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SUBJECT: HIRING POLICY

Title: Recruiting/Hiring Policy

Background The purpose of this policy is to describe Lewis-Clark State College's (LC State's) hiring policy.

Point of Contact: Human Resource Services

Other LC State offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy: President's Office, Academic Affairs, Administrative Services, Student Affairs

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Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy: Hyperlinks updated/added. Added hyperlink to the new hire checklist. Updated the initial policy statement to be consistent with our Statement of Nondiscrimination.

Policy Statement

Lewis-Clark State College (LC State) is committed to providing equal employment opportunities and prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion political affiliation or belief, sex, national origin, genetics, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state, or local laws.

Note: All vacant positions must be approved by the president before the search process may begin.

CAUTION: Prior to making an offer to a potential employee, 1) consult with Human Resource Services (HRS) and 2) obtain approval through the supervisory chain up to the applicable VP and/or president for Direct Reporting Units (DRUs).

1. Classified Positions (for Exempt and Faculty positions, see 3.A.)

- A. All classified staff shall be hired in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Consolidated Statutes of the [Idaho State Personnel Commission](https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/15/150401.pdf) (<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/15/150401.pdf>)
- B. If this is a new position, complete a [New Position Approval Form](#) and a [Position Description Questionnaire \(PDQ\)](#) and submit up the supervisory chain to the applicable vice president (or president for DRUs). After approval by the vice president and/or president, the PDQ will be submitted to the Idaho Division of Human Resources (DHR) and must be approved by DHR before a search can take place. HRS will notify the supervisor when the PDQ is approved by DHR.
- C. Hiring Process (Classified Staff)

LC State encourages professional development of its employees, facilitating internal hires when practical. Please refer to the Hiring Process website:

<https://www.lcsc.edu/hr/employeeresources/new-employees/search-committee-resources>

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- i. **Internal Hire:** In most instances, an internal job advertisement will be posted on the HRS web site <https://www.lcsc.edu/hr/employment-opportunities> and the Intranet for at least one week. HRS will send a campus email to all LC State classified staff members to notify them of the open position. This provides an opportunity for internal candidates who wish to move to another job with the same position classification to apply (e.g., Administrative Assistant 1 to another Administrative Assistant 1). If an existing LC State classified staff member wants to transfer to another position classification (i.e., promotion with different pay grade), OR change to another position classification (i.e., lateral move with same pay grade), that classified staff member is required to apply for placement on the state register for that particular position classification (see (2) below).
 - a) **Lateral Transfer:** When an employee applies and is selected to another position in the same pay grade, a salary increase may be approved by the responsible authority. Classified employees must retain their current salary if they are not given an increase. Any deviation from this policy must include exceptional circumstances and be approved by the appropriate vice president (or president for DRUs).
 - b) **Promotion:** To take into account experience, compression and market factors, when a classified employee applies and is selected to a position in a higher pay grade, LC State's goal is for the employee to be hired at 80% of the median of the new pay grade or 10% above their current hourly rate, whichever is greater. Note: Employees may not be paid at a rate greater than the maximum rate of the pay grade assigned to the classification. Supervisors must consider and compare the hourly rates of other employees in the same pay grade. Contact Human Resource Services for the current average of hourly wages for that specific pay grade before making recommendations on new hourly pay rates.
- ii. **External Hire:** Once a classified position is posted on the DHR web site, all individuals interested in the position must qualify for the position. All candidates must apply through the DHR system. Directions for the application process can be found on
- iii. <https://statecareers.idaho.gov/>. Once the exam process is complete and scored, the individual will be placed on the state register. Applicants are placed on the Hiring List in score order. HRS will request a Hiring List from DHR and forward it electronically to the Search Committee Chair. Idaho law requires agencies to make a hire from the top 25 scores on the hiring list.
- iv. A criminal background check **must** be completed on the successful classified staff candidate before a job offer is made. Please contact HRS to have the background check form emailed to the candidate.

2. Temporary/Irregular Help (IH) Positions

- A. Advertising and formal searches are not necessary for temporary appointments.
- B. Irregular Help may be hired at the department's discretion. Per state policy, an irregular help employee may not work more than 1,385 hours in any 12-month period (this equates to 8 months at 40 hours per week). Department heads who wish to employ an irregular help employee more than 19 hours per week for 5 months or more must create a new position and hire accordingly.
- C. Temporary appointments for faculty may be made for no more than one academic year.

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3. Faculty, Exempt/Professional Staff Positions

Recruitment and hiring for regular appointments must be done in accordance with LC State Equal Employment guidelines below. Please refer to the [LC State Hiring Process](#) website. Please refer to the [Hiring Process website](#): (<http://www.lcsc.edu/hr/hiring-process/>)

4. Equal Employment Hiring Guidelines

- A. If this is a new position, the [New Position Approval Form](#) must be completed and all signatures obtained before a search begins.
- B. The hiring manager, in conjunction with the appropriate vice president or president (for DRUs), must complete the [Employment Recruitment Packet](#) to initiate a search. The [Employment Recruitment Packet](#) must be completed and signed by the appropriate dean, VP, and/or president and the Human Resources Director before a search begins.
- C. In certain instances, the search process may be waived. If you wish to waive the process, please submit your justification along with the [Recruitment Waiver Request](#). This step is required and must be approved by the dean, vice president and/or president for DRUs.
- D. Search Procedures: The hiring department will obtain directions from HRS and the applicable vice president (or president for DRUs) to establish a plan for the search process and will follow the [Hiring Process Checklist](#)

The hiring manager shall select the search chair and appoint a search committee (with the help of the appropriate vice president and/or president) and submit the [Employment Recruitment Packet](#) to the appropriate dean, vice president and/or president, and Human Resources Director.

- i. Place the approved advertisement for the position (recommend at least 2 weeks) in journals, newspapers, HigherEdJobs.com, and/or The Chronicle of Higher Education (depending on position type and recruitment budget.) NOTE: *LC State is committed to engaging in proactive position recruitment – inclusive of targeted advertisement placements, to encourage a qualified applicant pool.*

All advertisements must contain the clause LC State is an EEO/VETS Employer.
 - ii. The search strategy should include substantial efforts to actively seek applicants from groups underrepresented in the unit workforce.
 - iii. All applications shall be reviewed to ensure minimum qualifications, as stated in the recruiting materials, have been met. . A notation will be made on the Applicant Tracking System (ATS) that the application has been “Reviewed by HR.” Once the search chair sets up interviews, he or she must make this notation on the ATS. Collection of data during the search process is used to monitor equal opportunity employment. This information will not be used in any decision relating to the hiring of a candidate.
- E. Searches (Internal or External) will be carried out in accordance with the Employment Recruitment Packet approved by the appropriate Vice President / President (for DRUs). The following describes a typical sequence of events as outlined in the [Hiring Process Checklist](#):
- i. The search committee shall review and rate the applications based on objective, job related criteria. They may choose to conduct phone-screening interviews at this time.

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- ii. The search committee shall recommend a final applicant pool. The appropriate Dean, Vice President (or President for DRUs) must approve this pool before candidates may be invited to interview.
- iii. Reference checks should be made on all final candidates. Questions not permissible under equal employment guidelines shall be excluded. A representative from HRS shall meet with the search chair and/or search committee on legal and illegal interview questions, reference checking and general information to ensure all searches are in compliance with the guidelines
- iv. Final candidates shall be invited for personal interviews. In some situations, interviews may be conducted by other means, such as telephone interviews, video conferencing, etc. The search committee may have input into the selection; however, the final hiring decision is that of the applicable vice president, president or their designees.
- v. A criminal background check **must** be completed on the successful candidate before a job offer can be finalized. Please contact HRS to have the background check form emailed to the candidate.
- vi. The search chair shall submit the [Report of Hire form](#) to the Human Resources Office, and must notify all candidates who were interviewed of the search outcome.
- vii. All search materials shall be retained by Human Resource Services for one year after the search has been completed.

5. Internal Search/Promotion

- A. Position searches may be conducted internally. Only current LC State employees are eligible to apply for these positions.
- B. With the exception of advertising, the hiring process is the same as that for an external search. Advertising for an internal search will typically consist of posting on HRS' webpage <https://www.lcsc.edu/hr/employment-opportunities> Intranet and on the Open Positions flyer outside the HRS Office for a minimum of one week.

6. Compensation

LC State takes into account employee experience and market forces in determining the appropriate salary range for a position. Before making an employment offer, HRS must be consulted as well as the appropriate supervisory chain up through the appropriate vice president and/or president (for DRUs) to determine the appropriate salary for the position.

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View the statewide compensation policy at <https://dhr.idaho.gov/state-employee-compensation/> .

7. Recruitment Expenses

- A. The recruitment cost center can be used for some expenses incurred in the recruitment of faculty and professional staff. It is not to be used for grant funded positions or classified staff. Authorization for the use of recruitment expenses are to be approved as follows:
 - i. Academic Affairs recruitment expenses must be approved by the provost/vice president for

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- Academic Affairs; ii. Student Affairs recruitment expenses must be approved by the vice president for Student Affairs and
- iii. Administrative Services and Direct Reporting Unit recruitment expenses must be approved by the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

8. Moving Expenses

Per Policy 4.110, <http://www.lcsc.edu/media/5960455/4110-moving-expense-reimbursements.pdf>, a new employee may be eligible for moving expenses.