ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES, SECTION VI.A – NOTICE AND COMMENT

The Board of Trustees revised Section VI.A of the Lone Star College District Policy Manual on March 3, 2016. The notice and comment period for the policy was open to the public from December 7, 2015, through February 24, 2016. The Admissions procedures were last updated on May 23, 2016. The notice and comment period for the procedures was open to the public from April 8, 2016, through May 8, 2016. The policy and procedures were posted for public comment at http://www.lonestar.edu/proposed-policies.htm. Commenters could anonymously submit comments to LSC-PolicyFeedback@lonestar.edu and LSC-ProcedureFeedback@lonestar.edu. We received a total of two comments.

Comment 1: Commenters recommended that the procedures clearly state that an academic fresh start must be requested before enrollment as required by the Texas Education Code.

Response 1: Section 51.931 of the Texas Education Code provides that an applicant to the College must choose whether to request an academic fresh start as part of the application process. The final procedures indeed clarify that an academic fresh start must be requested before enrollment as part of the application process (see Page 1, Section 2 of the final Admissions Procedures).

Comment 2: Commenters recommended that the steps referenced in the admissions procedures reflect the steps listed on the admissions website.

Response 2: We agree that steps found in these procedures should match steps found elsewhere. The Office of the General Counsel will work with the appropriate departments to ensure consistency throughout all published guidance. Nevertheless, those appropriate departments retain the discretion to clarify further, present more information, or otherwise supplement these procedures so long as such expansions do not contradict Board Policy or the Chancellor’s Procedures.