College programs of technical education should be an integral part of the communities in their service areas and must reflect the day-to-day occupational life of these communities. A close cooperation between the College and those in the work force of the service area is essential. An effective and formal way of providing for cooperation between the College and workforce is the lay advisory committee.

Technical education, through a close cooperation with the community, prepares students to enter the labor force and supplies the means for upgrading their skills. Therefore, a part of the College program evaluation must be the involvement of persons engaged in the various occupational fields to be certain that its instruction is relevant. In accordance with South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education policy, the establishment of active curriculum advisory committees is an efficient and logical way of providing this evaluation.