



Faculty Council of Community Colleges Resolution: GOV1-24/25
Resolution to Provide Definitions and Term Limits for Temporary
Executive Level Vacancies in Community Colleges
Passed Unanimously on October 19, 2024

WHEREAS the State University of New York (SUNY) Community College Presidential Search Guidelines, updated June 2023, establishes the process for appointing temporary presidential leadership at a community college campus (p.8); and

WHEREAS the titles for temporary presidential leadership, *Administrator in Charge, Interim, Acting, and Officer in Charge* are used throughout the Presidential Search Guidelines, but not defined; and

WHEREAS the expectations and limitations for the authority assigned to the titles *Administrator in Charge, Interim, Acting, and Officer in Charge* are not clearly delineated in the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS the length of tenure associated with the titles *Administrator in Charge, Interim, Acting, and Officer in Charge* are also not defined in the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) requires that an “institution is governed and administered in a manner that allows it to realize its stated mission and goals in a way that effectively benefits the institution, its students, and the other constituencies it serves;” and

WHEREAS MSCHE defines a Chief Executive Officer as someone who “has the authority and autonomy required to fulfill the responsibilities of the position, including developing and implementing institutional plans, staffing the organization, identifying and allocating resources, and directing the institution toward attaining the goals and objectives set forth in its mission;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) calls upon the SUNY Board of Trustees to create clear definitions for *Administrator in Charge, Interim, Acting, and Officer in Charge* for temporary executive level vacancies in Community Colleges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNY Board of Trustees establish a concrete term of service for each of these temporary presidential positions and further establish their renewability and term limits therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCCC calls upon the SUNY Board of Trustees to enforce the policies regarding *Administrator in Charge, Interim, Acting, and Officer in Charge*, including terms of service and the ability or inability for individuals holding these titles to apply for the permanent presidential position.