

# Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

## Governance and Administration

POLICY  
NAME: Student Trustees

POLICY  
NUMBER: 2100

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### **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

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### **SOURCE:**

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