GENERAL PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Office of General Counsel

POLICY STATEMENT

4.1.6 Conflict of Interest

- **4.1.6.1 Employment**. Appointment of any relative of a faculty or staff member must be approved by the President in advance of the appointment in order to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist. Each <u>Appointing Officer</u> must ensure that no conflicts of interest exist in matters of appointment, retention, promotion, termination, assignment or other conditions of employment for relatives of faculty or staff members within his or her unit.
- **4.1.6.2 Financial**. It shall be the responsibility of the President (or designee) to ensure that conflicts of financial interest do not occur, and to take such steps to protect the University as seem to be required. The University respects the rights of its faculty and staff members in their activities outside their employment which are private in nature and which in no way conflict with or reflect upon the University.
- **4.1.6.3 Political Candidates or Office Holder**. The University affirms the rights of its faculty and staff members as citizens to be active in political affairs which do not conflict with the professional standards and ethics of their employment. It shall be the responsibility of the President (or designee) to ensure that conflicts involving professional standards and ethics do not occur with University faculty and staff members who are political candidates or office holders, and to take such steps to protect the University as may be required.