



Part 4 – Student Government

Students of the University of Northern Colorado are authorized to participate in the development and recommendation of educational and student policies and the governance of the University consistent with all federal, state, and local law and in a manner consistent with the specific authority granted by BOT Policy, by regulations and procedures adopted by the President, and by a student constitution authorized by this policy. Any provision of BOT policy, University regulations and procedures or the student constitution notwithstanding, the BOT for the University retains final decision-making authority in all matters affecting governance of the University.

1-1-401 Student Constitution and By-Laws.

The students of the University of Northern Colorado may adopt and maintain a constitution prescribing a structure for student governance and representation. The Constitution must be approved by the BOT and may be amended from time to time subject to prior BOT approval. The constitution shall define and recognize student voting rights and shall call for the election of a Student Senate. The Student Senate shall be the sole representative body of the students. The Student Senate shall adopt and maintain by-laws for the orderly conduct of student business. The Student Senate may appoint appropriate advisory councils/boards in order to assist the Council in its duties. BOT policies and University regulations and procedures of an academic nature or affecting students should be developed and approved with the collegial participation, advice and comment of the students through the Student Senate. In addition to the duties and powers stated above, the Student Senate, as the delegate assembly of the voting students of the University, shall have the authority to:

- (1) act for the voting students on all matters within the scope of this policy and the student constitution as approved by the BOT;
- (2) receive and consider reports and recommendations from members of the University community as it sees fit;
- (3) initiate or review policies pertaining to the general welfare of the University, its faculty or students;
- (4) transmit resolution regarding any manner concerning the University to the President and/or the BOT, and to the students for their consideration and/or

further action; and

- (5) to represent the student body in the development of policy and recommendation for the allocation and management of all student fees, with the advisement of the President and subject to the approval of the BOT.

1-1-402 General Policy.

The President, with the advice and assistance of the appropriate, shall be responsible for development and maintenance of a Student Handbook. The Student Handbook shall contain:

- (1) the policies prescribed in this Part 4,
- (2) other BOT policies which in the judgment of the President are relevant or helpful to students,
- (3) regulations and procedures adopted to implement those policies; and
- (4) such additional information or regulations and procedures as the President sees fit to promulgate for the benefit of the students and the University (i.e., registration, academic standards, degree requirements, academic appeals, financial policies, student classification, University premises, health insurance, immunization, Greek recognition, etc.).

The Student Handbook shall be updated regularly and distributed to every new student.

1-1-403 Application and Admission.

The full range of opportunities at the University is available to all students the maximum extent required by law without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, military service, or political affiliation. The University seeks to create a stimulating and diverse environment reflecting the thoughts and contributions of the many cultures of our world. The University's admission requirements will be selective. The University reserves the right to deny admission, continued enrollment or re-enrollment to any applicant or student whose personal history and background reasonably suggest that their presence may pose a threat or endanger the health, safety, welfare or property of members of the campus community or interfere with the orderly and effective performance of the University's functions. The President shall adopt and maintain regulations and procedures establishing admission requirements, safety criteria and review

procedures to help ensure that students admitted to the University are academically qualified, do not pose a safety threat, and are of good moral character.

1-1-404 Equal Opportunity for Students.

The University, in accordance with law, is committed to providing equal educational opportunities and benefits to all students without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military service, or political affiliation. Special efforts are made to recruit members of protected classes, and the University's Equal Opportunity Policy is emphasized in all information sent to prospective students.

1-1-405 Student Financial Aid.

The University will seek to offer a broad range of financial aid to its students in order to assist students in financial need, to encourage and improve academic standing and performance, and to diversify the campus and ensure equal opportunity.

1-1-406 Student Fees.

All general, mandatory student fees shall be established by the BOT. The President shall adopt procedures to limit and reduce mandatory student fees by means of efficiencies, reorganizations and consolidations, considering the needs and resourcefulness of the students, consistent with the following:

- (1) mandatory student fees shall be used to fund activities and services open to all students and,
- (2) student involvement in and awareness of fee issues shall be encouraged and increased.

1-1-407 The Drug and Alcohol Policy.

The University strives to create a healthy environment, one in which the high-risk use of alcohol and the use of illicit drugs does not interfere with learning, performance, or development. Substance abuse disrupts this environment and places at risk the lives and well-being of the members of the University community as well as the potential of students for contribution to society. It is important for all members of the University community to take responsibility for preventing the illegal or high-risk use of alcohol or other drugs from negatively affecting the community's learning environment and the academic, physical and emotional well-being of its students. The University

prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, and other controlled substances by all members of the University community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests). Individuals who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline, termination, dismissal, debarment, arrest, or citation as applicable. Additionally, employees or students who violate this policy may be required to participate satisfactorily in drug abuse education, counseling, or rehabilitation programs approved by the University.

1-1-407(1) Policy on Alcohol. The University of Northern Colorado neither encourages nor discourages the use of alcoholic beverages, (including 3.2 and 6% beer, vinous or spirituous liquor), but does condemn the misuse/abuse and illegal use of alcoholic beverages. All members of the University community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests) are responsible for making decisions about their behavior within the context of Colorado and the City of Greeley laws and University regulations. In addition, individuals must always be aware of and respect the rights of others within the University and local community.

1-1-407(2) Policy on Drugs. The University prohibits the unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, consumption, sale or use of controlled substances on or in University-owned or controlled property or in the course of University business or at University activities. Individuals or entities including, but not limited to, students, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, invitees, or student organizations who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline, termination/dismissal, debarment, arrest or citation, as applicable. Additionally, employees or students who violate this policy may be required to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved by the University.

1-1-407(3) Enforcement of Policy. Any member of the University Community who observes a violation of this policy or becomes aware of an individual with an alcohol/drug/substance abuse problem on campus is encouraged to seek assistance from the appropriate resources: Drug Prevention/Education Program, Health Center, Counseling Center, Police Department, Housing Officials, or Colorado State Employee Assistance Program.

1-1-408 Family Educational Rights and Privacy.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (as amended the "Act"), is a federal law which states that (a) a written institutional regulation must be established and (b) a statement of adopted procedures covering the privacy rights of students

must be made available. The University shall maintain the confidentiality of student education records in accordance with the provisions of the Act and shall accord all the rights under the Act to eligible students who are or have been in attendance at the University to the maximum extent authorized by law. The President shall adopt and maintain regulations and procedures implementing the Act as amended and as it may be amended in the future.

1-1-409 Investigation of University Premises.

The University reserves the right to inspect University premises occupied by students. A visual room inspection can be made by an agent of the University if accompanied by a student. Normally, premises occupied by students will not be searched. A room may be searched; however, by not less than two appointees by the appropriate Vice President when there is evidence that a search is reasonable. Authorization for room searches will be made by a Vice President of the University or their designee. The authorization will be written and must contain a statement of the specific objectives of the search and a summary of the evidence on which the authorization was granted. Under emergency conditions, waiver of the written authorization requirement may occur when immediate action is deemed necessary and appropriate by a Vice President of the University or their designee.

For premises not controlled by the institution, the ordinary requirements for lawful search are to be followed.

1-1-410 Peaceful Assembly.

The University of Northern Colorado acknowledges the rights and privileges of individuals or groups to gather on public property for the purpose of peaceful assembly. The University expects the rights and privileges of all persons to be respected at such gatherings.

- (1) Peaceful assembly is defined as any purposeful gathering on campus, in or outside of a University building or facility, by one or more persons whose conduct is peaceful and is in accordance with the University rules, and law. Peaceful assembly includes meetings, speeches, debates, demonstrations, marches, vigils, sit-ins, rallies, protests, and similar meetings or gatherings that do not: threaten or violate policies and rules; interfere with the conduct of University business, regular schedules, or events; infringe on the rights of others; endanger the health and safety of others; or damage or destroy property.

- (2) The University requires that persons engaged in such assemblies on campus conduct themselves in a manner that will not impair the health or safety of any individual, disrupt the normal conduct of University affairs, or damage and destroy property. Any act by Student demonstrators that interferes with the rights of others, disrupts or impairs the normal functioning of the University, damages or destroys property, or impairs health or safety is grounds for suspension or dismissal from the University.
- (3) Persons planning or initiating such assemblies to be conducted on the University campus are required to identify their groups and to state their purposes in advance to the appropriate University personnel. Areas may be reserved, if available, for the accommodation of such assemblies. Arrangements for any assembly which involves the use of University buildings must be made with the appropriate person. The organization sponsoring a speaker, or conducting an assembly, assumes the responsibility for maintaining the University policies on peaceful assembly and student freedom of expression.
- (4) Staff assistance is available in the planning of such events in ways to eliminate or minimize the possibility of disruption. University security can be requested to assure that the rights of all concerned are protected.
- (5) Demonstrations are prohibited in classrooms during hours they are scheduled for use, or at any site when conducted in a manner which interferes with educational function. Demonstrations are further prohibited in any special use facility. Demonstrators refusing to vacate such premises when directed by the instructor in charge or by authorized staff are subject to immediate disciplinary action and arrest under applicable city and state laws.

1-1-411 Health Insurance.

Consistent with applicable law, and for University students whose course work requires any physical presence in the United States regardless of course location or method of delivery, all (1) undergraduate students who register for nine (9) or more credit hours per semester, (2) degree seeking graduate students who register for six (6) or more credit hours per semester, and (3) international students who register for any number of credit hours per semester, are required to have adequate health insurance protection against illness, accident and hospitalization while attending the University. All undergraduate, graduate and international students who meet the applicable credit hour requirement will be enrolled automatically in the University Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and the cost will be added to their University student bill. All students have the option to seek a waiver from the SHIP by completing the insurance waiver by the deadline set by the University showing proof of U.S.-based

equivalent insurance coverage. Students seeking such waiver are responsible to provide documented proof of equivalent insurance coverage.

1-1-412 Student Discipline.

Final authority regarding the imposition of disciplinary action on students is reserved to the President of the University or to the appropriate Vice President if delegated by the President. The President or the appropriate Vice President may review recommendations regarding discipline in order to determine that there is sufficient support for the charges and to ensure that the student was given a fair and reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegations against them and/or to present evidence of mitigating circumstances. The President's or the appropriate Vice President's decision regarding appropriate discipline shall be final.

1-1-413 Campus Activities.

All officially recognized UNC student activities are open to all students without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, military service, or political affiliation, except those organizations exempted by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, or other exemptions allowed by law. New organizations must submit their constitutions to a student committee and the appropriate Vice President for review to ensure they meet Student Senate constitutional requirements and Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity requirements.

1-1-414 Student Housing.

All University-owned housing is available to university students in compliance with federal and state non-discrimination laws. Necessary accommodations will be made for disabled students. Before landlords may list off-campus housing units with the University Residence Life, they must agree to comply with federal and state nondiscrimination laws. Complaints related to off-campus housing are submitted to the Off-Campus Renters Information Service coordinator or the Greeley Human Rights Council.

Policy History

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1-1-411 HEALTH INSURANCE.

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