Title: Academic Amnesty

A. Policy. Each LCTCS institution may have a policy for students who, after dropping out or being suspended because of academic deficiencies, have demonstrated sufficient maturation to be afforded an opportunity to begin college study again. The following criteria shall guide the process for granting of Academic Amnesty:

1. No less than two years must elapse between the end of the semester in which the student was last registered for credit at any college or university and being enrolled under academic amnesty.
2. The student must submit an application for academic amnesty to the desired institution in accord with deadlines established by that institution. The application shall include evidence that conditions have changed and that there is reasonable expectation of satisfactory performance.
3. The institution shall have a procedure to evaluate the merits of each application and approve only those that convincingly demonstrate potential for success. Applying does not ensure approval.
4. No prior academic credit carries forward as part of a degree program. However, the prior record remains a part of the students overall academic record.
5. If granted, the date of academic amnesty is entered upon the transcript along with a statement prohibiting use of previously earned credits and quality points to (a) meet degree requirements, (b) compute the GPA leading toward undergraduate certificates or degrees, (c) or determine graduation status.
6. Upon being granted academic amnesty, the student has the status of an entering freshman.
7. A student demonstrating competence in a given area may be allowed advanced standing (without credit) or a waiver of requirements just as any entering freshman. Credit examinations may be taken for courses in which grades of “C” or higher were earned.
8. Amnesty granted at/by a LCTCS institution shall be accepted systemwide. A non-LCTCS institution may choose to accept or not accept, in transfer, academic amnesty granted by another institution. Students are encouraged to investigate academic amnesty policy if they plan to transfer to another institution.
9. Academic amnesty may be granted to a person only once, regardless of the institutions
attended.

10. Students are cautioned that many transfer institutions may compute the undergraduate GPA on all hours attempted when considering application for admission.

11. Students have the right to appeal.

B. **System Approval.** Each institution will submit its proposed academic amnesty policy to the LCTCS staff office for approval.