Policy Concept Form

As part of the University of Oregon Policy development process, all new Policy proposals, as well as proposals for the revision or repeal of existing Policies, must be submitted via this form to the University Secretary (the policy custodian). The Secretary will forward completed concept forms to the President’s Policy Advisory Council for consideration pursuant to the University’s Policy on University Policies. Please remember:

A “Policy” as defined by the University Policy on Policies (1) has broad application or impact throughout the University community, (2) must be implemented to ensure compliance with state or federal law, (3) is necessary to enhance the University’s mission, to ensure institutional consistency and operational efficiency, or to mitigate institutional risks; or (4) is otherwise designated by the Board or the President as a University Policy subject to the Policy-Making Process authorized in Section 4. A policy establishes rights, requirements or responsibilities. Excluded from this definition are things such as, but not limited to, implementation guides, operating guidelines, internal procedures, and similar management controls and tools.

[Complete the following information as thoroughly as possible; response boxes will expand as filled.]

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POLICY CONCEPT SUBJECT MATTER (including existing policy number if appropriate):

Former SBHE Policy re Conflicts of Interest (no #).
STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THIS POLICY CONCEPT (i.e. What is the problem this concept seeks to address, and how does this proposal do so?):

Recommending repeal of this policy. This is an inherited policy from the old SBHE system. Conflicts of Interest are addressed in the UO Bylaws enacted by the Board of Trustees.

WHO OR WHAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY CONCEPT, AND HOW? List all individuals, groups, etc. that would be impacted by this concept and the nature of any possible impacts (both positive and negative).

No one. This policy is already trumped by the UO bylaws. It is duplicative to have it on the books.

WHAT COSTS MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CONCEPT, BOTH IMPLEMENTATION AND RECURRING?

None
WHAT OTHER RESOURCES (HUMAN, PHYSICAL, OPERATIONAL, FINANCIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, ETC.), WILL BE NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY?

None.

DOES THE PROPOSED CONCEPT IMPACT EXISTING POLICIES, GUIDELINES OR PROCEDURES? DOES THE PROPOSED CONCEPT RELATE TO A MATTER WITHIN A UNION CONTRACT? IF SO, PLEASE LIST.

No.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WISH TO SHARE?

No.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY SUGGESTED LANGUAGE AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS FORM.

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Date Received:
CONFLICT OF INTEREST, POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING

(Adopted by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, Meeting #437, April 29, 1977, pp. 355-356; Amended at Meeting #690, June 16, 2000, p. 56 [See also minutes from the Board Committee on System Strategic Planning, June 16, 2000])

SECTION A: As to members of Oregon State Board of Higher Education:

It is recognized that members of the Board of Higher Education are appointed to serve interests and needs of higher education in the state of Oregon. The fulfillment of this charge requires strict adherence to the highest standards of ethical behavior.

The Board recognizes that the standards that govern this conduct are fully set forth in ORS Chapter 244 et seq. It is therefore the policy of the Board of Higher Education that all members, upon confirmation of appointment, and periodically thereafter, be made aware of the requirements of this law, or, subsequent versions thereof. It is the Board's intent that this policy, or others adopted in furtherance of its purposes, be viewed and utilized as elaboration and guidance and that the statutory requirements set forth in Oregon law are binding authority to which members must adhere.

Board members are encouraged to examine prospective issues at the earliest opportunity for the potential of a conflict of interest and are reminded that compliance with the statutory requirements often require sensitivity to avoiding the appearance of impropriety. Members are to consult with the chair of the Board and/or counsel to the Board for guidance where appropriate. Formal opinion should be requested from the Government Standards and Practices Commission. All Board members shall file annually with the Government Standards and Practices Commission a verified statement of economic interests as directed by that Commission.

The Board further recognizes that persons appointed to this body bring long and valued histories of service to other segments of the state. These services often include advocacy on behalf of member institutions, particular regions of the state or groups served by the Board to include faculty, students, and alumni. All Board members are hereby charged with embracing the statewide and Systemwide duties of Board membership. Each member is reminded that by accepting membership on the Board they agree to serve the general good and welfare of the whole of higher education in the State of Oregon.

SECTION B: As to employees of the Department of Higher Education, including employees of the respective institutions:

The Chancellor, the vice chancellors, the presidents, and the vice presidents of this Department shall file annually with the Government Standards and Practices Commission a verified
statement of economic interests. No employee shall accept any outside employment that will
discredit or embarrass the employee’s institution, the Department of Higher Education, or the
State of Oregon. Before accepting any outside employment, all employees shall comply with
OAR 580-21-0025.

Any employee of the Department in a position to influence or make recommendations
concerning the award of any contract who is an officer, agent, or member of or directly or
indirectly interested in the pecuniary profits or contracts or any corporation, association, or
partnership which is doing business or seeking to do business with the Department of Higher
Education, shall be considered to have a potential conflict of interest.

Upon adoption of this policy, the text of this policy statement, and of Article XV, Section 7, of
the Oregon Constitution, or pertinent portions of ORS chapter 244, and of OAR 580-21-0025
shall be widely disseminated and made available to each current and new employee.