



## ***Office of Institutional Effectiveness***

### **Memorandum to File**

RE: LTC Substantive Change Request Determination

FROM: LTC Institutional Effectiveness Office

***Request Details (to be completed by Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development):***

Date of Request: May 15, 2024  
Description of Change: New program  
Award and Major Code: Automation & Robotics Technology II TCC (AU31)  
Location: Hall  
Program Director: Chad Faircloth

Division and Program Group	Advanced Technology; Mechatronics Technology
Campus/Site Address of Change if New Site:	NA
Change Type:	New program
Expected Implementation Term:	Spring 2024
Leadership Team Approval Date:	November 20, 2023
State Board Approval Date:	November 21, 2023
Crosswalk Completed (Yes or NA)	Yes

***Rationale for Internal Decision:***

*New Programs:* SACSCOC policy dictates that a new program created from existing approved courses (i.e. a “repackaging”) where there is less than 25% new content is not considered a substantive change.

*Program Length:* Changes to curricula where "program credit hours (or an equivalent or comparable measure of progress such as clock hours or demonstrated competencies) increase or decrease by 25% or more" AND "students' expected time to completion increases or decreases by more than one term or its equivalent or comparable measure" is not considered a substantive change.

*Program Closures:* The SACSCOC *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* states: “Program closure is not required for a specialization embedded within a discipline-specific program.” This applies to TCCs within a program group with a degree or diploma: terminating one or more TCCs but keeping the program group open is not considered a substantive change.

Substantive change requests and decisions are archived in the College’s [Substantive Change Log](#).

**IE Analysis of Significant Departure and Decision:**

All courses in the new program, Automation & Robotics Technology II TCC (AU31), are embedded in Lanier Technical College’s current Mechatronics Technology AAS degree program. As there is no new content, this is not a substantive change.

Signature of Official: *Joanne Tolleson*

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