

**MISSION STATEMENT REVIEW****Policy Statement**

In accordance with VCCS Policy 2.9 D.C.h and the SACSCOC Standard 4.2.a:

Laurel Ridge Community College (the College) operates under the governance of the VCCS and therefore adheres to the VCCS mission, with modifications to meet the specific needs and goals of the Laurel Ridge service region. The College mission statement is developed by the College community, reviewed by the College's shared governance process, and approved by the local College Board. Upon approval of the local College Board, the mission statement is approved by the VCCS Chancellor. As part of the College's strategic planning, the mission statement is periodically reviewed and updated.

**1. Definitions**

*College Community:* Laurel Ridge Community College students, employees, and board members.

**2. Procedures**

- i. The Laurel Ridge mission statement is developed by the College community, reviewed by the College's shared governance process, and approved by the local College Board.
- ii. Upon approval of the local College Board, the mission statement is approved by the VCCS Chancellor.
- iii. The mission statement is periodically reviewed and updated at a minimum of every five years.
- iv. The mission statement is consistently communicated to constituents on the College website, in the College's catalog and student handbook, and in various locations on all campuses, centers, and off-site centers.

**3. Responsible Office**

Authority for interpretation of this policy rests with the College President.

**4. Other Information**

SACSCOC Standard 4.2.a states: "The governing board ensures the regular review of the institution's mission."

VCCS Policy 2.9 D.C.h states:

The college board shall participate, with the college president, the Chancellor and the State Board, in the development and evaluation of a program of community college education of high quality in accordance with procedures adopted by the State Board. In that context, a college statement of purpose shall be developed by the college community. It shall be approved by the college board and reviewed and approved by the Chancellor on behalf of the State Board. This statement of purpose shall tailor the VCCS Mission Statement to the particular needs and circumstances of the college.

The Vice President of Communications & Planning edited this policy in January 2023 to reflect the College's name change and to include reference to SACSCOC Standard 4.2.a.

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