PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Human Resources, Bylaws, Policies Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:30 AM

Pierpont's Advanced Technology Center (ATC) 500 Galliher Drive Fairmont, WV 26554 Room 216A

MINUTES

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College (Pierpont) Board of Governors Human Resources, Bylaws, Policies Committee was held on March 21, 2023, beginning at 9:30 AM. The meeting was conducted in person at the Advanced Technology Center in Fairmont, WV. Advanced announcement of this meeting was posted on the WV Secretary of State's Meeting Notices Webpage.

Committee Members Present: Thomas Cole – Committee Chair, Juanita Nickerson, and Jeffery Powell

Committee Members Absent: Brian Bozarth and James H. Myers III

Other Board Members Present: Joanne Seasholtz and Susan Woods Coffindaffer

Others Present: Members of the President's Cabinet, faculty, staff, and others

I. Call to Order

Thomas Cole, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2023

Juanita Nickerson moved to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Jeffery Powell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

III. Board of Governors Policies

A. 30-Day Comment Period for Policies #7 Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Conflicts of Commitment, #25 Salary, and Intellectual Property (New Policy)

George Perich presented policies **#7 Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Conflicts of Commitment, #25 Salary, and Intellectual Property (New Policy)** (Attachment A) Page 1 of 29 Jeffery Powell moved to move items A, B, and C to the full board for approval. Juanita Nickerson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

B. 30-Day Comment Period for Repeal of Policies #12 Post Retirement Employment Program and #43 Assignment and Reassignment of Space.

George Perich presented policies **#12 Post Retirement Employment Program and #43** Assignment and Reassignment of Space (Attachment B).

Jeffery Powell moved to move items D and E to the full board for approval. Juanita Nickerson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

IV. Institutional Policies

George Perich reported there were no changes made to institutional policies since the last Committee meeting.

V. Human Resources Update

A. Project List

George Perich reviewed the Human Resources Project List Report (Attachment C).

B. Employee Turnover

George Perich reviewed the **Turnover** data and graph (Attachment D).

C. HR Position

George Perich reported that Kimberly Cale will serve as the Manager, Recruitment and Employee Relations.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Jeffery Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. Juanita Nickerson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda N. Hawkinberry



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PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE Board of Governors Policies and Procedures POLICY # 7 PP-2007

SHORT TITLE: Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Conflict of Commitment

REFERENCE: West Virginia Code § 18B-1-6, 6B-2-5(L)

EFFECTIVE: December 5, 2001

AMENDED: TBD

REPEALED:

REVIEWED:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This policy implements guidelines in accordance with the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act. In addition, Pierpont Community & Technical College ("Pierpont" or "the College") seeks to provide that all Faculty, Staff, Board of Governors, and Volunteers, (including students with an employment relationship with the College) are responsible for sustaining the highest ethical standards through values of integrity, honesty, and fairness in their teaching, research, service, and business practices. This policy provides the College's guidelines regarding real and perceived Conflicts of Interest. It also provides guidelines that identify when Pierpont Faculty and Staff can appropriately enter into Consulting Arrangements with third parties outside of the scope of their employment with the College. Faculty on less than twelve-month appointments must continue to comply with the Ethics Act during the months between their appointment terms.
- 1.2 Preamble: In 1989, the West Virginia Legislature enacted the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act, set out in Chapter 6B of the West Virginia State Code, declaring unlawful certain activities by public employees. Section 5(a), Article 2 of the Act prohibits a public employee from using his or her office or the prestige of that office for private gain. Section 5(c), Article 2 prohibits solicitation of gifts that may confer pecuniary benefits upon the employee. Section 5(d), Article 2 prohibits an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract which an employee has direct authority to enter into or over which he or she may have control.

The original version of the Ethics Act subjected all public employees, including higher education employees, to fines, sanction, and criminal prosecution for violation of the Ethics Act unless they obtained prior approval for the proposed activity from the West Virginia Ethics Commission. Many of the teaching, research, consulting and publication activities of higher education faculty and staff necessarily result in known and appropriate private benefits or gain which are customary and normal in higher education, but which were identified as potential violations of these provisions of the Ethics Act after its enactment. In 1990, the Ethics Act was amended at Section 5(1), Article 2 to allow higher education employees who derive private benefits from teaching, research, consulting, or publication activities the option of seeking exemption from the above prohibitions from their employing institution instead of through the Ethics Commission.

Therefore, this rule is adopted to set forth an expeditious procedure for granting such approval of exemptions at the institutional level to faculty and staff members who seek to be relieved of certain statutorily imposed prohibitions of the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act. Nothing in this rule shall be interpreted as restricting or prohibiting the otherwise lawful institutional or outside activities of faculty or staff consistent with their institutional duties and responsibilities or employment contracts, or as requiring the prior approval of such activities by the institution. Nor shall this rule be interpreted as restricting academic freedom, as defined in Series 9 of the Higher Education Policy Commission Rules or the constitutional rights of employees to free speech and association.

However, this rule shall not be interpreted to require or grant institutional approval or sanction of faculty or staff activities that violate or conflict with their institutional duties or responsibilities, employment contract, federal or state law, the rules of the Pierpont Board of Governors, or the ethical standards imposed by the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL of ACTIVITY

- 2.1 Institutional approval of any activity pursuant to this policy shall be deemed to be a part of the employee's employment contract.
- 2.2 Any institutional approval granted pursuant to this policy may be revoked upon reasonable notice to the employee.
- 2.3 Approval for any activity under this policy may only be given by the College president or the president's designee. Such delegation of authority by the president shall be in accordance with the needs of the college but in no case shall such delegation be at an authority level lower than a departmental chair, director, or other similar department supervisor.
- 2.4 Approval for any activity may be granted on a case-by-case basis or, when such activities are common within the institution, a department or other category or grouping of employees, to all of the institution's employees or any subgrouping thereof.
- 2.5 The institution shall establish appropriate procedures for the review and approval of those employee activities covered by this policy.

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2.6 Disclosures required by this policy are personal in nature and shall be kept confidential, as permitted by law.

SECTION 3. SOLICITATION of GIFTS

- 3.1 Unless otherwise restricted by one's supervisor, employees shall be permitted to solicit gifts which directly benefit the institution. Solicitations on behalf of a particular department, school or the Pierpont Foundation shall be deemed to be solicitation on behalf of or for the benefit of the institution.
- 3.2 Permissible solicitations shall include but not be limited to the following, even though the soliciting employee may work in a position which will be directly or indirectly supported thereby:
 - 3.2.1 Grants from governmental agencies, foundations, corporations, or individuals to the institution to support teaching, research, publication or service activities of the institution;
 - 3.2.2 Contracts with governmental agencies, foundations, corporations, or individuals to the institution to support teaching, research, publication or service activities of the institution;
 - 3.2.3 Donations from foundations, corporations, or individuals to the institution to support teaching, research, publication or service activities of the institution.
- 3.3 Support for teaching, research, publication and service activities shall include but not be limited to such normal and regular institutional needs as support for salaries; scholarships; capital improvements or repairs; and classroom, laboratory, athletic, medical, scientific and other similar equipment supplies.

SECTION 4. USE OF PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN

- 4.1 No solicitation or other activity permitted by this policy shall be deemed to be the inappropriate use of an employee's public office (position) or the prestige of that office for one's own private gain or that of another person.
- 4.2 When an employee of Pierpont Community & Technical College uses his or her knowledge and personal prestige for private gain without the use of the employee's public office, then there is no requirement to obtain an exemption under this ethics policy.
- 4.3 West Virginia Code Chapter 6B, Article 2, Section 5(1) gives institutions of public higher education limited authority to grant exemptions to their employees from the prohibitions in the State Ethics Act relating to the use of public office or the prestige of public office for private gain when the employee is using his or her

field of expertise as an author, speaker, consultant or through other approved activities such as service as a board member for outside agencies or businesses. Therefore, when an employee of Pierpont seeks to use his or her public office or the prestige of their public office for the employee's private gain or for the private gain of another person, the employee may seek from the President or his/her designee an exemption (as limited by the Ethics Act) from the prohibition against the use of public office or the prestige of public office for private gain.

- 4.4 The College President or his/her designee, subject to review from the Conflicts of Interest Committee, may grant the employee an exemption to permit the employee to use the employee's public office to derive private benefit from the employee's field of expertise as an author, speaker, consultant, or through other approved activities such as service on the board of an outside agency or business.
- 4.5 In granting permission for an employee to engage in such outside activities which may be directly or indirectly associated with the employee's position with the institution, consideration should be given to the following:
 - 4.5.1 Whether the employee brings to his/her position his/her own unique personal prestige which is based upon his/her own intelligence, education, experience, skills and abilities, or other personal gifts or traits.
 - 4.5.2 Whether such activity is customary and usual within the field;
 - 4.5.3 Whether the institution derives any benefit through prestige or otherwise from the activity;
 - 4.5.4. Whether the institution expects or anticipates that the employee will gain financially from the activities which are not a part of the employee's required employment activities;
 - 4.5.5 Whether the employee's activity will increase his/her personal or professional development or will lend service or benefit to the nation, state or community;
 - 4.5.6 Whether the outside activity will interfere with or create an overriding conflict with the employee's responsibility to the institution or will interfere with the satisfactory performance of the employee's institutional duties.
- 4.6 The disclosure by an employee of an employee's position, title, and work history with Pierpont or any other public college in West Virginia in the promotion of an employee's private activities shall be exempt from the prohibition against the use of prestige of public office for a private gain. However, in these cases the employee has the responsibility to make clear the fact that he or she is not representing the institution but is speaking as a private citizen. Employees may not use College-owned supplies, equipment, or other resources for personal projects or outside Consulting Arrangements. However, College Employees may

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use such resources for personal projects or outside Consulting Arrangements pursuant to an arrangement with the College to pay a fair market rate for those resources. College Employees may not use their subordinates to work on personal projects or outside Consulting Arrangements during work hours or compel them to do so on their own time. Any misuse of Pierpont resources is prohibited unless that use is de minimis, that is, involving only an insignificant amount of time, funds, supplies, personnel, or equipment.

- 4.7 An employee who obtains an exemption from the Ethics Act prohibitions, or under any other conflicts in this rule, under the procedure authorized in this policy shall not be deemed an agent of Pierpont when the employee is acting outside the scope of his or her other employment for his or her private benefit.
- 4.8 No exemption granted under this ethics policy shall be deemed to constitute a waiver by the institution of any lawful contractual provision in the employment contract of a full or part-time employee of Pierpont.

SECTION 5. INTERESTS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTS

- 5.1 The Ethics Act prohibits College Officials from having a financial interest in any contract, purchase, or sale over which their position at the College gives them control, unless the total value of such contracts, purchases, or sales does not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,00) in a calendar year. This prohibition extends to contracts in which the College Employee's Family Members have a financial interest, as well as to any business with which the College Employee or their Family Members are associated. Each Official shall be required to disclose any interest the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family may have in the profits or benefits of a contract which the employee may have direct authority to enter into or over which the employee may have control unless such interest is limited within the meaning of West Virginia Code 6B-2-5(d)(2).
- 5.2 Pierpont, through its Conflicts of Interest Committee, may review any interest an employee or any member of the employee's family may have and determine what, if any, restrictions or limitation should be placed on the employee's activities.
- 5.3 Without limitation, the following represent examples of interests in public contracts which may be permitted:
 - 5.3.1 The faculty/employee is the author and copyright owner of a leading textbook in his/her teaching field and may wish to require the use of the textbook by his/her students;
 - 5.3.2 The faculty/employee is the inventor and patent owner of a scientific tool necessary for research in his/her field;

5.3.3 The faculty/employee is an expert in the region in a particular field and such consulting expertise is being sought by the institution or another governmental agency and the providing of such consulting services is not a part of the employee's duties to the institution.

5.4 A Pierpont Employee may not endorse a particular product or business. This includes any product or business and includes case studies completed by a vendor. A commercial endorsement of a product or business is only permissible when it results in an overriding public benefit. Sponsorship agreements entered into on behalf of the College are deemed to have an overriding public benefit within the meaning of the Ethics Act.

5.5 Dual Compensation. No Pierpont Employee may receive compensation from two sources of state, county, or municipal government for working the same hours, except under certain limited circumstances. However, Faculty and Non-Classified Staff can engage in an outside Consulting Arrangement with a state, county, or municipal government as long as the individuals comply with all of the requirements within Section 7 of this Rule in doing so.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITY

- 6.1 Unless otherwise prohibited by the Pierpont Board of Governors, no activity permitted under the West Virginia Ethics Act shall be deemed to be a violation of this policy.
- 6.2 Unless otherwise prohibited or restricted by the Pierpont Board of Governors, no activity approved, permitted or exempted by the West Virginia Ethics Commission shall be deemed to be a violation of this policy.

SECTION 7. PRESIDENT AND CHAIR

7.1 Upon review by the Conflicts of Interest Committee, the Chair of the Pierpont Board of Governors shall have the authority to review and grant approval of those activities of the president which may involve a conflict of interest pursuant to this policy.

SECTION 8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT

8.1 All full-time Pierpont Employees owe their primary professional allegiance to the College. All Pierpont Officials and Employees should be aware of the two types of conflicts: Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Commitment.

8.2 Conflicts of Interest

8.2.1 A Conflict of Interest occurs when there is a divergence between a College Employee or Official's private, personal relationships or interests and their professional obligations to the College such that a reasonable observer might question whether the individual's professional actions or decisions are

determined by or substantially altered by considerations of personal benefit, gain, or advantage.

8.2.2 Whether a Conflict of Interest, or the appearance of a Conflict of Interest, exists depends on the situation, not on the character or actions of the individual. The determination of the existence of a Conflict of Interest or the appearance of a Conflict of Interest is done objectively on a case-by-case basis. Because the appearance of a Conflict of Interest can be as damaging or detrimental as an actual Conflict of Interest, for the purposes of this Rule, apparent Conflicts of Interest are treated the same as actual Conflicts of Interest. As a result, any appearance of a Conflict of Interest must also be disclosed and reviewed in accordance with this Rule by the Conflict of Interest Committee.

8.3 Conflicts of Commitment

8.3.1 A full-time Pierpont Employee's primary commitment of time and intellectual effort must be to the teaching, scholarship, and service missions of the College.

8.3.2 A Conflict of Commitment refers to a situation where an individual engages in external activities, either paid or unpaid, that interferes with his/her primary obligation and commitment to the College. Individuals in the Pierpont community should evaluate and arrange their external interests in order to avoid compromising their ability to carry out their primary obligations to the College, and most conflicts of commitment should generally be avoided or resolved through the exercise of personal judgment or discretion.

8.4 Corrective Actions for Violations

8.4.1 Any Pierpont Employee who fails to abide by the requirements within this Rule shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, or other disciplinary action as may be appropriate.

SECTION 9 INSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 9.1 An Institutional Conflict of Interest may exist when the personal financial holdings of a Pierpont Official which, by virtue of their institutional authority, may affect or reasonably appear to affect institutional processes, business transactions, or other activities at the College.
- 9.2 **Disclosure Requirements**. Officials must annually disclose Significant Financial Interests for Institutional Conflicts of Interest to the Conflict of Interest Committee by June 30 of each year.

9.2.1 Each Official must submit an Institutional Conflict of Interest Disclosure regardless of whether or not the individual has a Significant Financial Interest for Institutional Conflicts of Interest to report. 9.2.2 Each Official must sign and certify the annual disclosure as accurate and complete.

9.2.3 Each Official must update their annual disclosure within thirty (30) days of the development of a new Significant Financial Interest.

9.2.4 Each Official must complete an initial disclosure form within sixty (60) days upon commencing employment or appointment.

9.2.5 For each and every meeting of the Board of Governors, at the Call to Order agenda item, there will be a request from all members present to declare any conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, related to any item on that agenda. If necessary, the minutes will reflect a decision to recuse at any step in the process.

9.3 **Review of Disclosure Forms**. Institutional Conflict of Interest Disclosures submitted by Officials shall be reviewed annually, and on an ad hoc basis as necessary, by the Conflict of Interest Committee to determine if an individual has an Institutional Conflict of Interest or the appearance of an Institutional Conflict of Interest. If a Conflict is identified, the Committee may determine that the Conflict can be managed through an appropriate Management Plan. If the Committee determines that the Conflict cannot be managed, then it shall recommend steps to resolve the Conflict.

SECTION 10 CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT; OUTSIDE CONSULTING ARRANGEMENTS.

Applicability. Full-time Faculty and Non-Classified Staff may engage in Consulting Arrangements outside of their employment responsibilities to the College on subjects that are within their area of professional expertise. The provisions of this Section do not apply to part-time Employees, such as Adjunct Faculty, who are not required to seek approval for Consulting Arrangements or other employment that they conduct outside of their part-time employment with the College.

10.1.1 Faculty Specific Guidelines. External activities conducted by a faculty member should be of such nature as to improve effectiveness as a teacher or contribute to scholarly attainments or should in some manner serve the interests of the College or of the community. External activities must not distract significantly from primary responsibilities and must not require such extensive absence as to cause the faculty member to neglect course obligations or become unavailable to students and colleagues. External activities must be of such nature and conducted in such manner as will not bring discredit to Pierpont and must not compromise any Intellectual Property owned by the College.

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Accordingly, the maximum expenditure of time spent on external activities by a full-time faculty member appointed on a nine-month basis should not normally exceed forty days during the academic year, including holidays.

For those full-time faculty members appointed on a twelve-month basis, time spent on external activities should not normally exceed fifty days per year, including holidays. For those academic year faculty receiving external funding during the summer, the policy for full-time faculty appointed on a twelve-month basis will apply – i.e., no more than fifty days per year, including holidays. Faculty members should periodically reexamine the nature and extent of their external activities and conscientiously avoid engaging in activities that constitute conflicts of commitment. The Provost or Dean may grant exceptions in extraordinary cases upon recommendation of the appropriate Dean.

10.2 Staff Specific Guidelines. Employment outside Pierpont or other activities that could create a Conflict of Commitment, or the appearance of a Conflict of Commitment, should be disclosed as outlined in this policy and discussed with the staff member's supervisor to ensure it will not create a Conflict of Commitment. Hourly paid staff, or part-time exempt staff, should also disclose and discuss with their supervisor concerning external obligations so that a Conflict of Commitment does not arise.

Accordingly, external activities must be arranged so as not to interfere with a staff member's primary commitments. External activities must be of such a nature and conducted in such a manner as will not bring discredit to the College and must not compromise any Intellectual Property owned by the College.

Staff members should periodically re-examine the nature and extent of their external activities and conscientiously avoid engaging in activities that constitute conflicts of commitment. The President or Provost may grant exceptions to this policy in extraordinary cases upon recommendation of the Conflicts of Interest Committee.

10.3 For the purposes of this Rule, "Consulting Arrangement" means any outside employment, arrangement, or contract where a full-time Faculty or Non-Classified Staff provides their expertise to a non-Pierpont third party as an independent contractor and in which the expertise is, directly or indirectly, related to the Employee's employment or job duties with the College.

10.3.1 However, for full-time employees during their yearly appointment term, such outside Consulting Arrangements must, at minimum, meet the following requirements:

10.3.1.1 it must further develop the individual professionally or serve the community, state, or nation in an area related to the individual's assignment or professional expertise;

10.3.1.2 it must not constitute a Conflict of Commitment with the individual's College responsibilities, nor interfere with the individual's teaching, research and service to the College; and

10.3.1.3 it must not be in conflict with the mission and objectives of Pierpont.

10.4 Guidelines for Outside Consulting Arrangements.

10.4.1 Pierpont Faculty and Non-Classified Staff engaging in outside Consulting Arrangements are not permitted to use the College name, logo, or marks. However, the Pierpont Faculty and Non-Classified Staff may use the College name to convey biographical information.

10.4.2 Pierpont Faculty and Non-Classified Staff are prohibited from using College resources, including but not limited to College email and electronic devices, the individual's office, and other College Employees' time, in carrying out their responsibilities under their outside Consulting Arrangements, unless the use is de minimis in accordance with the provisions of the Ethics Acts.

10.4.3 An individual cannot use College resources to advertise or endorse their personal Consulting Arrangements.

10.5 Approval of Outside Consulting Arrangements.

10.5.1 Prior to agreeing to any outside Consulting Arrangement, an individual must submit a Consulting Arrangement Approval Form to the Dean of their School or the Provost. If an individual reports directly to the President, the President must approve the Form.

10.5.2 The individual must fully complete the required Form and provide other reasonable information to the Dean or Provost upon request. At minimum, the Form must include a description of the Consulting Arrangement, entity with whom the arrangement is with, and the anticipated time commitment for the arrangement.

10.5.3 Upon review, the Dean, Provost, or President shall determine if the request is appropriate, does not constitute a Conflict of Commitment or create a Conflict of Interest, and abides by the guidelines provided within this Rule.

10.5.4 Should the request for an outside Consulting Arrangement be denied, the individual may request that decision be reviewed by the Pierpont's Conflict of Interest Committee for a final determination. The final determination of the Conflict of Interest Committee cannot be appealed.

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10.6 CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT GUIDELINE REGARDING NON-PIERPONT ONLINE TEACHING

10.6.1 General Standard Teaching outside of Pierpont presents issues that require special attention because it has the potential to compete with the College's own offerings. In judging the appropriateness of any online course outside the educational mission of the College, faculty should consider the time commitment and the potential impact of these activities on the fulfillment of their commitments to Pierpont

In addition, the following special considerations and procedures apply to online courses offered, or reasonably expected to be offered, for academic credit and to online courses providing certifications:

In determining whether to grant such permission or as guidance for reviewing potential conflicts, the Dean (or the Dean's designee) and faculty should consider whether such an online course will impair the instructional offerings of the faculty member's School or other Schools at Pierpont. In making this impairment determination, the following factors (among others) may be useful to consider, with affirmative answers counting against approval, but no set number of affirmative answers being conclusive: Is the faculty member one of the primary instructors or a course director in the online course? Is the online course comparable to any current course at Pierpont? Is the online course among the courses that Pierpont plans to include in its own offerings in the next two academic years? Is the online course likely, in fact, to require the instructor to commit to teaching the content exclusively with the online vendor or other institution and not to provide any similar content in another online format?

10.6.2 Special Provision for Online Courses for Academic Credit. Faculty are not permitted to offer online courses for undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree credit for another education institution or venture except with permission of the faculty member's Dean.

10.6.3 **Special Provision for Online Courses Providing Certifications**. Faculty must disclose their plan to teach in online courses that offer certifications to their Dean (or Dean's designee) prior to undertaking such teaching.

SECTION 11 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

11.1 Composition

11.1.1 The Conflicts of Interest Committee will be a College resource on Conflict of Interest matters and Conflict of Commitment matters. The Committee shall have representatives from relevant areas across Pierpont, appointed by the

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President, including faculty, finance, human resources, academics, administration, and student services. At least one representative on the Committee shall be a person from outside the Pierpont community with relevant knowledge.

11.2 Duties

11.2.1 The Committee's primary responsibility is to serve as a resource to the College on Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment matters in which Pierpont's mission, philosophy, and overall purpose could be compromised by the College's relationships with the individual members of its community.

11.2.2 The Committee is responsible for reviewing all Conflict of Interest cases involving the College as a party or an institutional Conflict of Interest. The Committee will also review all cases where a management plan is being proposed and the individual has a Significant Financial Interest, as well as cases where the initial review committee cannot reach a decision. The Committee may also review appeals from adverse decisions and cases that may be referred to it. The Committee will conduct a thorough review of each case and will either approve or deny the proposed activity, management plan, and/or monitoring plan.

11.2.3 In the event of an appeal, the Committee shall be provided with a copy of any disclosure statement which reveals a real or apparent Conflict of Interest, together with a recommendation from the appropriate Pierpont official. The Committee must provide individuals the opportunity to appear before the Committee and/or submit written comments regarding the recommendation.

11.2.4 The Committee shall maintain an ongoing awareness of procedures, practices, and standards concerning conflicts of interest with a view to providing consistency with the terms of this policy. It shall also provide for a proper balance between confidentiality and its operations and standards.

11.2.5 The Committee shall perform such additional functions as may be assigned from time to time by the Chair of the Committee.

SECTION 12 DEFINITIONS

- 12.1 "Board Member" means individuals actively serving as a board of governors member for Pierpont Community & Technical College as appointed under West Virginia Code §18B-2A-1.
- 12.1 "Consulting Arrangement Approval Form" means a form developed for Faculty and Staff to obtain approval for their outside Consulting Arrangements. This Form can be located at:
- 12.2 "Dean" means any Dean or their designee.

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- 12.3 "Employee" means any Faculty and Staff.
- 12.4 "Family Member" means spouse, a person with whom the individual is living with as a partner, any dependent child, dependent grandchild, or dependent parent.
- 12.5 "Institutional Conflict of Interest Disclosure" means a form developed to disclose the potential institutional conflicts of interest or commitment of Pierpont Officials.
- 12.6 "Management Plan" means an agreed plan to take action to address a Conflict of Interest or Conflict of Commitment, which may include eliminating the conflict, to ensure, to the extent possible, that the Employee's actions do not violate the West Virginia Ethics Act, this Rule, or any other relevant laws, regulations, policies, or procedures.
- 12.7 "Significant Financial Interest for Institutional Conflicts of Interest" means a financial interest consisting of one or more of the following interests of a Pierpont Official, or Family Member of the Pierpont Official, that reasonably appears related to the College Official's institutional responsibilities:

12.7.1 Equity or ownership interests held by the Pierpont Official or a Family Member worth more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the aggregate in any publicly traded, for-profit organization. Excluded are equity interests held in mutual funds or retirement programs.

12.7.2 Any equity or ownership interest held in any for-profit organization that is not publicly traded.

12.7.3 Service as a member of a board of directors or other governing board of a for-profit organization, including service as a trustee or scientific advisory board member, service as an officer of the organization (whether paid or unpaid) or service as an employee by the Pierpont Official.

12.7.4 Payments or a legal right to a payment, including royalty payments, resulting from technology transfer, licensing or any outside business activities that, for any single arrangement, exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the aggregate per year.

- 12.8 "Staff" means all Classified Employees and Non-Classified Employees.
- 12.9 "College or Pierpont Official" means Pierpont Board Members, President, Vice Presidents, Assistant Provosts, Deans, Associate and Assistant Vice Presidents and Provosts, Assistant and Associate Deans, and Directors.

PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE Board of Governors Policies and Procedures POLICY # 25 PP-5025

SHORT TITLE: Salary

REFERENCE: West Virginia Code § 18B-1-6; §18B-2A-4.

EFFECTIVE: November 29, 2004

AMENDED: June 15, 2006, August 27, 2007, October 19, 2010

REPEALED:

REVIEWED:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

1.1 SCOPE: This salary policy shall be in effect and shall govern the adjustment of salaries for employees of Pierpont Community & Technical College. The College will develop a fair and equitable compensation system for employees.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

- 2.1 Each year, or from time to time as deemed appropriate, the President shall present to the Board a plan for the distribution of general salary increases to employees. This plan shall adaress increases for all employees other than the President.
- 2.2 The plan shall reflect the aggregate percentage increase in salary to be paid to faculty, non-classified, and classified employees.
- 2.3 Upon approval the Board shall act, in response to the plan submitted, to establish the aggregate dollars to be allocated each year for general salary increases for each of the three groups of employees in accordance with the Salary Administration Guidelines established by Human Resources. The aggregate increase in dollars shall be distributed in accordance with the recommendation of the President that is approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. CLASSIFIED STAFF SALARY POLICY

3.1 Salaries of classified employees shall be set consistent with Article 9, Chapter 18B of the Code of West Virginia and Series 8, as amended by the Higher Education Policy Commission and Community and Technical College Council.

SECTION 4. POLICY INTERPRETATION

4.1 No provision herein shall be deemed to apply in any manner to the salary of the Pierpont Community & Technical College President, whose remuneration shall be set, from time to time, at the will and pleasure of the Board and with the approval of the West Virginia Community & Technical College System; nor can it be interpreted as a guarantee of any salary adjustment at any time for any other Pierpont employee.

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2		PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
3		Board of Governors Policies and Procedures
4		Policy # 60
5		PP-3060
6	SHORT TITLE:	Intellectual Property
7	REFERENCE:	W. Va. Code § 18-2A-4; §18B-1-6
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13 SECTION 1. PURPOSE

Pierpont Community & Technical College ("Pierpont" or the "College") encourages and recognizes research, publishing, and other activities by faculty and staff that further the institution's mission. The College seeks to achieve a fair balance between the rights of Creators who are employees and independent contractors, and the rights of the College related to intellectual property developed using its resources.

20 SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This Policy and Procedures applies to the creation of intellectual property by members 21 of the College community. To provide that Pierpont complies with laws governing 22 patents, copyrights, trademarks and other intellectual property rights, this Policy 23 24 establishes procedures for all members of the College community. Procedures are outlined in general terms and may not cover every possible situation. For issues 25 26 specifically related to Copyrights and the detailed use copyrighted material at Pierpont, refer to Board of Governors Policy #55, PP-3055. 27 28 29 SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

30 3.1 Intellectual property: the product of creative or scholarly efforts, whether
 31 or not protected by patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret laws, contract, or
 32 agreement. Expressions of original ideas, objects, data, applications, and processes

33 are considered to be intellectual property. Expressions could include written material,

- 34 spoken descriptions, models, sketches, musical scores (including any accompanying
- 35 words), sculptures, software code and programs (and related manuals and/or

documentation), websites or web pages, audiovisual works, architectural works, 36 37 dramatic works (including any accompanying music), pantomimes and choreographic 38 works, and paintings. Such property includes, but is not limited to, inventions, goods, materials, course material, lab manuals, instruments, equipment, biological 39 organisms, chemical compositions, mask works, computer software, graphics, literary 40 and musical works, and trademarks. The intellectual property may be in tangible or 41 intangible form. Intellectual property in tangible form may be physically distributed. 42 43 Intellectual property may be protected by one or more of the following: patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark, contract, or agreement. 44 45 46 **3.2.** College Resources: College premises, property, IT resources, personnel, 47 branding, or funding. 48 49 3.3 College Premises: all buildings or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled, supervised, or temporarily used by the College. 50 51 3.4. College Community: trustees, students, and all employees of the College 52 53 as well as any independent contractors or other third parties to the extent it is included under contractual agreements. 54 55 56 3.5. Creative Commons Licensing: licensing that enables creators of copyrighted work to grant permission to others to retain (make and own a copy), 57 reuse (use in a wide range of ways), revise (adapt, modify, and improve), remix 58 (combine two or more) and redistribute (share with others). 59 60 3.6. Creator: refers to any member of the College community who is the originator of 61 62 intellectual property. 63 3.7. Fair Use: refers to the right to use copyrighted materials without consent of the 64 copyright owner, usually for scholarship, teaching, research, or criticism, as 65 stipulated by Section 504(c)(2) of the Copyright Act. 66 67 3.8. Incidental Use of College Resources: means the infrequent and de minimis use of 68 69 Pierpont office supplies, library resources, standard commercially-available software (e.g. Microsoft Office) on desktop or laptop computers, or other resources on the 70 71 Pierpont campuses which are commonly available in non-Pierpont locations and does 72 not (1) involve the procurement of special supplies, services, equipment, or other 73 support by the College; (2) constitute more than a nominal amount of normal duty time of any faculty, administrator, classified, or nonclassified employee; (3) involve released 74 75 or reassigned time; (4) demand more than a nominal amount of normal work hours of 76 assisting College employees. Incidental resources that are generally available to 77 employees should not be counted in the assessment of the use of College resources or 78 general funds. It is the sole right of the MSHS to determine whether more than Incidental 79 Use of College Resources and/or facilities has occurred. 80 81 3.9 Invention: refers to an invention, which may or may not be patentable, and is: (1) a new design for a product or device; (2) a new process, sequence, or methodology; or 82

(3) a new use or application of a product, device, process, sequence, or methodology.
 An invention may also be an improvement of any of these three.

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86 3.10 Information Technology Resources: refers to resources that include, but are not
87 limited to, telephones, mobile devices, computers, printers, scanners, servers,
88 networking devices, public access computers, and licensed software and services.
89 These resources are often involved in the processing, storage, accessing, and
90 transmission of data owned by, controlled by, or contracted to the College.

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3.11. Patent: refers to any work recognized by a national patent office to have been
created or invented by the bearer of the patent, alongside the rights and protections
granted by ownership of the patent.

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3.12. Student Work: is work that is produced or created by a registered full-time or parttime student of the College without exceptional use of College facilities or equipment
or the direct use of Pierpont funds (where student financial aid and/or scholarships
would not be considered "Pierpont funds"), that is produced or created outside of any
employment by Pierpont, and that is not sponsored, contracted, or commissioned by
Pierpont.

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3.13. Trademark: refers to any symbol or combination of symbols which serve to
 identify the commercial source of items marked by the symbol.

3.14. Trade Secret: refers to any information, including, but not limited to, a formula,
pattern, compilation, computer software, data, device, method, technique, process, or
application that: (1) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not
being generally known to and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by
other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and (2) is the
subject of efforts that are reasonable, under existing circumstances, to maintain its

3.15. Work for Hire: refers to language in the Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, and
refers to copyrightable intellectual property, which is, for the purposes of this Policy
and Procedures, deliverable to Pierpont, (1) prepared by an employee within the
scope of their employment, or (2) produced as a result of a special order or commission
by Pierpont. Work created pursuant to a research agreement between Pierpont and
an outside party, either a private sector company or a governmental agency, is
considered to be within the scope of employment.

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122 SECTION 4. POLICY

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4.1 Ownership and Rights to Intellectual Property

- 4.1.1 For intellectual property created with incidental use of College resources
 or no use of College resources, the Creator retains ownership.
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 28 4.1.2 The College owns intellectual property created using College resources,
 129 unless the College, in its sole discretion, recognizes a specific exception. By

130 way of example only, for intellectual property created using College resources but not at the direction of the College, employees can seek prior approval for 131 Creator ownership. Should such approval be granted by the College President or 132 their designee, an agreement may be established between the College and the 133 Creator, which maintains the right of the College to use the intellectual property 134 for its educational mission and the development of its employees, and a royalty 135 share may be established between the College and the employee. Other 136 exceptions may be made by the College on a case-by-case basis. 137

4.1.3 For intellectual property created at the direction of the College and with College resources, the College retains ownership and rights to the work, subject to specific written agreements between the College and the Creator to the contrary.

4.1.4 Course and program descriptions, course justifications, student learning
outcomes, course syllabi, and any other curriculum materials submitted by any
Pierpont faculty member or staff member for the Institutional Review of
Curriculum Proposals for approval of a course, degree or certificate program, or
other course of study shall be considered work for hire and within the scope of
employment of any such faculty member or staff member. The copyright in
such curriculum material shall belong to Pierpont.

4.1.5 The College does not claim ownership for works developed by a member
prior to becoming a member of the Pierpont organization and prior to having
any access to College resources. An example would be works brought to the
College from another place of employment.

157 4.2 Intellectual Property Procedures

158 The College shall own and have all rights to any inventions, trademarks, 159 4.2/1 patents, and/or trade secrets discovered, created, or developed by College 160 employees using Pierpont time, resources, facilities, or equipment, except as 161 otherwise provided in this Policy and Procedures. This right shall include, but 162 163 not be limited to, inventions that are (a) developed in the course of, or pursuant to, a sponsored project or other agreement; or (b) developed under a written 164 agreement with Pierpont and with funds provided by Pierpont; or (c) developed 165 using Pierpont time, resources, facilities, or equipment; or (d) offered to Pierpont 166 by the Creators and accepted by Pierpont. 167

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4.2.2 The College has the right to use Student Work for assessment, such as
determining grades, and other noncommercial purposes without entering into
any agreement with the student. Purposes means use of Student Work for
academic research or other not-for-profit scholarly purposes. An agreement
must be established with the student if Student Work is to be used by the College
or a College employee for other purposes.

- 176 **4.3 Exceptions to Creator Ownership of Intellectual Property**
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'8 4.3.1 Unless prior approval is established and, unless otherwise stated below, an 179 agreement is entered into between the College and the Creator, the following types of intellectual property are not owned by the Creator: 180 181 4.3.1.1 Work for Hire: For purposes of ownership of works for hire, 182 ownership vests in the College, unless there is a specific written agreement 183 regarding the creation of the work and that agreement specifically vests 184 title or ownership in someone other than the College. In the case of non-185 employee third parties with which the College is contracting for services 186 related to creation or development of the work, it is the general policy of 187 the College (subject to exception approved by the President or the 188 designee of the President) to enter into written "works for hire" 189 agreements in which the College will obtain or retain ownership rights in 190 the work as part of the agreement for work or services. Where the College 191 owns the copyright in a work, it may acknowledge Creators (including 192 Creators of works for hire) who have made a substantial creative 193 194 contribution to the work. 195 4.3.1.2 Institutional Works: Work that is produced as a collaborative effort 196 under the supervision and/or direction of the College. The College owns 197 institutional works. Accordingly, software and software related 198 199 documentation, as well as other works created by employees at the direction of the College for administrative support purposes, such as 200 documents for administrative use and computer software created by)1 nonfaculty employees of the College for use by the College, are 202 considered works for hire. 203 204 4.3.1.3 Educational Works: Work that is related to curriculum and materials 205 used for the primary purpose of instruction for Pierpont students. Unless 206 otherwise negotiated prior to their creation, educational works created 207 or developed for the primary purpose of instruction for Pierpont students 208 by College employees during their employment with the College are 209 owned by the College and the College has the right to modify, amend, 210 and develop derivative uses for College purposes. 211 212 Lecture notes, articles, books, games, movies, simulations, software, 213 videos, art and music works and other publications created by faculty 214 members and technology created outside of the classroom and brought 215 into the classroom are not considered within the scope of employment for 216 purposes of this Policy and Procedures unless there is a specific written 217 agreement between Pierpont and a faculty member, which provides that 218 a deliverable will be considered a work for hire. 219 220 4.3.1.4 Grant Funded and Sponsored Works: When work is created with 221 the support of an external entity through an agreement such as a grant or 222 contract, and when any term or condition of the agreement conflicts or is 23° inconsistent with this Policy and Procedures, then the conflicting or 24 225 inconsistent term(s) contained in the agreement shall determine

226 ownership of the intellectual property in that work. 227 4.3.1.5 Non-Credit Adjunct Faculty Works: With respect to non-credit 228 instruction, the College will retain rights to unlimited use of all course titles 229 and descriptions, regardless of the non-credit adjunct faculty's 230 employment status with the College, unless material is under copyright to 231 another party. Course materials (e.g., syllabi, lesson plans, tests, quizzes) 232 created outside the scope of the non-credit adjunct faculty's normal 233 responsibilities and produced without the use of College resources remain 234 the sole intellectual property of the non-credit adjunct faculty member. A 235 copy of all course materials will be kept by the Program Coordinator. 236

238 4.4 Copyright and Fair-Use

4.4.1 The "Fair Use" doctrine allows educators and students to use copyrighted materials without seeking prior approval to certain types of resources under certain conditions without prior approval, which may include College-owned copyrighted material.

245 4.5 Agreements Related to Ownership of Intellectual Property

4.5.1 The College may enter into legal agreements related to the creation
and/or ownership of intellectual property. Agreements will be dealt with on a
case-by-case basis, with the goal to achieve a fair balance between the rights
of Creators who are employees of the College, and the rights of the College
related to the intellectual property developed using its resources.

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4.6 Creative Commons Licensing

4.6.1 Copyright owners and Creators are encouraged to add a Creative 255 Commons (CC) license to appropriate works for the purposes of sharing and 256 dissemination. Copyright designation for works that are subject to an intellectual 257 property agreement between the Creator and Pierpont are determined by the 258 259 agreement. However, some works and materials created through publicly funded contracts and grants (grantors) may require open licensing, published as 260 an Open Educational Resource (OER), and carry a specific Creative Commons 261 license. Grantees may be required to develop learning materials such as books, 262 courses, modules, seminars, tutoring systems, and simulations as OER and use 263 industry-leading e-learning open standards and specifications. In accordance 264 with grant agreements, Pierpont will maintain its copyright over grant and 265 contract-funded materials, in accordance with stipulations concerning 266 267 dissemination, reuse, and adaptation of those materials under the designated CC license. 268

270 **4.7 Dispute Resolution**

4.7.1 Should a dispute about the application of this Policy and Procedures arise
between the Creator(s) and the College, resolution is first pursued using the

'4 275 Complaint Policy and Procedures for Employees.

276 SECTION 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 277 5.1 Review Period. Pierpont Community & Technical College will review this policy as
 278 needed. Initial review will include discussions through the College's Meet and
 279 Confer process.
- 5.2 Procedure. The Board of Governor's Human Resources, Bylaws, and Policy
 Committee ("Policy Committee") will initiate and establish the guidelines for
 each review and will recommend any changes to the Board of Governors.
- 5.3 Approval. Pierpont's Policy Committee will forward recommendations to the
 Board of Governors for their final approval and adoption.
- 285 5.4 **Publication.** Pierpont will publish the policy on its website.
- 286 SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITIES
- 287 6.1 President's Cabinet. The President's Cabinet is responsible for the execution of
 288 this policy.

39 SECTION 7. REVIEW STATEMENT

- All policies shall be reviewed on a regular basis with a time frame for review to be
 determined by the Board of Governor's Human Resources, Bylaws and Policy
 Committee. Upon such review, the Committee may recommend the policy be
 amended or repealed.
- 294 Attachments: None.
- 295Distribution:Members of the Board of Governors and the President's Cabinet of296Pierpont Community & Technical College
- Revision Notes: The proposed revisions reorganize policy provisions pursuant to PP 1000.B, insert applicable statutory and regulatory references, remove
 references to Fairmont State University, and clarify the review process.

Attachment B

PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE Board of Governors Policies and Procedures POLICY # 12 TITLE: POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Effective Date: July 1, 2002 Amended: April 17, 2012 Repealed:

SECTION 1.

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A Post Retirement Employment Program (PREP) shall be available only to retired employees. The PREP shall include all of the following elements:

- Beginning effective in the contract year immediately following an employee's 55th birthday and providing employee has five (5) years of full time service or equivalent, an employee may, upon retirement, request a PREP contract with Pierpont Community & Technical College. An individual may request a PREP contract for one year, with the possibility of two (2) one-year renewals, if all parties agree. At the end of the designated period of post retirement employment, the employee will have no vested employment rights with the college.
- 2) To enter the PREP, faculty must notify in writing his or her Dean and secure the written agreement of the respective President's Cabinet member. Non-classified and classified employees must notify in writing and secure the written approval of the immediate supervisor, the respective President's Cabinet member, and the Human Resources Office. All requests require Vice President or Cabinet level approval, in conjunction with the President. Generally, notice must be given at least 6 months in advance of the proposed effective date.
- 3) An individual who is in the PREP may, without penalty, at any time, opt to terminate his or her employment with the College as a post retirement employee. If this option is taken, at the termination of employment in the PREP, the individual will have no vested employment rights with the College.
- 4) The College will continue to provide an individual on post retirement with all rights and privileges, which are normally extended to faculty, or staff who hold full-time status, except for benefits coverage. No employer paid benefits, other than Social Security and Worker's Compensation, will be provided under the PREP. Base Salary during the period of participation in the PREP shall be reduced to 33%, as of the effective date of the PREP contract. The employee will receive no subsequent pay increase during participation in the PREP.
- 5) A faculty member who opts for entry into the PREP, after notifying his/her Dean and receiving appropriate approval, may either (a) teach 1/3 time in the fall semester and 1/3 time in the spring semester of a given academic year, or (b) teach 2/3 time in either the fall semester or the spring semester of a given academic year; provided that if an individual chooses to teach 2/3 time in one semester, all pay will be received during that semester.
- 6) A classified or non-classified staff member, after receiving appropriate approval of the immediate supervisor, the respective President's Cabinet member, and the Human Resources Office, may

either work (a) four (4) consecutive months in a fiscal year, or (b) 12.5 hours per week for the entire option year.

7) It is the responsibility of the individual who enters the PREP to contact the Benefits Office, TIAA/CREF and other appropriate agencies to assure that the appropriate health insurance and other retirement options are properly maintained.

PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE Board of Governors Policies and Procedures POLICY # 43 TITLE: ASSIGNMENT AND REASSIGNMENT OF PHYSICAL SPACE

Effective Date: December 15, 2005, Revised April 5, 2007 Amended: Repealed:

It is the policy of the Pierpont Community & Technical College Board of Governors that all requests for the assignment or reassignment of space on the campuses of Fairmont State University be first reviewed by the Facilities Administration Council as appointed by the presidents. This includes not only requests for reassigning space from one department to another, but also requests for changing facility use from general to specific purpose.

The council shall consist of the Assistant to the President (chair), President FSU (ex officio), President of Pierpont, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs, VP for Administration and Fiscal Affairs, VP for Research and Contracts, VP for Student Affairs, VP for Academic Services, VP for Institutional Advancement, Assistant VP for Facilities, Registrar, President of Faculty Senate, President of Faculty Assembly, President of FSU Classified Staff Council, President of Pierpont Classified Staff Council, President of Student Government.

The council will make recommendations to the presidents. The presidents will consult about whether to grant requests. If the presidents do not reach consensus, the final decision will be made by the FSU President. The Pierpont President may appeal to the Finance, Personnel, Facilities, and External Relations committee of the Board of Governors.

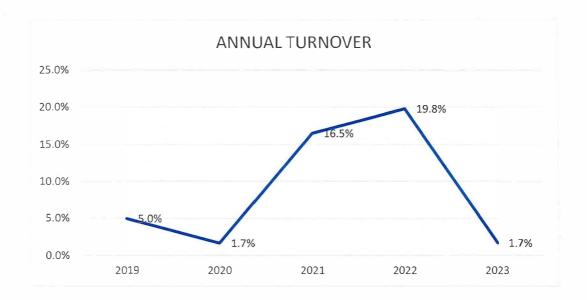
All space is open to reassignment to ensure optimal use of available space and facilities.

Attachment C

Human Resources Project List

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1	Orientation	Design Website Page	In Progress	
		Create Welcome Video	Not Started	
		Detemine Required Training	In Progress	
		Determine Training Methodology (Inperson or Online)		
2	Employee Evaluation	Create Evaluation Process	Complete	
		Develop Manager Training	Complete	
		Provide Training	Not Started	
3	Staff Development	Contract with Linkedin Learning	Complete	
		Develop Linkedin Learning Mandatory Curriculum	In Progress	
		Clean up CSV Files	In Progress	
		Survey Training Needs	Complete	
		Develop Inperson Training Curriculum	Not started	
		Coordinate with Faculty Development	Ongoing	
4	Compensation	Develop Salary Administration Guidelines	Complete	
		Review and Revise BOG Salary Policy	In Progress	
		Develop Wage Structure Positions and Ranges	Not Started	
		Perform Market Study	Not Started	
		Develop recommendation for Cabinet Review	Not Started	
		Develop Implementation Plan	Not Started	
5	HRIS	Research and Evauate HRIS Options	In Progress	
		Work with IT to Develop Recommendation	Not Started	
6	Rewrite HR Policy Manual	Update with Policy Changes	Not Started	







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