

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

April 13, 2022

TOPIC: Board Policy (BP) 16-70, Animals on Campus

PRESENTED BY: Angela Gramse, General Counsel

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Transform the student experience; Transform our own workforce experience; Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships; Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

EXPLANATION:

Federal and state laws establish requirements for the allowance of service animals and emotional support animals in public facilities and housing, including college campuses and student housing. Currently, the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) has a System Procedure related to the use of service animals and emotional support animals by students in Series 4-Students. These procedures have not addressed the use of service and emotional support animals by employees or other visitors, nor have they addressed the presence of pets on campus.

CCCS is recommending to the State Board the adoption of a new BP 16-70, which will establish a policy applicable to all animals on campus, including service animals and emotional support animals. The policy states that CCCS supports the use of service animals and emotional support animals by eligible individuals, and the presence of animals on campus will conform to applicable laws.

The attached BP 16-70 reflects the new policy language described above.

RECOMMENDATION:

CCCS Staff recommends the Board approve the new BP 16-70.

ATTACHMENT(S):
BP 16-70 Final