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Academic Accommodations Policy

PURPOSE

Establishes college standards for reasonable academic accommodations.

SUMMARY

Clackamas Community College ensures that all students have equal access to post-secondary education that is free of barriers by providing reasonable accommodations to those students who qualify in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

A reasonable academic accommodation is an adjustment to a course or program that provides equal access or opportunity to qualified students who have documented disabilities, but does not impact the learning outcomes. The accommodations are for these students to have equal opportunity or to enjoy the same benefits and privileges as are available to students without disabilities.

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is responsible for the determination of reasonable accommodations for students in accordance with the 2008 amendments to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Recent amendments to this act state that the documentation process may not be burdensome nor create barriers to students' equal access to educational opportunity.

In following federal guidance, the college will take into consideration two of three sources or an observable disability, in no particular order, when evaluating whether a student qualifies for reasonable accommodations at Clackamas Community College:

- 1. any documentation that is provided,
- 2. staff interactions or observations, and/or
- student's self-report.

In using defined guidelines the DRC will determine reasonable accommodations for each student. DRC staff will then work with faculty to coordinate the accommodations.

END OF POLICY

APPROVALS

| ISP Committee – if appropriate | Date: 04/28/2017 |
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| General Council | Date: |
| College Council – first reading | Date: |

| College Council – second reading | Date |
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| President's Council – if appropriate | Date: |