This policy is developed in accordance with Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act of 2002 (the Act) and the Ministry’s Binding Policy Directives regarding the Governance and Accountability Framework and the Framework for Programs of Instruction.

1. Program Advisory Committees

In order to obtain ongoing advice from the community concerning the development, currency and community acceptance of its programs, the President shall not fail to establish Program Advisory Committees for all programs, or clusters of programs, eligible for Provincial Operating Grant support, in accordance with Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities requirements.

Further, without limiting the scope of the above statement by the following list, the President shall not:

1.1 fail to follow the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act 2002 and the Minister’s Binding Policy Directive Framework for Programs of Instruction and the Degree Program Quality Review Standards established through the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB).

1.2 fail to ensure that each advisory committee has a Terms of Reference, and is comprised of a cross-section of persons external to the College who have an arm’s length relationship with the Board of Governors and with the College as well as a direct interest in and a diversity of experience and expertise related to the particular occupational area addressed by the programs.

1.3 appoint to Program Advisory Committees members of the Board of Governors, full- and part-time staff, or students who administer, teach in, support or are enrolled in the programs within the mandate of the Advisory Committee.
2. College Council

2.1 The President shall not fail to ensure there is a College Council in place with a Terms of Reference, which provides a means for students and staff of the College to provide advice to the President on matters of academic importance to students and staff.

**MONITORING:**

The President shall annually prepare a report to demonstrate compliance with this policy.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Program Advisory Committees: A committee for each program of instruction or cluster of related programs offered at the College that is made up of a cross-section of persons external to the college who have a direct interest in and a diversity of experience and expertise related to the particular occupational area addressed by the program.