# EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## POLICY NO. BP-7.10

TITLE: GIFTS RECEIVED

#### SECTION 1. GENERAL

1.1	Scope -	This policy sets forth requirements for recording and accounting treatment of gifts, including noncash gifts received directly by Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College (EWVC&TC) that complies with federal, state and Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College reporting requirements.
1.2	Authority -	Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 35
1.3	Effective Date -	June 22, 2005

#### SECTION 2 STATEMENT

Policy to establish requirements for recording and accounting treatments of gifts, including noncash gifts, received directly by EWVC&TC.

The EWVC&TC Foundation (the "Foundation") exists for the purpose of securing and administering private gift funds to support College programs. Donors should be encouraged to direct all gifts to the Foundation. Occasionally gifts may be sent directly to a specific EWVC&TC unit; an outside entity, such as the Foundation, may reimburse expenses incurred by EWVC&TC units; or the outside entity may disburse funds on behalf of EWVC&TC resulting in an economic benefit to the College. Such transactions should be recorded as gifts on EWVC&TC's books. Transactions that constitute gifts may be categorized as follows –

### 1. Equipment Purchased for EWVC&TC Units

The Foundation purchases equipment for EWVC&TC units out of private funds contributed to the Foundation. The Foundation provides a period listing of such purchases to the Business Office. The purchased equipment is capitalized on EWVC&TC's books in accordance with EWVC&TC's capitalization policy and is also reported as Donated Equipment Revenue.

## 2. Gifts-In-Kind (Donated Assets)

Gifts-in-kind are gifts of physical property intended for use by the institution in its educational or research programs. Examples of gifts-in-kind include artworks, books, equipment, antiques, coin collections, historical documents and furnishings. Such gifts are made directly to the Foundation for the use and benefit of EWVC&TC. The Foundation transfers such gifts-in-kind to the college that are then tagged and recorded as part of the College's inventory in accordance with EWVC&TC's capitalization policy. The Foundation provides a comprehensive list and related documentation for such gifts-in-kind to EWVC&TC. Gifts-in-kind are recorded on EWVC&TC's books at their fair market value, usually estimated by the donors. Fair market value is defined as the amount that a willing purchaser would pay in the normal market. Gifts-in-kind are capitalized on EWVC&TC's books in accordance with EWVC&TC's capitalization policy and are also reported as Donated Equipment Revenue.

#### 3. Third Party Reimbursement of Expenses Charged to a College Account

If an asset, as defined under EWVC&TC's capitalization policy, is purchased, constructed or capital improvements are made by a EWVC&TC unit and an outside party reimburses all or some portion of the purchase price/construction or improvement costs, an asset should be recorded on EWVC&TC's books at the full cost or fair market value and contribution revenue should be recorded for the full value received from the outside party.

The Foundation reimburses EWVC&TC for certain expenses initially paid by the College. Such reimbursement occurs through the use of Foundation billing accounts. When expenditure is incurred, it is recorded as an expense on EWVC&TC's books. When reimbursement is received from the Foundation, it is recorded as contribution revenue.

It should be noted that a gift should not be recorded as a credit to expense (expenditure reduction). This understates both the amount of the actual expense and the amount of total gifts to the College.

The exception to this rule is the occasion when the College incurs certain expenses on behalf of the Foundation (the College purchases materials that the Foundation will utilize for its operations and the Foundation reimburses the College for the purchases). In this case the reimbursement is recorded as a credit to expense (expenditure reduction).

### 4. Invoices Paid By An Outside Party on Behalf of EWVC&TC

If an asset, as defined under EWVC&TC's capitalization policy, is purchased or capital improvements are made by a EWVC&TC unit and an outside agency pays the vendor on behalf of the College, an asset and contribution revenue should be recorded on EWVC&TC's books.

## 5. Monetary Gifts

Gifts received in the form of cash, checks or credit cards are considered cash gifts and should be deposited in accordance with EWVC&TC's cash handling procedure. Such cash gifts are recorded as contribution revenue on EWVC&TC's books

# SECTION 3 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The responsibility for implementation and interpretation of this policy is delegated to the Chief Financial Officer. The specific EWVC&TC unit receiving the gift should ensure that all related documentation is forwarded to the Business Office for determination of appropriate accounting treatment.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CHAIR** 

June 22, 2005 DATE