

I. THE GOVERNANCE OF WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE

The colleges and universities governed by the State Board of Higher Education (hereinafter Board) are collectively known and referred to as the North Dakota University System. Formerly a branch campus of the University of North Dakota, Williston State College was renamed and gained status as an independent two-year college in the North Dakota University System in 1999. The president, who is appointed by the Board, is the chief executive officer.

The Faculty Council shall create and/or amend any institutional policies dealing with the following, but not limited to:

1. The requirements of admission
2. The requirements for degrees and certificates
3. The approval of curricula, authorization of new courses of study and changes in courses of study
4. The policies/procedures for scholarships, attendance, methods of recording class standings and credits, examination and recitation schedules, vacations, the catalog, and the calendar
5. The general policies of the library
6. The election of faculty members to the Faculty Senate
7. The faculty hiring policies
8. Changes to the faculty handbook dealing with the above seven items

The final approval of any such policies from the president, chancellor, North Dakota State Board of Higher Education or North Dakota State Legislature, which ever entity may apply, is reserved with those entities and such entity has the right to approve or veto those changes, so long as the policy is consistent with any/all applicable policy or law that may exist.

II. THE PRESIDENT OF WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE

The president, as the institution's chief executive officer, is responsible to the chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education for all matters concerning Williston State College. Subject to applicable law and Board policies, the president is delegated full authority and responsibility to administer all affairs of Williston State College.

The president is an ex-officio member of committees and has the authority to present legislative proposals to the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Faculty Council and/or Staff Council.

The president shall see that the rules and regulations of the Board and the Williston State College legislature are enforced. The president is the official medium of communication between the chancellor, the Board, and the Williston State College legislature, the faculty, the staff, the administrative officers, the student organizations, and the students.

The president shall ensure effective and broad-based participation in the decision-making process. The president shall consult with the WSC Staff Council and secure approval from Faculty Council before making policy recommendations to the chancellor except in emergencies requiring immediate action

III. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the constitution may be introduced at any regular meeting of the Faculty Council but shall not be acted on until the next Faculty Council meeting. Amendments shall require a two-thirds majority vote by those voting, providing a quorum is present. The college president has the authority to veto an amendment approved by the Faculty Council. The president shall forward the proposed constitution to the chancellor or amendment to the Chancellor and the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education for final approval.

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