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III. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES

A. Mission Statement

The School of Applied Studies has the primary function of offering quality career oriented programs in areas which respond to community and state needs.

The mission for the School of Applied Studies will be accomplished when all graduates are:

- Holistic Learners who demonstrate a basic knowledge and understanding of the arts and sciences.
- Lifelong Learners who are committed to continuing education and scholarship.
- Competent Individuals who possess the necessary skills for entrylevel employment.
- Complex Thinkers who have the ability to problem solve, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate.
- · Informed Individuals who are sensitive to cultural diversity.
- Effective Communicators who have the necessary verbal and written skills to work in our global society.
- Responsible Individuals who demonstrate commitment to professional values and ethics.
- Technologically Literate Individuals with applications skills relevant to their profession.

B. Curriculum Committee

The School's Curriculum Committee has the responsibility to assist the faculty and Dean of the School in achieving and maintaining the highest possible academic standards.

The Curriculum Committee will have the authority to review all new courses and programs (majors) and all major changes in courses and programs (majors). The Committee shall request that regular minutes and recommended actions be approved by the Faculty Council of the School and the Dean of the School. The Committee shall have the additional responsibility of planning the curriculum evaluation activities of the School.

The Committee shall be composed of five faculty members representing each department within the School. Members are appointed on an annual basis to staggered terms. The Assistant/Associate Dean serves as Chair of the committee.

C. Standing Committees

Certificate and Awards Ceremony Committee Scholarship Committee Promotion and Tenure Committee