# **POLICY Board of Trustees - Montgomery College**

35004

Chapter: Human Resources Modification No. <u>003</u>

Subject: Wellness Activities Programs

In recognition of the benefits of wellness activities, the Board authorizes the President to provide up to one and one-half hours per week for eligible staff to participate in wellness activities, such as nutrition and stress management workshops, exercise activities, blood pressure monitoring and reduction, and smoking cessation; such released time is to be matched with at least equal hours of the employee's own time for such activities.

- II. Eligible employees, for purposes of such wellness activities, will be regular College personnel who work at least 20 hours per week or temporary employees with benefits.
- III. All other employees are eligible to participate in College sponsored wellness activities when utilizing the employees' own time for such activities.
- IV. Retirees are eligible to participate in College sponsored wellness activities.
- V. Spouses and domestic partners of employees or retirees are eligible to participate in College sponsored wellness activities.
- VI. The President is authorized to establish procedures to implement this policy.

Board Approval: June 20, 1988; May 18, 2009; June 20, 2011.

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### I. Purpose

To provide time (one and one-half hours per week) for eligible staff to participate in College-sponsored wellness activities.

# II. Scope

All regular staff, and temporary staff with benefits who work 20-hours a week during the semester in which they are participating in the program are eligible.

### III. Rationale

Recognizing that there are benefits to the College resulting from healthy and productive staff, College-sponsored wellness activities are offered to assist staff in practicing wellness activities on a regular basis. Activity time up to one and one-half hours per week for each eligible employee, which will be matched by one and one-half hours per week of employee time, is provided.

# IV. Administration and Implementation

- A. College-sponsored wellness activities will be administered by the individual campuses.
- B. Details of wellness activities available through the campuses will be made available to all staff.
- C. Requests to participate will be addressed to the administrative official of the unit through the immediate supervisor. A "Staff Request for Wellness Activities" form is available at the campuses' Physical Education Office.
- D. Supervisors are expected to inform employees about the program and encourage participation as appropriate.
- E. The program and procedures will be evaluated at the end of the first full year of operation based on the following criteria:
  - 1. Improvement in productivity potential.
  - 2. Improvement in morale potential.
  - 3. Potential for reducing health care costs to the College and the individual.
  - 4. Cost/benefit ratio of the program as a whole.

Administrative Approval: July 1, 1994.