

Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6

There is a clear and appropriate distinction, in writing, and practice, between the policy-making functions of the governing board and the responsibility of the administration and faculty to administer and implement policy.

Impact Statement

Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) and Capital Area Technical College (CATC) were both members of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS). The merged BRCC continues its LCTCS Board membership and retains its clear, appropriate, and distinctive responsibilities for administering and implementing institutional policy.

Rationale

The Chancellor has the legal authority to execute the policies and administer the operations of the College, subject to the directions of the LCTCS Board President ([Figure 2.2.5, Article IV, Section 3D](#)). The Chancellor's discretionary power allows her to lead the College by empowering her faculty, staff, and students with responsibilities for implementing and administering the policies and actions that will enable BRCC to adhere to its values and accomplish its mission and goals.

The current Charge to the Board, presented by then Governor Kathleen Blanco and adopted in 2004, clearly distinguishes between the functions of the Board and the responsibilities of BRCC's administration and faculty by stating that "*The Board will not micro-manage the institutions assigned to it. It will ensure the establishment and continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of its CEOs and programs*" ([Figure 3.2.4.1](#)).

Supporting Documents

[Figure 2.2.5, Article IV, Section 3D](#) Bylaws of the LCTCS Board
[Figure 3.2.4.1](#) Governor's Charge to the LCTCS Board