Major Reduction or Discontinuance of a Program

Rule:

The major reduction or discontinuance of a program is a significant adjustment to the College’s curriculum. Because of this, it is incumbent on the administration and faculty to give serious consideration to a number of factors before such action is taken. Such factors include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Past, current and prospective enrollment in the program
2. Number of graduates
3. Service region and local community need for graduates
4. Placement rates
5. Program costs
6. Faculty/student ratios
7. Impact on other programs
8. Impact on course offerings
9. Impact on faculty teaching loads
10. Support of institutional mission

In making the decision to effect a major reduction or to discontinue a program, the President will use a collaborative assessment which includes input from the faculty assembly, the division chair, the campus deans and a recommendation from the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Faculty provisions will be implemented consistent with West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education Title 135, Procedural Rule Series 9-13.

Final recommendations, including a teach-out plan, shall be made by the President and presented to the College’s Board of Governors. Board approval is necessary for program discontinuance and will be reported to the Chancellor.