

# **AGC Decision Form**

## **8.28 Mandatory Student Orientation**

### **Decision**

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the ACG membership voted to endorse the 8.28 policy with the following changes:

- Remove GPA requirement to participate in online orientation
  - Allowing students to partake in orientation format that best suits their needs
  - Convenient for students with other responsibilities
  - More accessible option (e.g. long distance students, flexible, at own pace)
  - Anxiety for face to face sessions
  - Reconnect Scholarship
  
- All students new to GRCC who are seeking a degree or certificate are required to attend a mandatory New Student (Orientation) Academic and Financial Advising session prior to enrollment in courses. Excluded from this policy are guest, personal interest, dual enrollment, early college, and students who transfer in 12 credits taken at another college. Students can select the orientation format that best fits their needs.

### **Sponsor/Champion of Proposed Policy**

- Erin Buscher, Advising, Co-Presenter
- Fred Zomer, Advising
- Jennifer Batten, Physical Sciences
- Jose Mora, Orientation, Co-Presenter
- Lori Cook, Admissions and Enrollment
- Sherry Sokolowski, Orientation

### **Rationale**

Policy was approved by AGC in April 2013; Effective for Fall 2016 start. There has been overwhelming support for policy changes. GRCC needed to follow the trends and make sure our policy was equitable.

## **Supporting Data**

Policy was proposed based on data collected from the following sources:

- CCSSE
- SENSE
- External Benchmarking

Mandatory Orientation is common practice at nearly all community colleges and universities (Koch and Gardner 2014), "comprehensive orientation... establishes the skills necessary for success, and promotes self-efficacy/autonomy" (Robichaud, 2016)

Mandatory Orientation supports student success and readiness. It helps set college student expectations.

## **Implications for Action**

Nothing related to the AGC Decision. There were a number of suggestions that fell into the implementation. Those were all acknowledged and will be taken into consideration.

## **Date of Decision by AGC**

Date: March 15, 2022

Vote: 95% approved, 0% not approved, 5% abstained

Policy approved.

## **Section to be Completed by the Provost**

### **Evaluation Plan**

Continue to review the orientation process to be sure students are able to easily access GRCC and that orientation is providing an added value rather than an enrollment obstacle.

Next scheduled review of policy: 2045-2025 Year

### **Response from Provost**

Approved for immediate implementation.



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Brian Knetl, Provost

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Date