

**SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
SCP-8601**

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Presidential Succession Plan

**REFERENCE:** West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Title 135, Legislative Rule, Series 5, Employing and Evaluating Presidents

**ORIGINATION:** May 22, 2014

**EFFECTIVE:** September 18, 2014

**REVIEWED:**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to outline the process for the temporary appointment of an Acting President for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in the event of a planned or unplanned departure of the current president due to disability, death, or other instance of significant absence.
- 1.2 Should Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College be faced with a planned or unplanned vacancy, or other type of significant absence in the Office of the President, this policy regarding emergency succession planning will be implemented in order to insure that the President's duties in organizational leadership, program development, program administration, operations, Board of Governors' relations, financial operations, resource development, and community presence are performed during the aforementioned planned or unplanned absence.

**SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY**

- 2.1 In order to protect the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors (Board) from sudden loss of Presidential services, the College President will have at least two senior College Vice Presidents familiar with Board and Presidential matters and processes. The College President will furnish the Board with the names of the individuals familiar with Board and Presidential matters and processes at the first regular meeting of the Board at the beginning of each academic year.
- 2.2 In the event of a sudden loss of Presidential services, the Board will make a recommendation for an Acting President and for compensation of these services for the interim period to the Chancellor for the West Virginia Community and Technical College System.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 Short-term or Unplanned Absence – An absence of more than one month, but less than six months, in which it is expected that the President will return to his/her position once the events precipitating the absence are resolved.
- 3.2 Long-term or Planned Absence – An absence that is expected to last more than six months in which the President will not return to his/her position for an unknown period of time or permanently.

**SECTION 4. POLICY**

#### 4.1 Short-term or Unplanned Absence

- 4.1.1 In the event of the short-term or unplanned absence of the President, in contrast to a planned leave, the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors authorizes the Board Chair to activate the terms of this Emergency Presidential Succession Plan.
- 4.1.2 In the event of the short-term or unplanned absence of the President, the Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors will immediately inform the Board Chair of the absence. As soon as feasible, the Board Chair will convene a meeting of the Board of Governors to affirm the procedures prescribed in this Emergency Presidential Succession Plan or make modifications as the Board deems appropriate.
- 4.1.3 The Board Chair will submit in writing the name of the individual whom the Board has recommended as Acting President, and a recommendation for compensation of the duties assigned for the interim period to the Chancellor for the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education. Upon the Council's selection of an Acting President and compensation for these services, the Board of Governors will be responsible for monitoring the work of the Acting President and be sensitive to the support needs of the Acting President in the temporary leadership role.
- 4.1.4 Immediately upon transferring the responsibilities to the Acting President, the Board Chair will notify the employees of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College and key stakeholders of the delegation of authority.

#### 4.2 Long-term or Planned Absence

- 4.2.1 Should a long-term absence (an absence of more than six months) occur, in which the President will not return to his/her position for an unknown period of time, the Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors will inform the Board Chair of the absence. As soon as feasibly possible, the Board Chair will convene a meeting of the Board of Governors to activate the procedures prescribed in this policy.
- 4.2.2 The Board Chair will submit in writing the name of the individual whom the Board has recommended as Acting President, and a recommendation for compensation of the duties assigned for the interim period to the Chancellor for the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education. Upon the Council's selection of an Acting President and compensation for these services, the Board of Governors will be responsible for monitoring the work of the Acting President. He or she will serve at the will and pleasure of the Board of Governors.
- 4.2.3 Immediately upon transferring the responsibilities to the Acting President, the Board Chair will notify the employees of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College and key stakeholders of the delegation of authority.
- 4.2.4 Should the long-term absence of the College President develop into a permanent absence, the Board of Governors will follow the procedures of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Title 135, Legislative Rule, Series 5, Employing and Evaluating Presidents.

## **SECTION 5. BACKGROUND OR EXCLUSIONS**

5.1 None.

**SECTION 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

6.1 None.

**SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES**

7.1 The President of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College will furnish the Board of Governors with the names of the Vice President’s familiar with Board and Presidential matters and processes at the first regular meeting of the Board at the beginning of each academic year.

7.2 In the event of a short-term or long-term absence of the President, the Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors will inform the Board Chair of the absence.

7.3 As soon as feasible, the Board Chair will convene a meeting of the Board of Governors to activate the procedures prescribed in this policy.

**SECTION 8. CANCELLATION**

8.1 None.

**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**

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**Board of Governors Chair**                      **Date**

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**President**    **Date**

**Attachments:**            None.

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