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TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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TITLE: EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

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Policy Statement

Sowela Technical Community College adopts the following Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) policy number 6.014:

CLASSIFIED STAFF

The employee-employer relationship for classified employees is governed by Civil Service Rules.

EMPLOYMENT AT WILL – UNCLASSIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Administrative staff members serve in their administrative positions at the pleasure or will of the Sowela Technical Community College and Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors. At-will employees: All non-classified, non-faculty employees who have accepted employment with Sowela Technical Community College (Sowela) have entered into an “employment-at-will” agreement. Under this agreement, employees are free to resign at any time, with or without cause or reason. Similarly, Sowela may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without prior notice.

NON-TENURED FACULTY

An appointment carries no assurance of reappointment, promotion, or tenure. Reappointments are made solely at the discretion of the institution with the approval of the Board. The non-reappointment of a faculty member does not necessarily reflect on the faculty member’s work record or behavior. The determination to reappoint, or not to reappoint, should be based upon a review of the specific conditions relating to the position. The Chancellor is responsible for instituting action that ensures that each tenure-track faculty member is reviewed for renewal each year. Unless an appointment is of a temporary nature for a fixed term, notice that a probationary appointment is not to be renewed shall be given to the faculty member in advance of the expiration of the appointment.

Non-tenured faculty may be terminated for cause. Cause for discharge, termination of contract, or demotion in rank shall consist of conduct seriously prejudicial to the Sowela such as infraction of law or commonly accepted standards of morality, insubordination, violation of institutional or Board rules and regulations, neglect of duty, incompetence, or other actions that impair the discharge of duties and the efficiency of the institution. Financial exigency also constitutes cause. The foregoing enumeration of cause shall not be deemed exclusive. Notice requirements are not applicable in the event of termination for cause.

TENURED FACULTY

Tenured faculty may be terminated for cause. Cause for discharge, termination of contract, or demotion in rank shall consist of conduct seriously prejudicial to Sowela such as infraction of law or commonly accepted standards or morality, insubordination, violation of institutional or Board rules and regulations, neglect of duty, incompetence, or other actions that impair the discharge of duties and the efficiency of the institution. Financial exigency also constitutes cause. The foregoing enumeration of cause shall not be deemed exclusive. Notice requirements are not applicable in the event of termination for cause. However, action to discharge, terminate, or demote shall not be arbitrary or capricious, nor shall it infringe upon academic freedom.

Each institution shall have a written policy for due process concerning academic dismissal for tenured faculty. This policy shall be approved by legal counsel, the President and on file with the system office. This policy shall provide for hearings before a committee that includes faculty members. Committee findings and recommendations shall be forwarded to the Chancellor who shall make a final determination.

Source of Policy: HR
Related Policy: LCTCS

Approved by: _____
Chancellor

Responsible Administrator: Human Resources
LCTCS Policy Reference: 6.004
LCTCS Guideline Reference: NA
Date: _____