

**SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SCP-1500**

SUBJECT: Philosophy, Vision, and Mission of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

REFERENCE: Institutional Master Plan

ORIGINATION: July 1, 1984

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 1984

REVIEWED: September 2010

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To formally establish and communicate the philosophy, vision, and mission of the institution.

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

2.1 All college constituencies.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 None.

SECTION 4. POLICY

4.1 The philosophy, vision, and mission of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College are generally consistent with similar institutions. However the philosophy, vision, and mission statements are reviewed and revised from time to time; therefore, it reflects the hopes and aspirations of the citizens in the service area as well as College constituents. The College Board of Governors and members of program advisory committees, as well as, College faculty, students, staff and administration have all contributed to defining the philosophy, vision, and mission of the College.

4.1.1 Philosophy Statement

We believe that all citizens have a right to develop their abilities in accordance with their own chosen goals, and that the College provides the means through which this development may take place. The emphasis of the College is upon people. We believe in people – in their dignity, in their worth as individuals, and in their development.

All students in the College are encouraged to take pride in their heritage and, at the same time, to develop an awareness and appreciation of differences that result from our complex society. What distinguishes today's society from previous history is that constant and rapid change is the rule rather than the exception; and because of changing social and economic conditions, we are committed to the comprehensive approach to higher education, which emphasizes the changing of programs and services to assist our students in living effective and satisfying lives.

Southern is deeply committed to providing quality, affordable, and accessible educational services throughout the area and will, within the resources available, attempt to carry out the mission as effectively as possible.

4.1.2 Vision Statement

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College will be the higher education leader in West Virginia and the region. Southern will provide the leadership necessary to help West Virginia grow and prosper into the twenty-first century. Southern will be the hub around which all education and training/retraining efforts will turn. The College will act as the catalyst for economic development and change in the region. Southern will establish practice partnerships which include education, business, industry, labor, government, and community and cultural organizations, as well as other leaders to achieve regional goals. Southern will become a model of academic excellence, scholarship, creativity, innovation, and cooperation impacting the educational opportunities and economic growth of the region.

4.1.3 Mission Statement

It is the mission of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College to provide accessible, affordable, quality education and training while promoting lifelong learning for those we serve.

SECTION 5. BACKGROUND OR EXCLUSIONS

5.1 None.

SECTION 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1 The vision and mission statements were developed by the Strategic Planning Committee which comprises membership from across the institution representing every college constituency. As part of the College's Strategic Plan, the statements are reviewed and approved by the institutional Board of Governors.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

7.1 Employees are expected to understand the philosophy and support the vision and mission of the College. The vision and mission statements will be reviewed annually by the Strategic Planning Committee.

SECTION 8. CANCELLATION

8.1 Chapter 29A-2, Series I, Policy Statement on Philosophy and Mission, Effective 7/1/1984.

SECTION 9. REVIEW STATEMENT

9.1 This policy shall be reviewed on a regular basis with a time frame for review to be determined by the President or the President's designee. Upon such review, the President or President's designee may recommend to the Board that the policy be amended or repealed.

SECTION 10. SIGNATURES

Board of Governors Chair	Date
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President	Date
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Attachments: None.

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Revision Notes: September 2010 – Revisions reflect no substantial changes in procedure or documentation requirements, but provide clarity. Includes the new institutional mission statement approved by the Board of Governors June 22, 2010. This policy was reformatted using the latest policy template.