Nashville State Technical Community College Section 1: The Principle of Integrity

Nashville State Technical Community College certifies that the college is committed to the principle of integrity in all its dealings, both internal and external, including its relationship to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The commitment to integrity permeates all aspects of the college, including the following:

The college makes reasonable and responsible decisions about the dissemination of information and makes information available to all eligible and/or interested constituencies. Negative information is not withheld, but is voluntarily made available as appropriate to maintain the integrity of the college and to improve the work of the college. The Public Disclosure laws of the state of Tennessee provide that almost all college information must be accessible to the public, and the college adheres to this law.

The college provides accurate information to the public about all aspects of college business. Inaccurate information is never knowingly disseminated, either on campus or off campus.

The college provides timely information to the Commission on Colleges. In summer 2006, the college became aware that substantive changes had been under-reported. The college immediately contacted the Commission and has now addressed these problems. They will not recur. Details about the correction of this problem, including correspondence between the Commission and the college, are included in the Compliance Audit materials.

The college has spent the past two years conducting a thorough and candid self-assessment of compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation* in preparation for reaffirmation of accreditation. The attached documents reflect that process and accurately represent the current status and practices of Nashville State Technical Community College.

Integrity is a value that is basic to all college actions, decisions, and programs, including its relationship with the Commission.