

# Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

## Academics

POLICY NAME: Academic and Professional Organizations

POLICY NUMBER: 4050

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### **A. PURPOSE**

To establish policy for academic and professional organizations.

### **B. DEFINITIONS**

1. **Academic or Professional Organization:** A group that is incorporated into the academic programs(s) of the College and whose primary purpose is to support and enhance the academic goals of one or more programs offered at the College and enhance the professional or career development of its students. Such groups may be a local chapter of a state or national organization.

### **C. POLICY**

1. Students should be encouraged to participate in academic and professional organizations.
2. Nothing herein shall prevent students from establishing student organizations pursuant to Policy 3300 in support of an academic or professional interest.
3. The vice president for academic affairs must approve any addition or elimination of an academic and professional organization. Each College shall establish written guidelines for the addition or elimination of academic and professional organizations and the supervision and operation of the organizations by the College. The approval of the addition for an academic or professional organization must include an explanation as to how any individual and/or organization dues will be paid and from what funding source.
4. Students who are members of an academic and professional organization may not travel to, or participate in, a conference or competition without prior approval of the vice president for academic affairs.
5. Membership in an academic and professional organization must be available to all students who meet eligibility requirements.
6. All academic and professional organizations shall operate within all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, Board policies and College rules

including, but not limited to, those related to travel, fundraising, purchasing, and expenditures.

7. Academic and professional organizations shall not receive funding from student activity fees and shall not maintain separate accounts. All funding in support of an academic and professional organization shall be accounted for within the College's regular operating budget. Fundraising may be done through the College Foundation in accordance with College and Foundation rules regarding fundraising by College departments, with funds received then transferred to the College for expenditure.

## **FORMS/APPENDICES:**

None

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## **SOURCE:**

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