

# Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

## Student Affairs

POLICY  
NAME: Student Senate

POLICY  
NUMBER: 3310

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### A. PURPOSE

To provide minimum guidance for the establishment and operation of student senates at each of the Colleges.

### B. DEFINITIONS

None

### C. POLICY

#### 1. Student Senate

1.1. The student senate is elected by students which shall be the principal entity for student participation in the decision-making process of the student body for the College.

#### 2. Duties and Responsibilities

- 2.1. Representing student interests;
- 2.2. Establish mechanisms for the management and allocation of student activity fees;
- 2.3. Participate in the review and recognition of student organizations per Board Policy 3300;
- 2.4. Sponsor initiatives, programming, and activities to support student activities;
- 2.5. Participate in the selection of the College's student trustee per Board Policy 2100.

#### 3. Structure

Each student senate shall establish a constitution and by-laws which address the following:

- 3.1. Administration and organization, including but not limited to, qualifications for membership, officers, and committees;

- 3.2. Scope of responsibility and duties;
- 3.3. Elections, terms of office and processes for filling vacancies;
- 3.4. Selection of advisors.

#### **4. Officers and Advisors**

- 4.1. Each student senate shall have at least the following officers, but may choose to add additional officers as it deems appropriate:
  - President
  - Vice President
- 4.2. Each student senate shall have a minimum of one advisor who shall be a College employee appointed by the College or an employee who serves in a volunteer capacity as approved by the College.
  - The role of the advisor(s) is to communicate with, guide, and assist the student senate; attend meetings and events; be knowledgeable of all policies that may impact the student senate and assist with compliance with Board and College policies and budgetary/financial guidelines established by the College.
  - The advisor has no decision-making authority within the Senate and acts in an advisory capacity only unless expressly provided otherwise.

#### **5. College Authority**

Nothing in this Policy shall be read to limit the President's authority granted under Policy 2030 to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate based upon the individual College operations or add additional duties and responsibilities for the Student Senate.

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#### **SOURCE:**

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