

Southwestern Oregon Community College

BP 4020 Program, Curriculum, and Course Development

Purpose

To meet applicable law requirements for federal aid and establish course development and program and curriculum review processes.

Statement

Credit Hour

The Board of Education directs the Administration to establish procedures which prescribe the definition of “credit hour” consistent with applicable federal regulations. Consistent with federal regulations applicable to federal financial aid eligibility, the college shall assess and designate each of its programs as either a “credit hour” program or a “clock hour” program.

Administration shall also establish procedures to ensure that the curriculum at the college complies with the definition of “credit hour” or “clock hour,” where applicable. Included in those procedures shall be a method for using a clock-to-credit hour conversion formula to determine whether a credit hour program is eligible for federal financial aid.

Programs and Curriculum and Course Development

The programs and curricula of Southwestern shall be of high quality, relevant to community and student needs, and evaluated regularly. To that end, Administration shall establish procedures for the development and review of all curricular offerings, including their establishment, modification, or discontinuance.

References:

U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

34 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 600.2, 602.24, 603.24, and 668.8.

NWCCU Standard 1.C.3

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