

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE POLICIES

PERSONNEL POLICY 22

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

22.1. General

1.1. Scope - This rule establishes policy in a number of areas regarding personnel administration for Glenville State College employees.

1.2. Authority - West Virginia Code §18B-1-6, §18B-1-8, §18B-9-4, §18B-9-4(b), §18B-9-5(a)

1.3. Effective Date – April 20, 2005

1.4. Repeal of former rule - Repeals and replaces Series 62 of Title 131 Legislative Rule of the Board of Directors of the State College System of West Virginia effective March 28, 1994.

22.2. Definitions

2.1. This subsection defines the different types of employment that institutions may use and the status under the classification program and for benefits.

2.1.1. Full-Time Regular Employee (FTR). Any employee in a classified position created to last a minimum of nine months of a twelve month period and in which such employee is expected to work no less than 1,040 hours during said period. The full-time equivalent (FTE) of such a position must be reported at no less than .53 FTE. Such an employee is covered under the classification program set out by Series 8 of the Higher Education Policy Commission rules and is eligible for all applicable benefits of a full-time regular classified employee, subject to the qualifying conditions of each benefit. Such benefits shall be prorated in relation to a 1.00 FTE. Length of service as a full-time regular employee with the State of West Virginia shall be credited toward initial placement on the salary schedule.

2.1.2. Part-Time Regular Employee (PTR). An employee in a position created to last less than 1,040 hours during a twelve-month period. An employee in a PTR position is not eligible for benefits, but is covered under the classification program.

2.1.3. Temporary Employee. An employee hired into a position expected to last fewer than nine months of a twelve month period regardless of hours worked per week. A temporary employee is not eligible for benefits, but is covered by the classification program.

- 2.1.4. Casual Employee. A casual employee position is a position created to meet specific operational needs at an institution for no more than 225 hours in a 12-month period. Individuals in a casual employee position are not eligible for benefits and are not covered by the classification program.
- 2.1.5. Student Employee. An employee enrolled at the institution as a student and whose primary purpose for being at the institution is to obtain an education. A student employee is not eligible for benefits and is not covered by the classification program.
- 2.1.6. Full-Time Faculty - Employment as a faculty member for a full academic year (at least a nine-month contract basis) for at least six (6) semester credit hours teaching per semester or the equivalent in teaching, research, public service, and/or administrative responsibilities. Faculty are not considered classified employees or subject to the classification program.
- 2.1.7. Non-Classified Employee. An employee, designated by the president, who is responsible for policy formation at the department or institutional level or reports directly to the president of the institution, or is in a position considered critical to the institution by the president. Non-classified employees are not subject to the classification program but are eligible for benefits. Non-classified shall not exceed ten percent of the total number of employees at the institution who are eligible for membership in any state retirement system and shall serve at the will and pleasure of the president. An additional ten percent of the total number of employees of that institution may be placed in this category if they are in a position considered critical to the institution by the president.
- 2.1.8. Change In Status. The president or his/her designee will review and make a final determination as to the status or change in status of any employee under this subsection. When the president or his/her designee determines that a part-time regular employee becomes a full-time regular employee, he/she shall credit that employee's previous service toward any calculation of length of service for purposes of this rule and benefit eligibility based upon a prorated comparison against a 1.00 FTE. Previous length of service as temporary, casual, and student employees shall not be credited toward seniority calculations under other sections of this rule or statute.

2.2. Position. A set of duties and responsibilities performed by a specific employee at a particular institution.

2.3. Job. A collection of duties and responsibilities performed by one or more employees at one or more institutions whose work is substantially of the same nature and which requires the same skill and responsibility level. For jobs occupied by only one employee, the terms "position" and "job" shall be considered the same.

2.4. Job Title. The label that uniquely identifies and generally describes a job. The same descriptive job title shall be given to a group of jobs, regardless of institutional location, which are substantially the same in duties and responsibilities, and which require substantially the same knowledge, skills and abilities performed under similar working conditions.

2.5. Position description form. The document which describes the set of essential and non-essential functions of a position at a particular institution.

2.6. Generic Job description. A summary of the essential functions of a job, including the general nature of the work performed, a characteristic listing of duties and responsibilities, and the specifications necessary to perform the work. Generic job descriptions shall be prepared for systems-wide and institution-specific titles occupied by more than one employee. For a job occupied by only one employee, the position description becomes the job description.

2.7. Pay Grade. A range of compensation values for a job defined by a series of step values. Positions which occupy the same job title shall be assigned to the same pay grade. Job titles having similar factor levels, shall be classified within the same pay grade.

2.8. Promotion. Movement from a position requiring a certain level of skill, effort and authority to a vacant or newly created position assigned to a different job title and higher pay grade requiring a greater degree of skill, effort, and authority.

2.9. Interim Responsibilities. A significant change in duties and responsibilities of an employee on a temporary basis justifying an interim promotion or upgrade for salary purposes. Such a temporary reassignment shall normally be for no less than four (4) consecutive weeks and no more than twelve (12) consecutive months and shall only occur when the responsibilities being undertaken by the employee are those of another position that is vacant because of the incumbent's illness or resignation or because of temporary sufficient change in the duties and responsibilities of a filled position. If the temporary reassignment of responsibilities meets the test for a temporary upgrade or promotion under Sections 13 and 14 of this rule, the affected employee shall have his/her base salary adjusted upwards consistent with a promotion or upgrade under this rule. At the end of the temporary reassignment, the affected employee shall have his/her salary reduced to its original level including any salary increase which the employee would have received in his/her regular position.

2.10. Upgrade. An advancement of the employee's current position to a higher pay grade as a result of a significant change in the position's existing duties and responsibilities. When a position is upgraded, the employee does not move to a different position in a higher pay grade, rather it is the employee's position that is moved to a higher pay grade because of a significant increase in the position's existing responsibilities, as determined by job evaluation. When an upgrade occurs to an employee occupying a title held by more than one individual, the position's current title shall be changed to a different title in the higher pay grade. When an upgrade occurs to an employee occupying a title exclusively assigned to that position, the current title may or may not be revised depending upon how relevantly the current title describes the position.

2.11. Demotion. Movement from a position requiring a certain level of skill, effort and responsibility to a vacant or newly created position assigned to a different job title and lower pay grade requiring a significantly lesser degree of skill, effort and responsibility.

2.12. Downgrade. A reassignment of the employee's current position to a job title assigned to a lower pay grade as a result of a significant reduction in the existing position's duties and responsibilities. When a position is downgraded, the employee does not move to a different position in a lower pay grade, rather it is the employee's position that is moved to a lower pay grade because of a significant decrease in the position's existing responsibilities as determined by job evaluation. When a downgrade occurs to an employee occupying a title held by more than one individual, the position's current title will be changed to a different title in the lower pay grade. When a downgrade occurs to an employee occupying a title exclusively assigned to that position, the current title may or may not be revised depending upon how relevantly the current title describes the position.

2.13. Transfer. Movement from one position or job title to another position or job title requiring the same degree of skill, effort and authority. Both positions are in the same pay grade.

2.14. Base salary. The amount of salary paid annually to an employee, excluding any annual increment earned pursuant to W.Va. Code §18B-5-5-2. Total salary is base salary plus any increment earned.

2.15. Base salary adjustment. The amount that a base salary increases within the pay grade to reward performance, to rectify inequities, or to accommodate competitive market conditions.

2.16. Longevity. The total number of years employed at state institutions of higher education and other agencies of state government in West Virginia for purposes of determining placement on any salary schedule which may be subsequently enacted by the Legislature or adopted by the governing boards at time of implementation of the classification program authorized by this rule.

2.17. Institution. Glenville State College.

2.18. Board of Governors. The Glenville State College Board of Governors as appointed by the Governor and approved by the legislature.

2.19. President. This term shall be used in this rule to refer to the President of Glenville State College.

2.20. Chancellor. The chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission.

2.21. Salary schedule. A schedule consisting of a series of pay grades, enacted by the Legislature.

2.22. Recall. An employee terminated under the provisions of §18B-7-1 and recalled to work at his/her previous institution under the same provisions. Salary for a recalled employee will be consistent with the entry rates described in Section 10 of this rule.

2.23. Rehire. An employee who leaves the service of an institution by resignation and later applies for and accepts a position at the same institution. Salary for a rehired employee will be consistent with the entry rates described in Section 10 of this rule.

2.24. FTE. Full time equivalency is the percentage of time for which a position is established, with a full-time position working 1950 hours per year being 1.00 FTE.

2.25. Classified Employee. An employee who is covered by the provisions of the classification program outlined in Series 8 of the Higher Education Policy Commission rules.

2.26. Exempt. Employees not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) for overtime purposes.

2.27. Non-Exempt. An employee who is entitled to overtime benefits as outlined in federal and state law.

2.28. Factor. One of the thirteen (13) items used to evaluate jobs. The items are knowledge, experience, complexity and problem solving, freedom of action, breadth of responsibility, scope and effect, intrasystems contacts, external contacts, direct supervision exercised, indirect supervision exercised, working conditions, physical coordination, and physical demands.

2.29. Point factor methodology: The instrument used to assign weights to the factors. The total of the weights determines the pay grade to which a job title is assigned.

2.30. Job Family. A series of job titles in an occupational area or group.

22.3. Compensation; Pay Calculations

3.1. Base salary is calculated on a thirty-seven and one-half (37 1/2) hour work week.

3.2. When base salary increases are calculated and rounding is involved, the policy is to round up to the nearest even dollar amount.

3.3. Overtime pay for nonexempt employees is calculated at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular hourly rate, which is the total base salary, plus any incremental pay, divided by 1,950 hours. Overtime does not commence until forty (40) hours have actually been worked within one (1) workweek. Regular hourly pay, also known as "straight time," is paid for work time between thirty-seven and one-half (37 1/2) hours and forty (40) hours in a work week.

3.4. Only actual hours worked are included in calculating overtime. Pay which is received for holidays, annual leave, sick leave, or work release time, as authorized by Series 38 of the Higher Education Policy Commission rules, is not counted as working hours for purposes of overtime.

3.5. Annual leave, sick leave and longevity do not accumulate in any part of a month for which an employee is off the payroll on a leave without pay or during a terminal leave period. A terminal leave period is that time between the employee's last day of work and his/her last day on the payroll.

22.4. Compensatory and Holiday Premium Time Off

4.1. Compensatory time off shall be allowed only to the extent authorized by federal and state law.

4.2. When a full-time or part-time classified non-exempt employee is required to work on any designated board or institution holiday, that employee at his/her option shall receive regular pay for that holiday plus substitute time off or additional pay at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the number of hours actually worked. The time off must be used within a six-month period following the holiday.

4.3. When an exempt employee is required to work on any designated board or institution holiday, that employee shall be given substitute time off on an hour-for-hour worked basis.

22.5. Workweek

5.1. The workweek is a regularly recurring period of one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours in the form of seven (7) consecutive twenty-four (24) hour periods. It begins at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday and ends at 12 midnight the following Saturday. The president or the president's designee may establish a workweek different from this provided that record keeping requirements are met as set forth in relevant law. A work schedule of thirty-seven and one-half (37 1/2) hours will be established within a workweek.

22.6. Appointment

6.1. A classified employee appointment letter shall be completed for each classified employee at the time of initial employment.

22.7. Access to Personnel File

7.1. An employee may have access to his/her personnel file when the employing institution is normally open for business. An employee may examine his/her own file and the contents therein with the following exception:

7.1.1. Materials which were gathered with the employee's prior agreement to forfeit his/her right of access, such as some references.

7.2. A representative of the custodian of records shall be present with the employee during the review. The date, time and location of each review shall be recorded in the personnel file.

7.3. A copy of any material in the personnel file, except as noted above, shall be provided to an employee upon request. A small copy fee may be charged. Positive identification of the employee must be established prior to providing access to the personnel file. Documents may not be removed from a personnel file by the employee. An employee may petition at any time for either the removal or addition of documents to his/her own personnel file. The employer may require that employees schedule an appointment to see the personnel file.

22.8. Changes in Name, Address, Number of Dependents and Related Matters

8.1. It is the exclusive responsibility of each employee to notify all appropriate persons, agencies and parties when record changes occur, including emergency information. This must be done in writing and a copy of such notification will be placed in the employee's personnel file as a permanent record that he/she notified appropriate persons, agencies and parties.

22.9. Classification Review Request

9.1. When significant changes occur in the principal duties and responsibilities of a classified position, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to recommend through established procedures that the position be reviewed. Requests for position reviews also may be initiated by an employee after discussion with the immediate supervisor. Within thirty (30) days from the date of request for review of a job, the department of human resources shall report to the requestor, in writing, whether the reclassification has been denied or approved. The immediate supervisor must prepare a complete and accurate position description form of the duties of the position, but the description may be written by the employee at the supervisor's request. The responsibility for assigning tasks and duties to a position belongs to the supervisor. It is the supervisor's responsibility to document and submit the position description form for classification review when significant changes occur in the principal duties and responsibilities of a position. It is also the responsibility of a supervisor to ensure completion of required forms. The president or the president's designee may also initiate action to review positions. The president or the president's designee has authority on the campus to make classification determinations for institution-specific titles or the slotting of employees under existing systems-wide titles. The president may delegate authority to the human resource administrator for day to day management of the classification program. Management of the program requires adherence to written rules which ensure a uniform system of personnel classification. All classified positions shall be placed on the salary schedule enacted by the Legislature.

9.2. A position description form shall exist for every classified position. It shall be reviewed by the supervisor and/or the president or the president's designee on a formal basis at least every three years as part of the position audit procedures established by each institution. The date of each review shall be recorded on the description.

22.10. Entry Rates

10.1. The entry rate for any classified employee appointed after the effective date of this rule shall not be below the established minimum set out below for the pay grade assigned. The entry rate for any classified employee appointed on or after July 1, 2005 shall not be below the entry (zero) step set out in W.Va. Code §18B-9-3 for the pay grade assigned.

10.2. Classified staff minimum equity step and entry rates effective July 1, 1994

Pay Grade	Minimum Equity Step
1	10,092
2	10,392
3	10,716
4	11,040
5	11,376
6	11,736
7	12,396
8	13,116
9	13,884
10	14,712
11	15,612
12	16,596
13	17,640
14	18,780
15	20,004
16	21,348
17	22,800
18	24,372
19	26,088
20	27,948
21	29,964
22	32,172
23	34,584
24	37,212
25	40,080

22.11. Salary Increases for Classified Staff

11.1. Each year the President shall present to the Board a plan for the distribution of general salary increases to all classified employees. The general salary increase plan shall be developed only after funds become available. The plan shall exhibit a proportionate amount of dollars to be distributed in an equitable and unbiased manner to classified employees in order to reach full funding of the current salary schedule as pursuant to W.Va. Code §18B-9-4(b).

22.12. Merit Increases for Classified Staff

12.1. As funds become available, the President shall present to the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, for approval, a plan for the distribution of merit salary increases to classified employees as pursuant to W.Va. Code §18B-9-5(a). The merit salary increase plan shall be developed only after the funds become available. The plan shall exhibit a proportionate amount of dollars to be distributed to classified employees based upon reasonable performance standards as recorded on their performance evaluation.

22.13. Promotion

13.1 Promotions result from an employee moving from his/her current position to a vacant or newly created position assigned to a different job title and higher pay grade and which requires a significantly greater degree of skill, effort and responsibility than that of the employee's current position.

13.2. Upon promotion from a position in one pay grade to a different position in a higher pay grade, the employee will receive an increase of five percent (5%) per pay grade rounded to the next highest step in the new pay grade based upon the employee's base salary, or the entry rate of the new pay grade described in Section 10 of this rule, whichever is greater. However, under adverse recruiting conditions in which an institution experiences great difficulty in filling a position, an increase which brings the employee up to a point no greater than the maximum of the grade may be given. Promotional increases which exceed the standard formula must meet the same criteria which appears in the section on entry rates of this rule and must be approved in accordance with the process outlined in that section. The new base salary may not exceed the maximum of the new pay grade.

22.14. Upgrade

14.1. Upgrades result from the process of job evaluation where a determination is made that a significantly higher level of skill, effort, and responsibility exists in the employee's current position. A new pay grade value shall then be established based on the application of the job evaluation plan and the calculation of a revised total point value for the position. Upon determination of the pay grade, job descriptions shall be reviewed of other titles having the same pay grade and whose duties, responsibilities and requirements closely match the work of the position as it is now described. The position shall then be slotted into the classification whose grade is consistent with the point value calculated and whose duties and requirements most appropriately characterize the position. For unique and specialized positions where no current job title exists at the needed grade, the creation of a new title shall be established so that the position is properly classified and graded within the system. This work must be done by the human resource administrator or the human resource administrator's designee.

14.2. When an employee occupies a position at the time that a position upgrade is to be placed into effect, the method of calculating the employee's base salary increase is the same as that specified for a promotion. In the absence of funds to support an upgrade, work at the higher level shall not be performed.

22.15. Demotion

15.1. Demotions result from an employee moving from his/her current position to a vacant or newly created position assigned to a different job title and lower pay grade, and which requires a significantly lesser degree of skill, effort and responsibility than that of the employee's current position.

15.2. Upon demotion, the employee's base salary is decreased five percent (5%) per pay grade rounded to the nearest step in the new pay grade.

22.16. Downgrade

16.1. Downgrades result from the process of job evaluation where a determination is made that a significantly lower level of skill, effort and responsibility exists in the employee's current position. A new pay grade shall then be established based on the application of the job evaluation plan and the calculation of a revised total point value for the position. Upon determination of the pay grade, job descriptions shall be reviewed of the other titles having the same pay grade and whose duties, responsibilities and requirements closely match the work of the position as it is now described. The position shall then be slotted into the classification whose grade is consistent with the point value calculated and whose duties and requirements most appropriately characterize the position. For unique and specialized positions where no current titles exist at the needed grade, the creation of a new title shall be established so that the position can be properly classified and graded within the system. This work must be done by the human resource administrator or the human resource administrator's designee.

16.2. The method of calculating the employee's new base salary after a downgrade is the same as that specified for a demotion.

22.17. Transfer

17.1. No change of base salary as a function of a transfer may occur.

Approvals:

President

Date

Chair of the Board

Date