Welcome to the Appalachian State University Online Policy Manual. These policies and procedures are periodically updated or revised. Efforts are made to keep this online version current. If any questions arise about the authenticity of the online version, please contact the Office of General Counsel (828-262-2751). In the event of any discrepancy between the online version and printed documents approved by the Chancellor, the printed documents shall govern. Departments have forms on their web pages and at the ASU Electronic Forms page. Many departments have provided the forms related to the associated policies and procedures in Portable Document Format (.pdf). To view PDF documents, you must have Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. Acrobat Reader is available from Appalachian State University's application explorer icon on university-owned computers.

Comments, suggestions or questions regarding the Policy Manual should be directed to the Office of General Counsel at ogc@appstate.edu or to the department with primary responsibility for implementation.

:NOTE: For purposes of all Appalachian State University policies, references to SPA (subject to the State Personnel Act [former terminology]) shall be interchangeable with SHRA (subject to the State Human Resources Act [current terminology]); and references to EPA (exempt from the State Personnel Act [former terminology]) shall be interchangeable with EHRA (exempt from the State Human Resources Act [current terminology]).

Table of Contents

- 100 Governance and Administration
  - 101 Policy on Policies
  - 102 University Organization and Administration
  - 103 Board of Trustees
    - 103.1 Bylaws
    - 103.2 Audit Committee Charter
    - 103.3 Naming of Facilities and Programs
    - 103.4 Honorary Degrees
  - 104 Facility Use
  - 105 Records
    - 105.1 Record Retention Policy
    - 105.2 University Archives
    - 105.3 Policy Statement on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended
    - 105.5 Identity Theft Prevention Plan
    - 105.6 Public Records Requests
  - 106 Drugs and Alcohol
    - 106.1 Alcohol at University Events
    - 106.2 Tailgating
  - 107 Substantive Change for Accreditation Purposes
  - 108 Compliance Calendar
  - 109 Debt Management
  - 110 Discrimination and Harassment
  - 111 Protection of Minors
    - 111.1 Protection of Minors
    - 111.2 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect
  - 112 Sex-Based Misconduct
  - 113 Chalking
  - 114 Equal Opportunity
- 200 Academic Affairs
  - 201 Faculty Handbook
  - 202 Undergraduate Bulletin
  - 203 Graduate Bulletin
  - 204 Buyout Policy for Externally Sponsored Projects
  - 205 Academic Integrity Code
  - 206 Final Grade Appeal Procedure
  - 207 Intellectual Property Transfer
  - 209 Review of Research Involving Human Subjects
210 Payments to Human Subjects
211 Integrity in Scholarship and Scientific Research
212 Use of Recombinant DNA in Research and Teaching Laboratories
213 Care and Use of Animals for Research Teaching or Demonstration
214 Credit Hour Policy
215 Policy on Internet/Web-Based Courses
216 Human Subject Research Recruitment
217 Export Controls Compliance
218 Policy on Independent Studies
219 Policy on Faculty Workload
220 Facilities and Administrative Cost Policy
221 Fellowship Policy
222 Global Learning Management System Policy
223 Campus Survey Policy

300 Public Safety
301 Police
  301.1 Special Services
  301.2 University Police Services
  301.3 Criminal Trespass Warning
  301.4 Clery Act Compliance Policy
  301.5 Bicycle Helmets
302 Emergency Management
  302.1 Emergency Management Program
  302.2 Communication Guidelines for Emergencies and Campus Issues
  302.3 Emergency Operations Plan
  302.4 Building Emergency Plans
  302.5 Pandemic Infectious Disease Plan
  302.6 International Crisis Management
  302.7 Emergency Notification System
  302.8 Face Coverings in Response to COVID-19
  302.9 Symptom Screening in Response to COVID-19
303 Environmental Health and Safety
  303.1 Office of Occupational Safety and Health Introduction
  303.2 OSHA Regulations
  303.3 Safety Committees
  303.4 Personal Protective Equipment
  303.5 Accident Reports
  303.6 Safety Hazards
  303.7 Hazardous Communication Program
  303.8 Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens
  303.9 Chemical Hygiene Plan
  303.10 Open Flame Policy
  303.11 Fall Protection Plan
  303.12 Respiratory Protection Program
  303.13 Multi-Passenger Vehicles
  303.14 Lockout/Tagout Procedures
  303.15 Pre-Purchase Review of Products
  303.16 Hazardous Chemical Spill Response
  303.17 Automated External Defibrillator Protocol
  303.18 Safety Inspections
  303.19 Fire Prevention and Emergency Action
  303.20 Industrial Hygiene Assistance Request Form
  303.21 Emergency Telephone Numbers
  303.22 Radiation Safety Manual
  303.23 Confined Space Program
  303.24 Animals On Campus
  303.25 Tobacco and Related Product Restrictions on University Property
  303.26 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy
  303.27 Theatrical Simulated Firearms Policy
304 Parking and Traffic
  304.1 Rules and Regulations
  304.2 Use of Skateboards and Similar Devices
400 Students
  401 Code of Student Conduct
401 Harassment and Discrimination

402 Student Organizations
- 402.1 Organizational Student Conduct Policy
- 402.2 Student Organization Web Sites
- 402.3 Recognized Student Organization Food Sales

403 Student Health
- 403.1 Administrative Health Officer
- 403.2 Rendering Assistance to Students Who Have Attempted Suicide or Who Exhibit Other Life-Threatening Behaviors
- 403.3 Medical Withdrawals
- 403.4 Student Death Policy
- 403.5 Awarding Degrees Posthumously

404 Housing
- 404.1 Right of Entry/Search and Seizure

405 Miscellaneous Student Policies
- 405.1 Tunnel Painting

406 Student Withdrawal
- 406.1 Withdrawal Policy

500 Business Operations

501 Management and Use of University Funds
- 501.1 Departmental Bookkeeping
- 501.7 Fixed Asset System

502 Bookstore

503 University Treasurer
- 503.1 State Policies Regarding the Receipt of Funds
- 503.2 Receipting and Depositing Funds
- 503.3 Collection of Cash Outside University Cashier's Office
- 503.4 Storage and Safeguarding of Funds
- 503.5 Imprest Change Funds
- 503.6 Collection of Accounts Receivable
- 503.7 Collection of Checks Returned for Insufficient Funds
- 503.8 Payment Card Services Policy
- 503.9 Collection and Write-Off of University Accounts Receivable

504 Central Warehouse
- 504.1 Warehouse Stock Items
- 504.2 Central Receiving
- 504.3 Central Shipping
- 504.4 Purchasing Items from the Central Warehouse

505 Campus Dining
- 505.1 APPCARDS

506 Payroll
- 506.1 ASU Payroll Policies

507 Facilities and Property Management
- 507.1 Association with other University Departments
- 507.2 Funding and Types of Services
- 507.3 Services Provided by the Physical Plant
- 507.4 Requests for Physical Plant Services
- 507.5 Emergency Maintenance and Repair Service
- 507.6 Renovations and Alterations
- 507.7 Key and Lock Security
- 507.8 Heating and Cooling/Environmental Control
- 507.9 Buildings and Grounds Regulations
- 507.10 Motor Vehicle Management
- 507.11 Recycling Program
- 507.12 Surplus Property
- 507.13 Borrowing Computer Equipment
- 507.14 University Space Management
- 507.15 Campus Wayfinding and Signage

508 Post Office
- 508.1 University Postal Service
- 508.2 Campus Mail Service
- 508.3 U.S. Federal Postal Contract Station
- 508.4 Addressing Outgoing Mail
- 508.5 United States Mail Rate Classifications
508.6 Quantity Mailing
508.7 Preparing Outgoing Mail
508.8 Processing Bulk Mail
509 Purchasing
509.1 Purchasing Office
509.2 Purchase Authorizations
509.3 Solicitation by Salesmen
509.4 Product and Service Demonstrations by Vendors
509.5 State Purchase Contracts
509.6 Solicitation of Bids and Quotations
509.7 Single Source Purchases
509.8 Purchases from Commercial Vendors
509.9 Changes to Purchase Orders
509.10 Correspondence with Vendors
509.11 Return of Merchandise to Vendors
509.12 Purchases from University Facilities
509.13 Emergency Purchases
509.14 Blanket Purchase Orders
509.15 Rental and Lease of Equipment
509.16 Purchase and Rental of Office Machines
509.17 Service Contracts/Maintenance Agreements
509.18 Purchase or Rental of EDP and Computer Related Equipment
509.19 Excise and Sales Tax
509.20 Personal and Professional Service Contracts
509.21 Indefinite Quantity Contracts
509.22 Small Purchases
509.23 Procurement Card Program
509.24 Pre-Payments
510 Travel, Transportation, and Expense Reimbursements
510.1 Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy
510.2 Travel to Destinations of Elevated Risk
510.3 International Travel Insurance
511 Printing and Publications
511.1 Printing Responsibilities
511.2 Printing Services and Charges
511.3 Graphic Identity Program
512 Budget Administration
600 Human Resources
601 Hiring and Separation
601.1 SHRA Employee Hiring
601.2 SHRA Employee Merit-Based Recruitment and Selection Plan
601.3 SHRA Employee Requesting Position Actions
601.4 SHRA Employee Separation from Service
601.5 SHRA Employee Terminating Employment
601.6 SHRA Grievance and Appeal
601.7 SHRA Employee Reduction-in-Force
601.8 EHRA Employees
601.9 Student Employees
602 Terms and Conditions of Employment
602.1 Equal Opportunity See Policy #114
602.2 Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation See Policy #110
602.3 Employee Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs
602.4 Use of Software on Non-State Owned Personal Computers
602.5 Age Limitation for Employment and Employee Retention
602.6 Position Management
602.7 Personnel Records and Information Disclosure
602.8 Pay and Compensation
602.9 In-Range Adjustment
602.10 Supplemental Pay
602.11 Employee Responsibilities
602.12 Work Schedule
602.13 Changes Affecting Employment
602.14 Employee Relations
602.15 Employee Safety
602.16 Disciplinary Action, Suspension and Dismissal
602.17 Disciplinary Suspension Without Pay
602.18 Demotion
602.19 Pre-Disciplinary Conference
602.20 Appeal to State Human Resource Commission
602.21 Improper Relationships between Students and Employees
602.22 Mediation for Faculty and EHRA Administrative Personnel
602.23 EHRA Non-Faculty Grievances
602.24 Evaluating Staff Employees
602.25 Daylight Savings Time
602.26 Adverse Weather and Emergency Closing
602.27 EHRA Non-faculty Employment
602.28 Critical and Essential Staff (Repealed)
602.29 On-Call/Emergency Callback Pay
602.30 Criminal Background Reports
602.31 EHRA Non-Faculty Performance Management
602.32 Workplace Violence
602.33 Sponsorship of Employees For United States Permanent Residence
602.34 Non-Salary and Deferred Compensation
602.35 Employee Relocation Expenses

- 603 Benefits
  - 603.1 Leave
  - 603.2 Voluntary Shared Leave Program
  - 603.3 Insurance and Retirement Benefits
  - 603.4 Educational Opportunities
  - 603.5 Services to Employees
  - 603.6 Filing the Supervisor's Accident Report Form
  - 603.7 Filing Worker's Compensation Claims
  - 603.8 EHRA Benefits
  - 603.9 SHRA Benefits
  - 603.10 Vacation Leave
  - 603.11 Sick Leave
  - 603.12 Leave without Pay Administration
  - 603.13 Holiday Leave Administration
  - 603.14 FMLA Leave Administration
  - 603.15 Family Illness Leave Administration
  - 603.16 Community Service Leave
  - 603.17 Military Service Leave and Differential Pay Procedures
  - 603.18 Emergency Loan Fund

- 604 Conflicts of Interest and Commitment
  - 604.1 Dual Employment
  - 604.2 Processing Dual Employment Assignments
  - 604.3 External Professional Activities of Faculty and Other Professional Staff
  - 604.4 Secondary Employment
  - 604.5 Staff (SHRA) Employee Request for Approval to Engage in Outside Work
  - 604.6 Conflict of Interest and Commitment
  - 604.7 Political Activities and Public Office Holding

- 700 Athletics
  - 701 Department of Athletics Policies and Procedures Manual
  - 702 Trademark/Service Mark Licensing

- 800 University Communications
  - 801 Responses to Requests
    - 801.1 Media Requests

- 900 Information Technology
  - 901 Information Technology Governance Policy
  - 902 Data Governance
  - 903 Information Security Policy
  - 904 Infrastructure and Architecture Policy
  - 905 Identity and Access Management Policy
  - 906 Acceptable Use of Computing and Electronic Resources Policy
  - 907 General Web Standards
  - 908 E-Mail As Official Means of Communication
  - 909 Web Accessibility Standards
  - 910 Statement of Confidentiality
- 1000 Audits
  - 1001 Financial and Operational Audits
  - 1002 Information Systems Audits
  - 1003 Bank Accounts, Cash Funds, and Investments
  - 1004 Accounting Systems and Procedures
  - 1005 Audit Follow-Up Policy