

The Office of the President

Bluefield State University

Bluefield, West Virginia

RESCINDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23 - 004

REORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC UNITS

In order to provide for the most effective and efficient operation of the academic units of Bluefield State University, it is necessary to reorganize the current structure of these academic units along functional operations. For the purposes of this order:

- (1) "College" shall mean an academic unit that embraces a broad field of study and includes more than one discipline or program.
- (2) "Dean" shall mean the chief administrator of a college.
- (3) "Director" or "Associate Dean" shall mean the chief administrator of a school or program.
- (4) "Discipline" shall mean a specific academic field of study that leads to a broader degree as opposed to a specific vocation.
- (5) "Functional operations" shall mean the purposes assigned to each academic unit.
- (6) "Program" shall mean an academic unit focused on an applied field of study that would lead to a specific degree and vocation.
- (7) "School" shall mean the academic unit in which there is contained a specific discipline or program.

There shall be established the following five colleges and two separate schools.

- (1) College of Engineering Technology. The purpose of this college is to train students to become engineers. It shall include the schools of civil engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineering technology and engineering management. This college shall include the computer science program.
- (2) College of Health Sciences. The purpose of this college is to train health care professionals. It shall include the schools of nursing, radiologic technology, imaging science, and respiratory therapy. This college shall include the allied health education program.

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- (3) W. Paul Cole, Jr. College of Business. The purpose of this college is to train students to become business professionals. It shall contain the following: undergraduate programs in business administration and health services management; a master's program in business administration; and an undergraduate program in leadership (to be developed).
- (4) College of Arts and Sciences. This college has four purposes: (a) provide the general education requirements for students as set forth in the University's Academic Objectives Policy; (b) provide the foundational courses necessary to prepare students to enter the other colleges of the university; (c) provide the preparatory courses necessary to make students "college ready"; and (d) serve as the academic vehicle to instill within our students the cognitive and "soft" skills that will enable our students to become lifetime learners and excel in their chosen fields of study. "Cognitive skills" shall include, but not be limited to, critical thinking and problem solving. "Soft skills" shall include, but not be limited to, the ability to work as a team and communicate effectively. This college shall include the programs of applied science, social science, humanities, and international studies.
- (5) School of Education. The purpose of this school is to train students to become professional teachers. It shall include pre-elementary, elementary, pre-early/middle education and alternative teacher education programs. The program director will report directly to the provost.
- (6) School of Criminal Justice. The purpose of this school is to train students to become professionals in both the state and federal judicial systems. This school shall include the criminal justice administration program. The program director will report directly to the provost.
- (7) The University College (to be developed). The purpose of this college is to create and offer nontraditional applied academic programs, that may consist of career education programs, customized training, and community engagement programs.

The effective date of this reorganization is the 1st day of August 2023.

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Entered this 2nd day of August 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robin Capehart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin C. Capehart

President

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