

## **E.01.06 Program and Course Offerings Policy**

**Responsible Department:** Vice Chancellor for Academic Success

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### **Purpose**

To ensure that all general education and program curricula across Alamo Colleges District are foundational, relevant, cost-effective, and aligned with civic, professional, and workforce needs, in accordance with Texas SB 37.

### **Curriculum Oversight and Review**

#### **A. Five-Year Curriculum Review Cycle**

- The Board shall conduct a comprehensive review of each institution's general education curriculum at least once every five years.
- Reviews shall assess whether courses:
  - Are foundational to postsecondary education
  - Prepare students for civic and professional life
  - Equip students for workforce participation and societal contribution
  - Maintain breadth of knowledge consistent with accreditation standards

#### **B. Annual Curriculum Reporting**

- Each college shall submit an annual curriculum update to the Board.
- The Board reserves the right to overturn curriculum changes that do not meet the standards outlined in this policy.

#### **C. Cost and Efficiency Consideration**

- Curriculum decisions shall consider the financial impact on students, including tuition, fees, and time to degree completion.

### **Instructional Advisory Committees**

- Each college shall maintain Instructional Advisory Committees for programs, with representation from government, business, education, labor, and community sectors.
- Committees shall:
  - Advise on curriculum relevance and alignment with workforce trends
  - Recommend program additions, deletions, and modifications
  - Support recruitment, public awareness, and student success initiatives

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### **Program Reductions and Realignment**

- Program reductions may occur due to financial exigency, mission realignment, or failure to meet performance measures.
- The Chancellor shall ensure procedures for program discontinuance are developed and implemented in accordance with state law and institutional priorities.

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ECC(LEGAL) - Instructional Arrangements: Course Load and Schedules

EFA(LEGAL) - Curriculum Design: Instructional Programs and Courses

EFAA(LEGAL) - Instructional Programs and Courses: Academic Courses

EFAB(LEGAL) - Instructional Programs and Courses: Career Technical/Workforce Courses

EFCA(LEGAL) - Special Programs: Students with Disabilities

EFCB(LEGAL) - Special Programs: Adult Basic and Secondary Education

EFCC(LEGAL) - Special Programs: Elementary and Secondary Education

EI(LEGAL) - Testing Programs

Texas SB 37 (89th Legislature), Texas Education Code §51.315