

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Governance and Administration

POLICY
NAME: Board of Trustees Authority

POLICY
NUMBER: 2000

A. PURPOSE

To define the standing committees of the Board of Trustees for the Nebraska State Colleges and allow for the creation of special committees by the Board.

B. DEFINITIONS

None

C. POLICY

1. Powers of the Board of Trustees

The Board is a body corporate created by the State Constitution and empowered by statutory authority with the general government of the State Colleges as now existing, and such other State Colleges as may be established by law. As authorized in Nebraska Revised Statute, Chapter 85, powers of the Board include but are not limited to:

- 1.1. Appointing a Chancellor/Secretary, Presidents and such other personnel as may be required. (85-304)
- 1.2. Fixing their compensation and prescribing their duties. (85-304)
- 1.3. Removing all persons appointed, but the affirmative votes of four (4) Board members shall be necessary to remove the Chancellor or a President during the time for which such persons were appointed. (85-304)
- 1.4. Prescribing for the Colleges such courses of instruction as will best serve such persons for teaching and managing the public schools, and their instruction in the arts and sciences generally. (85-308)
- 1.5. Providing, through an extension division, for holding of classes at various locations throughout the state, avoiding unnecessary duplication of courses offered by other educational institutions in such locations. (85-304)

- 1.6. Acquiring real and personal property and disposing of the same when a College will be benefited thereby, but no grounds on which any buildings of any College is located shall be disposed of without consent of the Legislature. (85-304)
- 1.7. Paying expenses for recruitment of academic, administrative, professional, and managerial personnel. (85-304)
- 1.8. Making available benefits for all present and future employees, including group life insurance, group hospital-medical insurance, group long-term disability income insurance and retirement benefits. (85-304, 85-320)
- 1.9. Instituting a continuing program of preventive maintenance and a program of deferred maintenance consistent with the provisions of the Deferred Building Renewal Act. (85-304)
- 1.10. Consulting with the Nebraska Arts Council and acquiring works of art for the original construction of any public building under its supervision consistent with Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 82-317 to 82-329, , and 85-304 to 85-304.03. (85-304)
- 1.11. Establishing tuition rates and fees. (85-307)
- 1.12. Conferring degrees. (85-308.01)
- 1.13. Making rules and regulations for the admission of students to the Colleges. (85-310)
- 1.14. Preserving buildings, furniture, apparatus, grounds, timber, shrubbery, and other property belonging to the Colleges. (85-314)
- 1.15. Contracting utility services for the Colleges. (85-315)
- 1.16. Receiving, on behalf of the Colleges, gifts and endowments as the Board may decide to accept. (85-317.01)
- 1.17. Acquiring lands by purchase or condemnation necessary for the Colleges. (85-319)

FORMS/APPENDICES

None

SOURCE:

Legal Reference: Article VII, Section 13 Constitution

Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-304

Board of Trustees; powers, enumerated.

Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-307

State colleges; president; collection of fees.

Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-308	State colleges; purpose; courses.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-308.01	State colleges; degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science; confer.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-310	State colleges; students; admission.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-314	Board of trustees; rules and regulations.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-315	Board of trustees; utilities service; sale or lease.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-317.01	State colleges; endowments and gifts; acceptance.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-319	Eminent domain, powers of board of trustees; procedure.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-320	State colleges; retirement plan; establishment; terms; investment of funds.

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