POLICY ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

(Approved by the Board of Regents on January 11, 1990; Amended [INSERT DATE].)

I. Each President shall establish rules for the administration of student affairs, including, but not limited to, residence life, student discipline, and the handling of student grievances at the institution. Such rules shall serve to further educational and cultural objectives through student government and activities. Student organizations, including fraternities and sororities, may be established at each institution subject to applicable policies of the Regents and of the institution.

II. Rights of participation in institutional activities and programs shall be in conformity with all pertinent federal and State laws on nondiscrimination and the constitutionally-protected rights of free expression, speech, assembly, and worship.

A. All privileges available to student organizations, including but not limited to registration status, funding, and facility use, shall be provided in a viewpoint-neutral manner to all student organizations, including but not limited to religious, political, and ideological student organizations.

B. Chaplains and other religious liaisons may be assigned to institutions by their respective denominations in accordance with institutional policies adopted by each institution, and all chaplains and religious liaisons shall be subject to the same institutional policies regardless of denomination, including but not limited to those regarding institutional approval or appointment, the extension of campus privileges, and the use of institutional facilities. Each chaplain and religious liaison shall be financially supported externally by its denomination.

III. Each institution shall publish and distribute to all students a student handbook with pertinent policies, rules, and regulations that are in accordance with this Policy and applicable law.

IV. Student government and activities fees shall be budgeted in accord with institutional policies and procedures and shall be reviewed by the President of the institution or designee. The President or designee shall supervise and maintain the necessary accounting records for all funds administered by the Student Government Association at the institution and may charge the Association for the actual cost of maintaining such accounts.

Replacement for: USM BOR VI-7.00 – Policy on Chaplains – INSERT DATE;
UM BOR II-2.00, II-5.00, V-8.00, V-9.00; and
UMS BOT X-F, X-G, X-I, X-K, XII-J

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Comment [BE1]: This language is identical to that of USM's Policy on Chaplains (BOR VI-7.00), except that the term "institutions" replaces "campuses," and "other religious liaisons" is added.

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