

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Governance and Administration

POLICY
NAME: Student Trustees

POLICY
NUMBER: 2100

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance regarding the responsibilities, qualifications, and benefits for Student Trustees appointed pursuant to Article III of the By-laws.

B. DEFINITIONS

None

C. POLICY

1. Responsibilities

Student Trustees provide a student perspective to the Board; keep student government at each College apprised of Board activity and policy initiatives; and working with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Risk Management, keep the Board apprised of student concerns and issues surfacing at their respective Colleges.

- 1.1. Student Trustees attend Board meetings.
- 1.2. Student Trustees serve on the Student Affairs, Marketing and Enrollment Committee of the Board and attend Committee meetings.
- 1.3. Student Trustees do not attend closed sessions of the Board, but meet with fellow Student Trustees to collaborate on policy and other system-level initiatives and to discuss issues specific to their respective colleges.

2. Stipend and Expenses

- 2.1. Student Trustees may be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred on Board affairs so long as proper documentation is provided.
- 2.2. In order to give students the opportunity to fully participate in and benefit from the experience, Student Trustees shall be paid a stipend of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), divided into twelve (12) payments to be made monthly during their term commencing in May each year.

- Monthly payments will cease if a Student Trustee resigns, is removed from office, or otherwise fails to complete a full term.
- If a Student Trustee is appointed to office for a partial term, the amount of the stipend will be prorated based upon the number of months remaining on the term.
- The stipend is not intended as compensation for services rendered and shall not be considered wages.
- Student Trustees can still be employed by the College so long as their employment is unrelated to their role as a Student Trustee.

3. Qualifications and Application

- 3.1. Students seeking an appointment as a Student Trustee must satisfy the following requirements in order to apply:
- Be a full-time student enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester;
 - Have successfully completed at least 2 semesters at the College at the time their application is submitted; and
 - Be in good standing both academically and with respect to conduct.
- 3.2. A staff member designated by the President shall review all applications to ensure the minimum requirements have been satisfied, and forward the qualifying applications to the selection committee for consideration.

4. Selection and Nomination

- 4.1. An ad hoc selection committee shall be established on each campus by the respective Student Senate.
- 4.2. Each selection committee shall consist of the following:
- the current Student Trustee, unless the current Student Trustee is seeking an additional term;
 - the Student Senate President or other Student Senate officer if the Student Senate President is seeking an appointment as a Student Trustee;
 - the Student Senate faculty advisor;
 - the Senior Student Affairs Officer; and
 - four (4) students holding leadership positions in Residence Life, athletics, student organizations, or student activities, no more than two (2) of whom can be currently serving on the Student Senate.
- 4.3. Each Student Senate shall establish an equitable process by which to establish its selection committee which represents the diversity and interests of the students.

5. Notification

- 5.1. Notification of appointment may be made by a variety of means. At a minimum, all students whose applications are submitted to the Governor for consideration will be contacted by a staff member regarding the results.

FORMS/APPENDICES:

None

SOURCE:

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