

**Title of Policy: Academic Program Advisory Committees**

**Policy (check one):** New \_\_\_\_\_ Revised  X

**Applies to (check all that apply):** Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_

**Students Division/Department College**  X

**Policy Purpose:**

To assist in ensuring quality, relevant, coherent and innovative curricula, as well as connection to the broader community and access to resources that may include public and private funding sources.

The College will establish Program Advisory Committees, representing the communities served by the College. The purpose for Program Advisory Committees is to ensure inclusion and involvement by students, faculty and the community, to comply with discipline specific regulatory requirements and to ensure that program and course offerings meet the needs and demands of business, industry and the community.

Each academic program **must** establish a Program Advisory Committee (PAC). PACs are to be comprised of experts in the respective discipline(s) who by majority represent external constituencies/key stakeholders. These non-governing bodies provide counsel/advice to the faculty and administration without legislative authority or compensation.

**Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Baltimore City Community College to establish Program Advisory Committees within appropriate divisions and departments within the College. BCCC is committed to offering programs that are relevant, educationally sound and that meet the workforce needs of business and industry. Towards this end, academic and career programs will establish a Program Advisory Committee comprised of no less than seven (7) members. The majority of members **must** be external, experienced professionals currently working in the program area or discipline.

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***\*This policy once approved by the Board of Trustees supersedes all other policies.***