FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY IN ACADEMIC AND
GOVERNANCE MATTERS

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**Academic Matters**

*Authority:*
The role of the faculty in effecting a quality educational program is accomplished within the structure set by State Board policies, guidelines of the Department of Postsecondary Education, and programmatic approvals by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Maintaining the relevance and currency of curricula are accomplished by periodic assessment of Student Learning Outcomes, and by ongoing input from industry partners, for example Program Advisory Boards. Faculty also participates in statewide revision of the Common Curricula of the Alabama Community College System.

*Responsibility:*
The Faculty of J.F. Drake State Technical College has primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the College curriculum. Faculty members are expected to make themselves aware of the current trends in their respective disciplines. Faculty is responsible for being in communication with the internal and external stakeholders of the curricula of their disciplines, and recommend changes in response to changing trends. Any change that needs to be implemented should be presented to the Academic Council Committee in the Curriculum Change form. The committee will review the curriculum change requests. Implementation of curricular change takes place in the summer term each year.

**Governance Matters:**

*Authority:*
The jurisdiction and participation of faculty and staff in governance matters is accomplished through several methods. Participating in strategic planning hearings, unit planning, and participation in ad hoc committees like search committees and steering committees for special events as assigned by the College President and/or her designee are some of the means by which faculty and staff participate in governance of the college. In addition, faculty and staff participation in governance affairs is accomplished through membership in Standing College Committees.

*Responsibility:*
The responsibilities of faculty and staff in governance include establishing local policy and identifying and implementing best practices, thereby fulfilling the Institutional Mission. This is achieved through
participation in Standing College Committees, participating in Craft Advisory Committees, and abiding by College and Governing Board policies.