Proposal to Change Rules of the Senate

1. Submission date to Local Rules (Submit 2-3 weeks prior to date due to system’s office):

2. Submitting Institution or Committee-Team: Bluegrass Community and Technical College

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3. Type of Proposal: ☒ Addition ☐ Deletion ☐ Revision

4. Change Information

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Section: COLLEGE
Codification: 1.0
Subject: Admission for Degree, Diploma, and Certificate Credentials
Proposed Implementation Date: Spring 2009

5. Proposal To Revise Rule of the Senate:
   A. Edited version of existing Rule [strike through deletions, highlight (with yellow) additions]
      All applicants meeting the appropriate academic requirements and technical standards shall be considered equally for admission to a college or to any program regardless of race, color, religion, gender, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability.
      For admission to a college, an applicant must file a completed and signed application for admission and submit a completed entering student survey. Applicants may also be required to submit other supporting documents required under the provisions of Section IV. 1.1.
Every non-immigrant visa-holding applicant whose native language is other than English must present official evidence of writing and reading competency in the English language by means of a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) report with a minimum score of 500 on the paper-based test or 173 on the computer-based test; a Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) report with a minimum score of 73; successful completion of the advanced level of the University of Louisville Intensive English Language Program; successful completion of the advanced level of the Eastern Kentucky University Intensive English Language Program or the Kentucky State University Intensive English Language Program; successful completion of the fifth level of the University of Kentucky English as a Second Language Program; or a transcript from an accredited American college or university or from a foreign college or university in which the English language is the primary language of instruction showing a minimum grade of "B" in college English 101 and English 102 or the equivalent. Evidence of English competency by means of an assessment instrument must have been obtained within the previous eighteen (18) months prior to the first day of classes of the semester for which the applicant is applying. Non-immigrant visa-holding applicants must also submit the results of the ACT, ASSET, or COMPASS assessment instrument in accordance with the KCTCS assessment and placement policy. Non-immigrant visa-holding applicants with a TOEFL score greater than 400 (paper based) or 97 (computer-based) or an IELTS of 3.7 may be admitted to a college with an ESL program.

B. Rule as it will appear when revision is approved

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C. Rationale for the proposed revision of the Rules

The proposed change would allow any KCTCS college with an ESL program to admit international students who could benefit from that program. Currently international students (non-immigrant visa holding) do not come to KCTCS colleges for ESL classes because the Senate admissions rules do not allow them to be admitted unless they have a TOEFL score of 500 paper based or 173 computer based. If they have a TOEFL score of 500 they are not required to register for ESL classes unless placed in them by COMPASS testing. KCTCS colleges could expand current ESL programs, and thus augment the levels of ESL instruction available to all students, if the colleges could admit international students to enroll in ESL classes. This action would contribute to an increase in the numbers of international students on campus and increased internationalization of our student body. The cultural diversity that these students bring to our campus is invaluable. Most community colleges that are SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information Service of the US Government) approved and have an international student program also have ESL programs, and admit international students to ESL classes. Students enrolled in ESL programs will be required to meet the KCTCS mandatory placement policies before enrolling in college-level courses, so on completion of the ESL classes, students may then enroll in degree, certificate or diploma programs.
There is a demand for expansion of ESL programs at community and technical colleges. BCTC's listing with StudyUSA an international student recruitment agency, indicates 579 hits in the past 6 months of which 50% are for students interested in entering the college to take ESL classes. We cannot admit these students because KCTCS admissions rules requires a TOEFL of 500, and so we are proposing this change to allow KCTCS colleges that have an ESL program to better serve the international student population.

6. Complete and submit a signature page for every proposal.