one CEU.

The Continuing Education Unit (CEU) will be used as the basic means for recognizing an individual's participation in, and for recording the offering of non-credit classes, courses and programs.

The criteria established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges for the awarding of CEU's shall be used to plan all non-credit courses.

The registrar or the office of the Dean of Workforce Education, as appropriate, shall keep a transcript for each individual completing a non-credit course of study. This record will contain the following:

1. Course Title
2. Beginning Date
3. Ending Date
4. Number of Contact Hours
5. Number of CEU's Awarded

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDING OF THE CEU AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NON CREDIT COURSE

1. The non-credit activity is planned in response to an assessment of educational need for a specific target population.
2. There is a statement of objectives and rationale.
3. Content is selected and organized in a sequential manner.
4. There is evidence of pre-planning which should include opportunity for input by a representative of the target group to be served, the faculty area having content expertise, and continuing education personnel (personnel responsible for non-credit programs).
5. The activity is of an instructional nature and is sponsored or approved by an academic or administrative unit of the institution best qualified to affect the quality of the program content and to approve the resource personnel utilized
6. There is provision for registration for individual participants and provision of data for individual reporting.
7. Appropriate evaluation procedures are utilized and criteria are established for awarding CEU's to individual students prior to the beginning of the activity. This may include the evaluation of student performance, institutional procedures, and course effectiveness.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC CONDUCT

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ETHICS

All persons employed by the Board of Trustees of Southwest Texas Junior College assume the obligation to conduct themselves in accordance with the ideals of the higher education profession. Their personal life should reflect integrity and dignity of conduct. Habits of dress, drinking or other activities that may dissipate the morals of the individuals or their students will be considered a breach of professional ethics by the Board of Trustees and will be grounds for terminating employment.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Faculty members are expected to maintain themselves as competent scholars in their chosen academic fields, constantly growing in the knowledge of the subject and in the ability to present it effectively.

Faculty members should familiarize themselves with current degree plans in their major field to help students select their college program wisely.

FACULTY - DIVISION CHAIR

It is important for faculty members to realize they are first responsible to the division chair of their academic division. Any question regarding college policy or any academic problem should be referred first to the division chair. This is a matter of courtesy and of policy.

FACULTY ADVICE AND COUNSEL

Faculty Role and Responsibility in Institutional Governance

The responsibilities and authority of the Faculty on academic and governance matters are established through faculty representation on College committees. These Committees provide Faculty a voice in policy development and in decision related to College governance. Faculty members also a role in governance matters through participation in institutional planning and the annual budget planning process.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC CONDUCT

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

PURPOSE

These policies are for the purpose of providing information about the general guidelines and framework for the creation, use, and maintenance of social media by students and employees of Southwest Texas Junior College. The stated policies are intended to maximize opportunities for educational growth, encourage the development and improvement of education programs and improve the effectiveness of instruction at all levels, in accordance with the Policy Handbook.

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

- A. "Social Media" is a category of websites and online media, in which users communicate, participate, share, network, and interact online. Social media websites include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, MySpace, LinkedIn, Friendster, Plaxo, Twitter, Blogs, YouTube, Bebo, and Flickr. For convenience, the term "social media" is used throughout this Policy and is intended to be construed broadly to comport to the principles set forth herein.
- B. "Employee" for the purposes of this Policy only, refers to every individual employed by the College, whether faculty or staff, salaried or hourly, or full-time or part-time.
- C. "College time" includes all time during which an employee of the College is being compensated for his or her work. For hourly employees, "College time" includes all hours during which the employee is on the clock or clocked in. For salaried employees, "College time" includes the time in which the employee is expected to perform duties pursuant to his or her employment with the College.
- D. "Constituents" include actual and potential online social media users and participants, including but not limited to current and prospective students, alumni, employees, donors, and members of the community.
- E. "Professional Use" refers to the use of social media in connection with employment by the College or as an official representative of the College.
- F. "Personal Use" refers to the use of social media for purposes other than those in the capacity as an employee or representative of the College.
- G. "Users" are individuals who access social media, email accounts, and other technology resources through an account or electronic device provided by, maintained by, or authorized by the college.

ARTICLE II: GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE

The College recognizes that online social media can be used to connect with constituents in many positive ways. However, the nature of online social media warrants certain caution. When using online social media, whether personally or professionally, employees of the College should be aware of the following:

- A. Users shall exercise discretion when posting onto social media sites that could reflect negatively on users or the College.
- B. Information posted on social media sites may continue to stay online even after it has been removed from the original social media site.
- C. Anything posted online is available to anyone in the world the moment it is placed online, even if access to the social media site is limited.
- D. By agreeing to a social media website's terms of service, the user may be granting permission for the online social media site to republish content, or share information with advertisers, third parties, and law enforcement, among others.

ARTICLE III: EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE

The College recognizes that the use of social media has far reaching implications and may create risks for users of social media as well as the College. In consideration of these risks, the College expects its employees to adhere to the following policies regarding social media:

- A. Users shall exercise discretion when posting onto social media sites that could reflect negatively on users or the College.
- B. Users shall be discreet, respectful, and as accurate as possible in posting content onto social media sites.
- C. Users shall be aware of their association with the College. If the user identifies himself or herself as an employee or student of the College on the social media site, any content posted by that user shall be consistent with the provisions of this Policy and all other policies and procedures of the College, including the Student Handbook and/or the SWTJC Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures.
- D. Users shall not post any content onto a social media site, which discloses confidential or proprietary information of the College.
- E. Users shall not post content on social media sites, which violates any laws of the United States or the State of Texas, including but not limited to HIPAA, and FERPA.
- F. Users shall take ownership of content posted to a social media site, and should refrain from making anonymous posts.
- G. Users who choose to use social media should do so in compliance with applicable College policies and procedures, including the Student Handbook and/or the SWTJC Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures.

ARTICLE IV: EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The College acknowledges social media may be used by employees to enhance instruction; inform constituents about College activities and developments; build online communities for educational purposes; and share other relevant information between constituents.

- A. An employee shall notify his or her Division Dean or Director in advance, of the intention to use a social media website on which the employee will represent the College in an official capacity. The Division Dean or Director must approve, in advance, such a request from an employee.
- B. Employees maintaining a social media site for professional use are responsible for all content posted by the employee.
- C. Employees maintaining a social media site for professional use shall check the pages regularly to ensure the content is in compliance with the provisions of this Policy. It is recommended that social media sites for professional use be checked three (3) times each day.
- D. Employees maintaining a social media site for professional use are responsible for removing prohibited content from the site within a reasonable time after it is first posted. The following non-exhaustive list includes content which is prohibited from social media sites for professional use:
 1. Threats
 2. Gambling
 3. Obscene language and/or imagery
 4. Language or imagery depicting underage drinking, illegal drug use, or other inappropriate behavior
 5. Harassment
 6. Commercial use for personal financial profit
 7. Personal social relationships unrelated to College matters
 8. Content in violation of federal or state law
- E. Employees using social media sites for professional use shall include the following disclaimer:

"Southwest Texas Junior College accepts no responsibility or liability for any data, text, software, music, sound, photographs, images, video, messages, or other content generated by users and publicly posted on this site."
- F. Each social media site maintained for professional use shall place the following statement in a conspicuous manner on the main page:

"To report any concern about the content on this site please contact the Division Dean or the College President."
- G. Upon termination of the employment relationship with the College, employees maintaining a social media site for professional use shall transfer maintenance of the site to the department.

ARTICLE V: POLICIES GUIDING PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The lines between public and private, personal and professional are blurred with the use of online social media. By virtue of identifying oneself as an employee of the College, employees may act as a representative of the College. If an employee of the College chooses to create or participate in social media, the College expects each person to conduct him or herself with professionalism, courtesy and integrity. Nothing in this Policy is intended to discourage or prohibit an employee's use of social media sites. However, all uses should be consistent with guidelines and conform to the provisions set forth herein.

- A. The College recommends employees using online social media for personal use include on the site the following disclaimer:
 1. "The views expressed on this site are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of my employer." Accessing social media during working hours shall be limited as follows:
- B. Accessing social media during working hours shall be limited as follows:
 1. Hourly Employees are prohibited from accessing and utilizing social media sites for personal use during College time. This includes accessing these sites with any technology, including but not limited to college computers, PDAs, cell phones, Blackberries, and/or iPhones.
 2. Salaried Employees shall not access social media sites for personal use during College time if such access interferes with the employees' performance and/or completion of his or her job duties as an employee of the College. This includes accessing these sites with any technology, including, but not limited to college computers, PDAs, cell phones, Blackberries, and/or iPhones.
- C. Employees are responsible for all content posted to the social media site by the employee. The College will not indemnify an employee for any loss or liability arising out of content posted on a social media site by the employee.
- D. Employees are responsible for reading and complying with the terms of service for any social media site.
- E. Employees are prohibited from posting any content, which plagiarizes work of the College or College employees. Employees are required to comply with copyright laws in posting content on social media sites

ARTICLE VI: ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A. This Policy is intended to govern employee use of social media in accordance with all other policies and contracts between the College and its employees. To the extent this policy conflicts with the Master Contract, the provisions of the Master Contract control.
- B. Failure to comply with the guidelines set forth herein may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Procedure for discipline under this Policy will be in accordance with applicable provisions of the Policy Handbook and Master Contract.
- C. Should any part of this Policy be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Policy should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

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Recourse for misuse and/or non-compliance

The guidelines in this document include steps to be taken to determine if users have misused SWTJC computing resources. The protection of the rights of individuals accused of violating this policy statement applies.

Individuals who misuse SWTJC computing resources, or do not comply with the written policy of SWTJC are subject to one or more of the following:

- A. Temporary revocation of SWTJC computing resource access
- B. Permanent revocation of SWTJC computing resource access
- C. Disciplinary action taken by the appropriate administrative authorities up to and including expulsion of students or termination of employment for faculty and staff
- D. Subpoena of hardware, software, and data files
- E. Prosecution under applicable federal, state, or local laws and/or ordinances
- F. Possible legal sanctions, including fines and imprisonment

Report violations or request for additional information

Violations, complaints, questions, or requests for additional information should be directed to the Information Services Department.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ASSISTING FACULTY WHOSE PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH

PROCEDURES

Southwest Texas Junior College affirms that all courses (with the exception of foreign languages) will be clearly taught in the English language. The procedures for assuring that this policy is carried out are as follows:

1. The Vice President of Academic Affairs will assure the President of the College that each potential member of the teaching staff interviewed will make an oral presentation before a search committee as part of the interview process. This will allow opportunity for an assessment of the applicant's abilities in spoken English. Those determined to have a serious problem in being able to clearly teach in the English language will not be employed
2. If it is determined that a person employed to teach has a surmountable problem communicating appropriately in the classroom, the Dean will suggest to him/her some improvement measures. The first consists of a diagnostic test given individual to the person.

If the results of the screening test confirm problems, then individuals needing to develop greater English language proficiency will be required to participate in English language instruction. Instruction may occur in any or a combination of the following formats:

Computer Assisted Instruction - SWTJC has an interactive computer laboratory capable of providing instruction in English as a Second Language and Fundamentals of English for individuals performing from sixth grade through adult levels.

Individual Tutoring - SWTJC employs professional English as a Second Language instructors who are available to work individually with faculty needing language skills development. Instructors are available in a laboratory setting during day and evening hours to accommodate the schedules of those needing instruction.

3. The attendance and participation of faculty participating in assistance activities will be monitored and reported to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Evaluation of progress will be conducted through post-testing and conference

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES POLICY FOR CAMPUS KEYS

To provide security for Campus facilities and to provide for the administration and control of keys, the following guidelines for key use and key issuance have been formulated. The policy does not include dormitories.

GUIDELINES

The Vice President of Academic Affairs will be responsible for the issuance and retrieval of all keys. The Vice President's Administrative Assistant will maintain the central key-control file and records and will reproduce all keys needed. Those personnel to whom keys are issued must:

1. Sign a key-issuance record.
2. Maintain security of any key issued.
3. Report loss or theft of keys to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
4. Return all keys to the Vice President of Academic Affairs on demand or upon termination of employment with the College.
5. Not loan or give keys to anyone.
6. Not duplicate campus keys.

Failure to comply with #5 and #6 will result in adverse consequences as follows:

1. Unauthorized duplication of keys will result in a letter of reprimand placed in the employee's personnel file;
2. Lost or stolen keys will be replaced by the college once at no charge; subsequent lost or stolen keys will be replaced at a minimum charge to the SWTJC employee of \$5 per key.

Loss or theft of keys should be reported immediately to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The VP shall make note of the key's loss, the key-holder's name, number of key and date. The VP will communicate the loss of keys to Campus Police.

POLICY FOR CAMPUS KEYS

KEYS ISSUED TO PERSONNEL

All full-time instructors will be issued an entry key (outside door) to the building(s) in which they teach and in which their offices are located, unless security concerns prohibit the issuance of these keys. They will also be issued a day key (office or classroom). Instructors responsible for equipment in labs or classrooms will be issued a secure key (equipment locks). Part-time faculty will not be issued keys. Maintenance personnel will be issued only entry keys to those buildings assigned to them.

REKEYING AND LOCK CHANGES

All requests for re-keying and lock changes must be submitted on a work order to the Vice President of Academic Affairs with prior approval of the Division Chair.

SPECIAL SECURITY KEYS

Special security locks and keys for areas of special consideration may be permitted with prior approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

**FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES
CAMPUS POLICE PROCEDURES**

CALLING CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS

In order to provide a quick and appropriate response to any situation on the Uvalde campus that may require a campus police officer's assistance, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Call 830-279-1861, which is the cell phone number for on-duty Campus Police. The caller may also dial 911 and ask the Operator to notify the on-duty SWTJC officer to respond. The caller should also use 911 to request assistance of Fire Department staff or EMS.
2. Faculty and staff located at facilities other than Uvalde should call 911 and request responses either from local City Police or the Sheriff's office, and/or local Fire Departments and EMS.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

On-going professional development of the faculty and staff of Southwest Texas Junior College is essential to the vitality of the institution and its instructional and service programs. Therefore, to encourage professional development, the College provides:

GENERAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

When the Budget permits, each full-time faculty member shall be allowed \$400 per year in the Professional Development budget for faculty development. This amount is non-cumulative and may be used for attending graduate classes, professional conventions, or other activities contributing to the professional development of the individual. These activities shall be directly related to the instructor's teaching or other job assignment and shall be approved in advance by the appropriate Division Chair, Dean, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Budget constraints can affect the availability of this Professional Development money.

After attending the professional activity, the faculty member will submit a reimbursement voucher with receipts and mileage through normal channels for reimbursement up to \$400. The Travel Reimbursement Form is located via the Business Office Web Page. [Reimbursement Form](#)

SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT

The total sum of \$8000 shall be budgeted yearly to support a program of **Special Purpose Faculty Development grants**. Grants totaling \$8000 will be awarded in the fall and spring semester (\$8000 total for the year). This grant program shall be administered by a special committee known as the Faculty Development Grants Committee, which shall consist of the President of the Faculty Association, one Division Chair, elected by the committee, the Professional Development Director and one person appointed by the College President. The Committee shall review applications for grant awards and submit its recommendations to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for approval.

The purpose of the special development grant is academic enhancement. It is not the intention of the grant for funds to be used for expenses incurred for political or personal purposes.

A. Criteria for Grant Awards

1. To complete the required six hours of post graduate study for salary increment and tenure purposes.
2. To complete graduate hour requirements for a second teaching field.
3. For academic development beyond mandatory requirements which shall be directly related to the instructor's teaching or other job assignment.
4. To participate as an officer or on the program of a state or national professional organization having recognized standing in the instructor's area of disciplinary specialization and directly related to his/her teaching or other job assignment.

5. Other professional development activity as approved by the review committee which shall be directly related to the instructor's teaching or other job assignment.

B. Additional Criteria:

1. The instructor must have attended at least three (3) presentations (a. these could be local, b. at conferences, or c. through webinars) within the prior two years in his/her area of disciplinary specialization or interest or an area that will improve teaching effectiveness. In addition, the individual must be a full-time faculty member at SWTJC and have completed at least two years as a full-time faculty member at SWTJC. The applicant's PD record will reflect his or her participation which will be validated by the Director of Professional Development. This will include providing trainings and presentations to faculty on the material learned in the workshop, conference, or course.
2. The instructor must have used the annual Faculty Development provision (\$400) within the previous year to attend a professional development activity or conference, or to take a graduate course at an accredited college or university.
3. Final amounts per applicant will depend upon the number of recommended applicants, criteria being met, and the amount of remaining funds.

C. Additional Procedures and Information:

1. Final amounts per applicants will depend upon the number of recommended applicants and the amount of available funds.
2. Receipts for all expenses claimed should be submitted to the Director of Professional Development. The Director of Professional Development will forward the receipts with a letter of approval to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs for final disposition.
3. The Faculty Development Grant review committee shall develop applications and review procedures including forms and deadlines.
4. Grants may be made in any amount not to exceed \$600 for any single grant. A special purpose grant may be combined with a general budget faculty development allocation.
5. The Staff Development and Professional Growth grants shall be awarded by the above committee with the concurrence of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs upon the application of a faculty member on a first-come first-served basis. \$4,000 will be awarded in the fall semester and \$4,000 will be awarded in the spring semester.
6. A 50% advance on the approved amount may be drawn prior to the activity and 50% reimbursement will be given with receipts for conferences and workshops. Academic coursework will be reimbursed at 100% of the approved amount at the submission of a receipt and official transcript showing successful completion of the course.
7. A faculty member can only receive one grant per academic year unless there are leftover funds and no other applicants at the end of the semester

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

When budgets permit, the College will provide funds for the expenses of a faculty member's or administrator's membership in a professional or disciplinary organization. These expenses shall be reviewed and approved on an individual basis by the appropriate Dean.

Such memberships shall not include organizations that have as their main purpose the advancement of the individual professional interests of administrators or faculty members.

FACULTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

CRITERIA FOR OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER AWARD

The Faculty Committee on College Policy has developed the following criteria for the award:

1. Effectiveness of Instruction
 - A. Well prepared and well informed in subject
 - B. Clear and well organized in presentation
 - C. Grades fairly
 - D. Creates a comfortable climate for discussion and learning
 - E. Inspires students

2. Enthusiasm for Position
 - A. Considers teaching his/her main occupation - not a sideline
 - B. Shows interest in curriculum and development of new ideas
 - C. Performs in an enthusiastic manner

3. Participation in Student Counseling and Advising
 - A. Is accessible to students
 - B. Shows an interest in students and their problems
 - C. Has a knowledge of basic counseling techniques

4. Cooperation
 - A. Cooperates with students, administration, and colleagues
 - B. Has a friendly, business-like way in dealing with people

5. Reliability
 - A. Punctual in attending meetings, turning in reports, returning students' work
 - B. Reliable in dealing with students and co-workers
 - C. Attends class regularly and promptly
 - D. Values college property

6. Professional Ethics
 - A. Observes good ethics in dealing with people
 - B. Personal life reflects integrity and dignity of conduct

7. Professional Growth
 - A. Progress in own field of study
 - B. Reads widely in field -- keeps up

8. Out of Class Activities
 - A. Interested in overall development of college
 - B. Active sponsor of student clubs or organizations
 - C. Makes contribution to college community
9. Community and District Activities
 - A. Works in the best interest of the College
 - B. Has community respect

SELECTION

A committee consisting of the Vice President of Academic Affairs and at least two former faculty recipients of the award will select the faculty member to receive the award. Final approval is given by the President of the College.

LIBRARY POLICIES

Library Policies can be found on the college website: www.swtjc.edu >Library >Library Objectives >Library Policies & Procedures.

BUSINESS OFFICE POLICIES

All Business Office Policies and procedures are available via the following links:

Business Office Policies:

http://swtjc.edu/tinybrowser/files/business_office/business_office_policies.pdf

Purchasing Card Policies and Procedures:

http://www.swtjc.edu/tinybrowser/files/business_office/swtjc_p-card_policy_final_including_travel_info.pdf

Faculty Committees

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

ACADEMIC APPEALS COMMITTEE

Members

Six Faculty Members
One student representative

Duties and Responsibilities

This committee meets when petitioned by students placed on academic suspension whose appeal for admission has been denied by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. A review of the individual case shall be studied and admittance granted or denied. Appeals may further be made to the President of the College.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE

Members

Director of Academic Advising/Counseling, Chair
Five Faculty Representatives

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Evaluates student requests and accompanying diagnostic support for Reasonable Accommodations intended to aid students in their academic endeavors at SWTJC
2. Based on available diagnostic and legal support and on current best practices, establishes individual Reasonable Accommodations for students and communicates the need for those accommodations to faculty.
3. Based on available diagnostic and legal support and on current best practices, establishes individual Reasonable Accommodations for students and communicates the need for those accommodations to faculty.
4. Develops and maintains minutes of meetings; places all relevant materials in confidential student files housed in Chair's office.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE

2014 Member List

Faculty Chair
Uvalde Faculty Representative
Registrar
Dean of Applied Sciences
Uvalde Faculty Representative
Eagle Pass Representative
Uvalde Faculty Representative
Outreach Director
Bookstore manager
Regional Manager, Texas Book Company
Vice President Finance
Director of Operations, Texas Book Company
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Duties and Responsibilities

1. To assist bookstore manager in ordering and providing instructional materials and supplies and advise of needed changes to policies or procedures.
2. To recommend items that may be added to the bookstore for student and faculty use.
3. Develops agenda and maintains minutes of meetings.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Members

Vice President of Academic Affairs –Chair

Dean of Applied Sciences

Dean of Liberal Arts

Dean of Workforce Education

Each Division Chair

Vice Presidents

Registrar

Advising/Counseling Representative

Financial Aid Representative

One Faculty Representative:

Del Rio

Eagle Pass

Academic

Technical

Director of Student Engagement and Success

Professional Development Officer

Library Representative

Director of Outreach

One Faculty Association Representative

One Student Representative

Duties and Responsibilities

A recommending body to the President’s Cabinet, the Curriculum Committee collects and analyzes educational program data and thereby:

1. Recommends and initially approves changes to SWTJC curricula and to educational policy and procedures;
2. Recommends and initially approves changes to relevant portions of the College Catalog and the Faculty Handbook;
3. Serves as a forum for the presentation and exchange of general information regarding all educational functions of the college;
4. Ensures that college curricula comply with rules and regulations of the SACSCOC, THECB, the Texas Board of Nursing, and all other relevant agencies;
5. Ensures that the curricula directly relate to the statement of purpose and strategic goals of the institution.

The Curriculum Committee also performs systematic reviews of college wide curricula at least every three years and on an as-needed basis when changes are requested.

FACULTY COMMITTEES TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Members

Eight full-time faculty members
Two part-time faculty members
One library representative
One student representative

Current Members:

April Ruhmann - Chair
Bonny Herndon
Carlos Diaz
Karen Baen
Lynn Masterson
Reagan King
Angie Gaucin
Lorie Compton
Luis Perez

Committee Information Technology Liaison

The Information Technology Director will appoint an information technology liaison for the committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Set standards for the delivery of distance learning (video conferencing) courses and periodically review such courses to assure compliance with SACSCOC and THECB requirements.
2. Review curricular and instructional issues related to the quality of distance learning and make recommendations as appropriate to the Curriculum Committee.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS COMMITTEE

Members

Faculty Association President, Chair
One Division Chair Representative
Faculty Representative appointed by the President

Duties and Responsibilities

This committee administers the Faculty Development Grants Program. Consistent with Board policy establishing the program, it develops procedures for receiving applications for faculty development grants, receives and evaluates grant applications, and makes grant awards with the concurrence of the College President.

Develops agenda and maintains minutes of meeting. Forward these documents to the office of Institutional Effectiveness.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Members

Nine faculty members will serve a one year term. A faculty member can serve up to three terms.

Committee Selection Criteria

Committee members will be nominated by and selected by the Curriculum Committee. Members must be full-time faculty.

Committee Leadership

The Vice-President of Academic Affairs will appoint the Chairperson.

Committee Administrative Liaison

The Director of Institutional Effectiveness will serve as administrative liaison for the committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Set the standards for the assessment of instructional programs and courses, and conduct periodic reviews of these standards to assure compliance with SACSCOC and THECB requirements.
2. Conduct periodic assessment of instructional programs and courses as required by the College's Institutional Effectiveness plan and submit recommendations for improvement to the Curriculum Committee.
3. Review curricular and instructional issues of a general nature related to the quality of instructional programs courses, and make recommendations as appropriate to the Curriculum Committee.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Members

Director of Library Services, Chair
Seven Faculty Representatives

Duties and Responsibilities

1. To assist Librarians in making recommendations for policy changes for the library.
2. To review and re-evaluate student use of the library.
3. To advise the Librarians of any special needs the committee may find regarding faculty and student usage.
4. To develop agenda and maintain minutes of meeting. Forward these documents to the office of Institutional Effectiveness.
5. To evaluate annually cooperative agreements for library services.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

ONLINE COMMITTEE

Members

A minimum of eight faculty members and no more than twelve
One library representative
One student representative

Committee Information Technology Liaison

The Information Technology Director will appoint an information technology liaison for the committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Set standards for the delivery of online (Internet-based) courses and periodically review such courses to assure compliance with SACSCOC and THECB requirements.
2. Review curricular and instructional issues related to the quality of online learning and make recommendations as appropriate to the Distance Education Committee.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

PHYSICAL FACILITIES LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members

President Southwest Texas Junior College, Purchasing Agent
Director of Physical Plant/Maintenance
Construction Manager
Vice President for Finance
Assistant Director, IT Department, Network engineer
Vice President for Special Projects
Vice President for Academic Services
Vice President for Student Services
Vice President Eagle Pass Campus
Dean of Workforce Education
Vice President Del Rio Campus
Dean of Applied Sciences
Director of Library Services

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Evaluates progress on institutional goals pertaining to physical plant.
2. Recommends additions and revisions to the Strategic Plan.
3. Basecamp Project Management

Consultants

Ferrell/Brown & Associates, Inc.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dirksen Engineering
Uvalde, Texas

Michael Kesterson
Electrical Engineer
Corpus Christi, Texas

Schneider Electric
4400 Buffalo Gap Road
Suite 3850
Abilene, Texas

Estrada Hinojosa & Co.
Financial Advisors
100 West Houston Street
Suite 1400
San Antonio, TX

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Members

President
Vice President of Student Services
Vice President of Academic Affairs
Vice President of Finance
Vice President of Special Projects
Vice President, Eagle Pass
Vice President, Del Rio

Duties and Responsibilities

1. To give or deny final approval on policy and procedure recommendations made by the Curriculum Committee, Services Operations Committee, Faculty Association, and other relevant campus groups.
2. To coordinate strategic planning for the institution.
3. To improve communication among administrators of the college.
4. To coordinate and develop the annual College budget.
5. To provide a forum for discussion of current issues and problems.
6. To provide for the coordination of duties among administrative officers.
7. To provide and coordinate leadership for the betterment of the college.

FACULTY COMMITTEES TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Members

Five members will serve each academic year. The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Dean of the College of Applied Sciences, and the Dean of Workforce Education will serve each year. One academic faculty member and one technical faculty member will serve and will be replaced every three years.

Committee Selection Criteria

The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts will appoint an academic faculty member and the Dean of Applied Sciences will appoint a technical faculty member

Committee Leadership

The committee will elect their Chairperson.

Committee Administrative Liaison

The Director of Institutional Effectiveness will serve as administrative liaison for the committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Set standards for the review of instructional programs and periodically review these standards to assure compliance with SACSCOC and THECB requirements.
2. Conduct periodic reviews of instructional programs as required by the College's Institutional Effectiveness plan and submit recommendations for improvement to the Curriculum Committee.
3. Review curricular and instructional issues of a general nature related to the quality of instructional programs and make recommendations as appropriate to the Curriculum Committee.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Members

One Counselor, Chair
Director of Financial Aid
Five Faculty Members

Duties and Responsibilities

The Scholarship Committee has as its primary responsibilities the receiving of scholarship applications, the reviewing and evaluation of those applications, and the recommending of recipients for scholarships to the President of Southwest Texas Junior College.

FACULTY COMMITTEES TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES

SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Members

Permanent Members Representing:

Academic Advising

Financial Aid

Student Engagement and Success

Registrar

Business Office

Facilities and Maintenance

Library

Outreach

Institutional Effectiveness

Information Technology

Two Faculty Members (Each serving a two-year staggered term)

One Student Representative (One-year term)

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Performs a systematic review of all college services.
2. Identifies campus factors that affect quality and delivery of college services and makes recommendations to the Cabinet.
3. Improves knowledge of and communication between college service personnel and faculty.
4. Develops agenda and maintains minutes of meeting and forwards these documents to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

**FACULTY COMMITTEES
TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES**

STUDENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Members

Six Faculty Members

Three student representatives

Duties and Responsibilities

This ad hoc committees convened by the Vice President of Student Services or the college President when required by Student Disciplinary procedures. The membership self-selects a Chair when convened.

FACULTY COMMITTEES TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Purpose:

The purpose of the SWTJC Technology Committee is to identify, prioritize, and advocate for information technology needs and services. The Committee considers and recommends information technology-related policies and procedures for final approval by the President's Cabinet. In addition, it takes a proactive role in promoting the integration of information technology into the academic and administrative life of the college. The committee's efforts will also ensure that the college's mission and goals are served in short- and long-term information technology planning.

Members

Registrar
Webmaster
IT Department Representative
Student Services Representative
Counseling/Advising Representative
Business Office Representative
Financial Aid Representative
Library Representative
Public Information/Media Representative
Distance Education Committee Representative
Faculty Association Representative

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Review and make recommendations to ensure technology initiatives fit the college's information technology and strategic goals
2. Periodically review/update of college technology plans
3. Review and make recommendations regarding annual technology fee allocations
4. Act as an authoritative body for information technology policies and their compliance
5. Identify, review and draft recommended policy areas related to information technology
6. Promote the integration of information technology into the college's normal business practices and operating procedures
7. Recommend new projects to improve the use of information technology
8. Provide oversight of the college website

Additional Criteria

1. College locations other than Uvalde will be adequately represented in the membership
2. Sub-committees will be formed to deal with major areas of concern including but not limited to the College Website and Distance Education.

FACULTY COMMITTEES TITLE, MEMBERS, AND DUTIES

VIDEO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Members

A minimum of eight faculty members and no more than twelve

One library representative

One student representative

Committee Information Technology Liaison

The Information Technology Director will appoint an information technology liaison for the committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Set standards for the delivery of video-conference courses and periodically review such courses to assure compliance with SACSCOC and THECB requirements.
2. Review curricular and instructional issues related to the quality of video-conference courses and make recommendations as appropriate to the Distance Education Committee
3. Review the institution's Distance Education Plan, policies and procedures, and make recommendations to the Distance Education Committee as needed.
4. Review technology components for video-conference based courses and recommend technological improvements