PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees have been associated with technical education since its inception. An advisory committee may be defined as a group of persons, usually from outside the field of education, selected because of their knowledge and expertise to advise educators regarding technical programs.

Program advisory committees are organized to advise faculty and staff concerning a specific program. Curriculum, equipment, and projected student employment needs are three (3) areas of special concern for program committees. Each committee is composed of individuals who have expertise in the subject area or technology being taught. In addition, student participation provides feedback to committee members.

Each program advisory committee is responsible for advising Piedmont Community College concerning the employee needs of business and industry and program quality. Also, the advisory committee should play a major role in assisting the development and review of the total education plan for that curriculum.

It is important that advisory committee members understand that the role of the committee is advisory in nature, and that the committee does not possess administrative, policymaking, or legislative authority. The committee’s role should be to assist the institution.

Advisory committee members generally serve annually; however, members may wish to remain on a committee of their choice for more than one year.

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