

## 5.11 Professional Organizations

**Last Revised:** October 2024

**Policy:** Piedmont Community College (PCC) encourages individual and professional growth through affiliations with professional organizations related to their field.

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### **Purpose/Definitions:**

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The purpose of this policy is to outline expectations regarding participation in professional organizations.

#### **Definitions**

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**Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority:** Piedmont Community College's Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO has monitoring authority for this policy.

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### **Procedure:**

#### Section 1: General Provisions

- 1.1. The Board of Trustees strongly recommends that faculty and staff be members of professional organizations that relate to their particular area of instruction or expertise.
- 1.2. Organizations established and endorsed by the North Carolina Community College System in various professional areas are also encouraged.
- 1.3. The College may cover the cost of some membership dues for the College to join professional organizations.
  - 1.3.1. It is in violation of State regulations for institutions to use state funds to pay for professional dues of individuals.

Section 2: Professional Development

- 2.1. Participation in activities through professional organizations may contribute to required professional development hours. (See PCC Policy 5.25 Professional Development for more information).

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**Legal Citation:** N/A

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**History:** Effective October 1988; revised November 2021, October 2024—Cross-references PCC Policy 5.25 Professional Development