

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Academics

POLICY NAME: Faculty Academic Responsibility

POLICY NUMBER: 4651

A. PURPOSE

To establish the obligations of academic responsibility for faculty of the Nebraska State Colleges.

B. DEFINITIONS

None

C. POLICY

1. Faculty Academic Responsibilities

Membership in the State College academic community imposes certain obligations. These obligations include:

- 1.1. Creating learner-centered environments that foster mutual respect and exhibiting collegiality throughout the College as a role model for students
- 1.2. Presenting the subject matter of courses as announced to the students and approved by authorities responsible for the curriculum and maintaining appropriate records of student performance. At the beginning of each course, faculty will inform students about the requirements, standards, objectives, and evaluation procedures used in the course.
- 1.3. Studying current developments and maintaining competence in the areas of assigned courses through scholarly, creative, and professional development activities; examining, continually and critically, the subject matter of such courses, as well as teaching techniques and proposals for improving higher education; and engaging in the continuous improvement of courses and programs through systematic assessment of student learning.
- 1.4. Fulfilling the assigned time schedule of all classes, including quizzes, laboratories, tests, and other meetings, unless absence is caused by an emergency or approved College business. Changes in the scheduled times and locations shall be authorized by the appropriate College

administrator. Outside of class the faculty will be available at frequent, regular and scheduled times for student consultation; and promote learning through sufficient time and mentoring of students that is considered a “good practice” based upon the modality (either traditional, online, hybrid, or blended).

- 1.5. Participating, upon request, in College activities in the areas of student advising and public service, and, as appropriate, in department, College, and System activities.
- 1.6. Making every effort to indicate that members of the faculty are not spokespersons for the College or System except when authorized so to act.
- 1.7. Creating and protecting an atmosphere of intellectual honesty in the academic community.
- 1.8. Complying with federal, state and local laws, as well as Board and College policies.

FORMS/APPENDICES

None

SOURCE:

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