

Riverland

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A Technical & Community College

Committee/Team/Task Force: Academic Affairs and Standards Council	
Date of Committee Approval: February 2, 2011	Contact Person: Chair Richard Campbell, Faculty Suzette Overby, Faculty Ron Langrell, Executive Vice President
Duration of Committee: On-going	
Purpose/Objectives of Committee: The purpose of the Council is to provide direction for the college president in all matters included in academic affairs, including course outlines, award requirements, academic standards, course and program components, and the inventory of course and program offerings. Faculty have fundamental and unique responsibility in matters affecting the academic well-being of the state colleges. The parties agree that the faculty hold the critical role in academic decision-making at the colleges. In order to ensure such role, the parties agree to establish an Academic Affairs and Standards Council to which management and faculty will bring all proposals regarding academic affairs and standards.	Committee Membership (Position titles): The Council shall consist of two-thirds faculty members and one-third administrators and/or other staff. The faculty members will be selected by faculty president after consultation with the college president. The administrative members will be selected by the college president after consultation with the faculty president but must include the chief academic officer. The parties agree to make appointments that represent broadly the academic programming of the college. A faculty member shall serve as chair of the council. S/he shall develop agendas and meeting arrangements cooperatively with the chief academic officer. Other individuals may be invited to address the council. MSCF (10 – Includes Chair and four alternates) Executive Vice President, CAO Deans (3) Support Staff/Recorder (1)

<p>Scope of Authority & Decision-Making: The council shall develop procedures for all curriculum matters to be discussed. The council shall, upon due consideration, forward its decisions to the administration. While it is recognized that the college president reserves the ultimate decision-making authority, the norm shall be to follow the decision of the Academic Affairs and Standards Council absent compelling reason(s) to do otherwise. If the administration counters a decision of the council, the council chair may request that the college president attend an upcoming meeting of the council to hear an appeal on the issue.</p>	<p>Active Members: Richard Campbell (Chair, Faculty) Dan Wirkus (Faculty) Larry Peterson (Faculty) Sharon Hyland (Faculty) Suzette Overby (Faculty) Tim Jones (Faculty) James Jensen (Faculty, Alternate) Jerry Girton (Faculty, Alternate) Mike Bute (Faculty, Alternate) Stephanie Shea (Faculty, Alternate) Ron Langrell (Executive Vice President) Kari Busch (Dean) David Hietala (Dean) Jan Waller (Dean) Barbara Jensen (Recorder)</p>
<p>Frequency of Meetings: Nine (one each month), September through May, at approximately 2 hours each meeting.</p>	