

TITLE: New Academic Program Approved at KCTCS

DESCRIPTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received a report of the one AAS program proposal from a KCTCS institution since March 2023, in accordance with the program approval process.

PRESENTERS: Karyn Hoover, Chair of the ASI Committee

COMMITTEE'S REVIEW

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received this information report at their June 6, 2023, meeting. It will not be covered or presented in detail at the June 9 board meeting; however, staff will be available for questions.

This item does not require Council approval.

APPROVED PROGRAM AT KCTCS

Council staff have reviewed and approved the following. No further action is needed.

Jefferson Community and Technical College

- AAS, Computerized Manufacturing & Machining (CIP 48.0503) – The program prepares students for a career in machine tool technology, with emphasis on applying knowledge of machine capabilities, the properties of materials, and machine shop practices

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council to define and approve the offering of all technical, certificate, diploma, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree at public postsecondary institutions. It also mandates that the Council expedite the approval of requests from KCTCS for new programs of a vocational-technical and occupational nature.

PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS FOR KCTCS INSTITUTIONS

Associate Degree Programs of a Vocational-Technical-Occupational Nature (i.e. AAS) undergo the following process for approval:

- KCTCS posts a proposal to the program approval system. Institutions and Council staff have 30 days to respond.
- If no issues are identified, the program is approved by Council staff and reported as an information item to the Council.
- If issues are identified, the institution addresses those through the program approval system, and the review period is extended. Once the issues are resolved, the program is approved by Council staff and reported as an information item at the next Council meeting.