

(LOCAL) Policies Packet

For your convenience, this file focuses *only* on the local policies from your community college district's TASB update packet.

What is in this packet?

- Instruction sheet for recommended (LOCAL) policies
- Explanatory Notes for recommended (LOCAL) policies
- Clean copies of recommended (LOCAL) policies
- Annotated (redlined) copies of recommended (LOCAL) policy changes

This is not the full update packet.

To retrieve your college district's full update packet, log in to Policy Online® and visit My Policy Manual > Local Manual Updates > Numbered Updates.

What is in the full update packet?

The full update packet contains:

- A summary of the overall policy update
- (LEGAL) policies and (EXHIBIT) documents that describe the statutory framework in which your local policies must operate
- Instructions and Explanatory Notes for every policy change, not just the (LOCAL) policies
- Guidance on how to:
 - Present recommended policy changes to the board
 - Keep minutes
 - Notify TASB of board action
 - Maintain your historical record
 - Update your administrative regulations

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Instruction Sheet
Community College Localized Policy Manual Update 51

Frank Phillips College

Code	Type	Action To Be Taken	Note
ATTN	(NOTE)	No policy enclosed	See explanatory note
BBC	(LOCAL)	ADD policy	See explanatory note
BGC	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
CS	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
FB	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
FDA	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy

Explanatory Notes

Community College Localized Policy Manual Update 51

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ATTN(NOTE)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UPDATE

Revisions to legal frameworks incorporate clarification of existing materials and new materials arising from the 89th Regular Legislative Session, as well as amendments to state rules.

References to legislative bills throughout these explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB) or House Bills (HB) from the 89th Regular Legislative Session. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

BBC(LOCAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

This new recommended local policy addresses the process for filling a board vacancy in an at-large position. Existing law requires the board to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy or call a special election, with certain exceptions. The policy provides Appointment Procedures, including procedures addressing a Call for Applications, Review of Applications, and Selection of an applicant, and clarifies an appointed board member's Duration of Appointment.

BGC(LOCAL)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION: COUNCILS AND FACULTY SENATES

Recommended revisions clarify a provision addressing the appointment of a faculty senate member from the academic unit, at Membership, and when a faculty senate must post Notice of a faculty senate meeting.

CS(LOCAL)

INFORMATION SECURITY

Revisions to this local policy at Information Security Assessment incorporate amendments to rules from DIR intended to implement HB 1500, which eliminated the information security components of the assessments that were relevant to community colleges.

FB(LOCAL)

ADMISSIONS

Recommended revisions clarify that a college may not award credits for courses that are disregarded for admissions purposes under the Academic Fresh Start program.

FDA(LOCAL)

TUITION AND FEES: RESIDENCY

The title of the Residence Status Determination Official has been updated to reflect newly adopted Coordinating Board rules related to residency determinations.

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Selection

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION
COUNCILS AND FACULTY SENATES

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Faculty Senate	The faculty senate is the assembly of representatives of the full-time faculty at the College District. The faculty senate shall serve only in an advisory capacity.
Membership	Each academic unit of the College District shall be represented by three members. One member from the academic unit shall be appointed by the College President, and the remaining members shall be elected by a vote of the faculty of the member's respective academic unit, in accordance with procedures established by the College President or designee.
<i>Term Limits</i>	A member of the faculty senate appointed by the College President may serve up to six consecutive one-year terms and then may only be reappointed after the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.
Appointed Faculty Members	
Elected Faculty Members	An elected member of the faculty senate shall serve a two-year term, staggered in a manner that allows approximately one-half of the elected members to be elected each year, and may only be reelected after the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.
<i>Removal</i>	A member of the faculty senate may be immediately removed from the faculty senate for: 1. Violating applicable law, College District policy or regulations, or the faculty senate governing documents; 2. Failing to attend meetings; or 3. Engaging in other similar misconduct. A member may be removed on recommendation of the executive vice president of academic affairs and approval by the College President.
Officers	The College President shall appoint a presiding officer from the members of the faculty senate to preside over faculty senate meetings and represent the faculty senate in communications with the College District administration. The College President shall also appoint an associate presiding officer and secretary from the membership.
Compensation	A faculty member shall not be compensated for service on the faculty senate.
Expense Reimbursement	A member of the faculty senate may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses made on behalf of the College District and approved by the College President or designee in accordance with administrative regulations.

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Faculty Senate Meetings	The College President shall develop regulations addressing faculty senate meeting procedures, in accordance with law.
<i>Notice</i>	At least seven days before a meeting, the faculty senate shall post on the College District's website: 1. An agenda for the meeting indicating the items that will be discussed or subject to a vote; and 2. Any curriculum proposals that will be discussed or voted on at the meeting.
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<i>Meeting Broadcast</i>	The faculty senate shall broadcast a meeting online in accordance with law if more than 50 percent of the faculty senate members are in attendance.
<i>Recording Attendance</i>	The faculty senate shall record the names of members in attendance at a meeting in which the faculty senate conducts business related to a vote of no confidence regarding a College District administrator or policies related to curriculum and academic standards.
Communications	The faculty senate shall not issue any statement or publish a report using the College District's official seal, trademark, or resources funded by the College District on any matter not directly related to the faculty senate's advisory duties.
Harmony with Law	Nothing in this policy or associated regulations may be construed to limit a faculty member from exercising the faculty member's right to freedom of association protected by the U.S. Constitution or Texas Constitution.

INFORMATION SECURITY

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The College President is responsible for the security of the College District's information resources. The College President or designee shall develop procedures for ensuring the College District's compliance with applicable law.

Information Security Officer

The College President or designee shall designate an information security officer (ISO) who is authorized to administer the information security requirements under law. The College President or designee must notify the Department of Information Resources (DIR) of the individual designated to serve as the ISO.

Information Security Program

The College President or designee shall annually review and approve an information security program designed in accordance with law by the ISO to address the security of the information and information resources owned, leased, or under the custodianship of the College District against unauthorized or accidental modification, destruction, or disclosure. The program shall include procedures for risk assessment and for information security awareness education for employees when hired and an ongoing program for all users.

The information security program must be submitted biennially for review by an individual designated by the College President and who is independent of the program to determine if the program complies with the mandatory security controls defined by DIR and any controls developed by the College District in accordance with law.

College District Website and Mobile Application Security

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Covered Social Media Applications

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Exception

The procedures shall permit the installation and use of a covered application for purposes of law enforcement and the development and implementation of information security measures. The procedures must address risk mitigation measures during the permitted

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Reports	
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(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue font: new text.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes — as in an extensive rewrite — may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

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