1.0 Class Size Guidelines

1.1 Minimum class size guidelines as defined in this section shall apply to all lecture, seminar and laboratory classes.

1.2 Independent study, research, and classes by arrangement are exempted from such guidelines.

2.0 Optimum Class Size

2.1 Each College of the Los Rios Community College District shall determine the optimum class size for each course or subject area based on effectiveness of instruction and efficiency of operation.

2.2 Any class in which the enrollment falls below 60% of optimum class size during registration or the first week of instruction shall be reviewed by the Vice President of Instruction and area dean to determine if it should be continued.

3.0 Exceptions

3.1 A class that meets any of the following conditions may be continued: a) courses required for graduation; b) courses required in a major or in career subject areas; c) courses offered irregularly based on enrollment and need; and d) combined courses meeting at the same hour with the same instructor.

3.2 Exceptions to minimum class size guidelines may also be based upon the following: a) limited classroom or laboratory facilities; b) campus size and geographical location; c) experimental or pilot programs; and d) statutory and State regulations mandating class size.

4.0 Cancellation of Course

4.1 Courses that fail to meet one of the preceding exceptions may be canceled.