



**Instruction and Supportive Services**  
*Policies and Administrative Rules*

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## Instruction and Supportive Services Policies and Administrative Rules

### **Board Policy 4.0: FACULTY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Faculty responsibilities focus on facilitating student learning and supporting the goals and objectives of the college. Eastern Wyoming College supports the concept of academic freedom in higher education. Faculty have the right to expect significant autonomy in the classroom within the framework of meeting the educational expectations of the discipline, department, and college. Faculty are expected to comply with college policies, rules and procedures and to fulfill the expectations of the job description and the following Administrative Rules 4.0.1-4.0.4.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.0.1: ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

Eastern Wyoming College supports the concept of academic freedom in higher education.

#### **ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

- a. Instructors are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for financial benefit should be based upon a written understanding with the authorities of the institution.
- b. Instructors are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing material relevant to their subject.
- c. College instructors are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.0.2: STUDENT LEARNING**

#### **Syllabus**

Each instructor is required to have a comprehensive course syllabus available for students the first week of class. Two copies must be submitted to the appropriate division chairperson by the end of the first week of class. The division chairperson is responsible for submitting one copy to the Dean of Instruction. Copies of the required syllabus format are available from the Dean of Instruction.

## **Administrative Rule 4.0.2: STUDENT LEARNING** – continued

### **Textbooks**

Each instructor is responsible for choosing and ordering the textbook(s) to be used in class. When a course is taught by more than one full-time instructor, the instructors are encouraged to reach agreement on the text(s) to be used. Desk copies are usually provided by the publishing companies when requested by the individual instructor on college letterhead. If a publishing company will not provide a free desk copy, the text may be ordered through the bookstore and charged to the instructor's budget.

### **Grading**

The grading system used at Eastern Wyoming College is explained in the college catalog. Each individual instructor has the discretion to formulate the processes necessary to arrive at letter grades for students. At mid-semester, each instructor completes a midterm deficiency report for students with grade averages below C; the reports must be returned to the Assistant Dean of Students. At the end of each semester each instructor must complete a grade sheet for all classes. The grade sheets must be in the Assistant Dean's office before an instructor's work for the semester is considered completed. Once the semester is completed, an instructor may initiate a grade change if necessary, using the form available in the student services office.

### **Final Examinations**

Final Examination times are scheduled for all classes. Although the instructor is required to meet with students during the scheduled Final Examination time, the instructor has the right to determine the appropriate final examination activity within the framework of meeting the educational expectations of the discipline, department, and college. The Dean of Instruction has the right to excuse a student from a final exam or to re-schedule a final exam. A student who has three or more final examinations scheduled for the same day may make arrangements with the Dean of Instruction to re-schedule the exams so that the student has no more than two in a single day.

### **Field Trips**

Field trips pertinent to class work are encouraged. Arrangements must be made with the appropriate division chair well in advance so that the necessary process can be completed. The instructor is responsible for the supervision of students during the field trip.

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## **Administrative Rule 4.0.3: CURRICULUM**

Faculty will be involved in curricular development and assessment. Benefitted faculty are responsible for contributing to the quality of on-campus and off-campus offerings, and will work with adjunct faculty to enhance educational effectiveness.

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## **Administrative Rule 4.0.4: ADVISING**

Instructors are expected to serve as advisors for students. Academic advisors have the responsibility of helping students to identify career goals and to plan a program of study that will serve to accomplish these goals. Advisor assignments will be made by the Dean of Students.

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### **Board Policy 4.1: EDUCATIONAL DESIGN**

The instructional programs and offerings at Eastern Wyoming College will support the college's mission and goals. Programs will be reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees for effectiveness and efficiency. Mechanisms for curricular change will be available. The final decision concerning educational programs rests with the Board of Trustees.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.1.1: CURRICULUM CHANGES**

Processes for curriculum changes will fulfill the expectations of state and federal coordinating agencies. All changes must be submitted to the Dean of Instruction, who will review the proposed changes with the Instructional Advisory Council. Factors such as educational merit, availability of faculty, cost, scheduling, and use of resources will be considered. Forms for adding courses, deleting courses, changing courses, adding programs, and deleting programs will be available from the Dean of Instruction. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision on all requests for new programs or for program deletions.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.1.2: PROGRAM REVIEWS**

Regular program reviews for each program will be conducted by the college at least every five years. The analysis will involve faculty, division chairs, advisory committees, and the Dean of Instruction in assessing the program's effectiveness and efficiency. The Board of Trustees will review all program reviews prior to submission to any state or federal agency. Forms specifying the statistical data needed, and the accompanying narrative analysis, will be available from the Dean of Instruction.

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### **Board Policy 4.2: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

Student success in college is greatly dependent upon the adjustment to the total college environment, i.e. academic, social, personal. EWC will provide instructional support services appropriate for facilitating student learning.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.2.1: LEARNING SKILLS LAB**

EWC is committed to providing academic support to all of its students. To this end, EWC operates a Learning Skills Lab that offers a variety of services to enhance and support the learning experience of students. Services will include peer tutoring, computer access, audio-visual equipment, study areas, and subject-specific resources.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.2.2: COMPUTER LAB**

EWC is committed to providing access to technology in the educational environment. An open computer lab will provide students access to services such as the Internet, word processing software, and email, consistent with Administrative Rule 6.4.1 Computer Use Procedures.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.2.3: COUNSELING AND TESTING CENTER**

EWC will provide community access to testing and placement services. Academic placement testing such as COMPASS can be scheduled, as well as testing in the areas of GED, personal/social development, aptitude, occupational interest, and outcomes assessment measures. Staff will also assist faculty in scheduling makeup tests for students.

Counselors at EWC will be available to work with individual students or groups. In some cases, problems of students will be referred to other staff or agencies best qualified to provide help. Long-term counseling needs will be referred to appropriate agencies outside the college.

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### **Administrative Rule 4.2.4: LIBRARY AND MEDIA SERVICES**

The primary responsibility of the library and the media services department is to meet the instructional needs of faculty, students, and community members by acquiring, organizing, and disseminating the materials needed to support the educational programs of the college.

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#### **Board Policy 4.3: LIBRARY MATERIAL**

Eastern Wyoming College supports the concept of intellectual freedom and materials will be selected for addition to the collection without prejudice or censorship. The college also endorses the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the American Library Association Council; copies are available in the library.

Patrons wishing to challenge materials in the collection will be requested to complete a Request for Reconsideration Form available from library staff. Requests will be reviewed by the Library Director, instructors within the discipline, Dean of Instruction, and the College President with the final determination by the Board of Trustees.

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### **Board Policy 4.4:    SUBJECT ANIMALS FOR VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY LABS**

Veterinary Technology facilities, equipment and supplies are to be used only for the direct educational benefit of EWC students participating in the program. Reimbursement for the cost of procedures performed on privately owned animals will be made to EWC by the animal's owner.

The priority of animals to be utilized in the vet tech program shall be in the following order:

1.     Animals owned by EWC;
2.     Animals owned by veterinary technology students;
3.     Animals acquired from local humane shelters (non-profit);
4.     Animals owned by veterinary technology faculty and staff;
5.     Animals owned by EWC faculty and staff;
6.     Animals owned by the general public.

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### **Board Policy 4.5:   CONSULTANTS AND GUEST LECTURERS**

Approval of the appropriate Dean or the President is required prior to utilization of paid consultants or guest lecturers. No full-time employees of the college may be paid by the college for consulting services or as a guest lecturer.

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