BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION/FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT

ACTION:

First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 6012; Financial Exigency

Policy 6012 - Financial Exigency has been reviewed for updates and put into the new policy format.

The policy was previously a single sentence dealing with the Board declaring a financial exigency. While this is a highly unlikely event, it is important that such a decision is well thought out and planned for. The policy now requires that the Colleges have an established policy that addresses what steps will be taken if a financial exigency is eminent or declared.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 6012; Financial Exigency.

ATTACHMENTS:

• Revisions to Board Policy 6012 (PDF)

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Budget and Finance

POLICY NAME: Financial Exigency

POLICY NUMBER: 6012

A. <u>PURPOSE</u>

To identify the process used to address an imminent financial crisis.

B. DEFINITIONS

 Financial Exigency – The term "financial exigency shall mean a<u>A</u>n imminent financial crisis of such magnitude that within one or more of the <u>State</u> Colleges<u>'</u> normal operations cannot be maintained and programs and operations of the <u>cC</u>ollege(s) must be significantly altered.

C. POLICY

1. Declaring Financial Exigency

A state of financial exigency may be found and declared only by the Board of Trustees usually upon the recommendation of the Chancellor.

2. Preparing for Financial Exigency Declaration

2.1. <u>College Procedure</u>

Each College shall establish an internal policy that addresses what steps will be taken if a financial exigency is eminent or declared, that includes the following elements:

- <u>The president shall appoint a College-wide Exigency Review</u> <u>Committee with appropriate administrator, faculty and staff</u> <u>representation.</u>
- Notification to administrators, faculty and staff as soon as possible of impending financial difficulties and/or declaration of financial exigency.
- Participation of College Exigency Review Committee in making recommendations for faculty and staff reductions once all other less drastic alternatives have been exhausted.

- Priority on preserving –academic programs that align most closely with the College mission and strategic goals and limiting the impact on student progression.
- <u>Communication plan with the campus-wide community as well as</u> with the Chancellor
- 2.2. Chancellor Role

The Chancellor shall review and approve all actions proposed by the President to respond to the financial exigency. The detailed plan and timeline will be presented to the Board.

SOURCE:

Policy Adopted: March 1994

Policy Revised: September 2006, June 2009, July 2022