

Fairmont State University

Board of Governors

Policy No. 49

Joint Operating Agreement for Academic Programs

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State Universities and Community and Technical Colleges have distinct missions in many areas of higher education, but there is also a significant area of overlap. This agreement is intended to divide these areas of overlap of mission and thereby help both Fairmont State University's Undergraduate/Graduate Unit (academic programs that report to the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs) and the Pierpont Community & Technical College Division focus resources, minimize duplication and allow for economies of scale. The end goal is to better provide cost effective and high quality service to the citizens of West Virginia.

Areas of mission overlap are as follows:

1. Continuing Education
2. Workforce Training
3. Lower Division Off-campus courses
4. Dual Credit High School courses
5. Some Associate Degree areas
6. Some Baccalaureate Degree areas

In the table below and the narrative that follows is a description of the agreement on how to partition the mission to meet the objectives.

Mission		FSU UG/GR	C&TC Division	Comments
Graduate Programs				
	Masters	X		
	Graduate Certificates	X		
Bachelors Degree Programs		X		
Associate Degree Programs				
	AS/AA	X	X	FSU UG/GR TAC/ABET Accredited Programs* and NURSING ADN ONLY
	AAS		X	
UG Certificate Programs		X	X	FSU UG/GR Upper Division Only
Extension Programs				
	Workforce		X	FSU UG/GR only by request

	Training			and in collaboration with C&TC Division
	Continuing Education		X	FSU UG/GR only by request and in collaboration with C&TC Division
	Off Campus Lower Division		X	
	Off Campus Upper Division	X		
	Dual Enrollment		X	

Graduate degrees, courses and programs: It is assumed this will be the exclusive area of FSU UG/GR. In certain degree areas it may be appropriate for C&TC Division faculty to teach at the graduate level and be members of graduate committees.

Bachelors degree programs: It is assumed that this will be the exclusive area of FSU UG/GR. In many cases FSU UG/GR expects to use the expertise of C&TC Division faculty to teach upper division courses and to advise bachelor level students. A current example would be the program in Aviation Administration.

Associate degree programs: It is assumed that this will be the exclusive domain of the C&TC Division with the exception of the ADN nursing program and the ABET accredited programs in Technology\*. These programs are expensive to operate; the faculty are all FSU UG/GR employees, and the programs have historic roots within FSU, extending back to the 1950's and 60's. The net cost to students in these programs shall not exceed the C&TC rate. This will be facilitated by a charge back from the C&TC Division to FSU UG/GR of the difference between the baccalaureate and C&TC tuition and fee rates.

Extension Programs: Pierpont C&TC is responsible for all lower division and not for credit programs.

\* Architecture, Civil, Electronics, Mechanical, and Occupational Safety