TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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POLICY TITLE: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

LEGAL AUTHORITY: STATE ETHICS ACT; U.S. COPYRIGHT ACT, 1976

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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