

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	HUMAN RESOURCES/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NON-RENEWAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS AND RESIGNATIONS	Policy 4.03.07
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I. DEFINITIONS

1. *Non-renewal* means the decision not to offer a new contract at the end of the current contract period.
2. *Impermissible Grounds* means the use of the employee's race, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability status, military status, protected First Amendment rights or any other protected class as prohibited by law.

II. NON-RENEWAL PROCESS

The President or designee will notify, via hand-delivery, certified mail and/or campus email, any employee who will not be offered a new employment contract. The College may non-renew the employee's contract for any reason that is not based on Impermissible Grounds. An exception to this notification requirement occurs when a program is discontinued or a reduction in a program is necessary or when there is inadequate funding in state or local budgets. See Policy 4.03.08 – Reduction in Force - Involuntary Leave without Pay.

The failure of the College to provide notice of non-renewal prior to the expiration of any contract does not entitle the employee to a new contract. The employee has the right to appeal the President's decision to the Board of Trustees as outlined in Policy 4.03.04 – Right of Appeal provided, however, that the Board of Trustees will only consider an employee's appeal if the employee is alleging that the non-renewal is based on Impermissible Grounds.

If an employee continues working beyond the term of any contract and the College and employee have not entered into a new or extended contract, the employee shall become an at-will employee and the College or employee may terminate the employment relationship at any time subject to any state or federal laws.

III. RESIGNATIONS

Any employee who does not wish to be nominated for re-employment should notify the appropriate Vice President in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current contract. Resignation during the term of the contract without full agreement upon and settlement of all claims, in writing, existing between the College and the resigning employee shall require payment of liquidated damages to the College as specified in the employment contract.

Cross Reference: 4.03.04 – Right of Appeal
4.03.08 – Reduction in Force / Involuntary Leave without Pay

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