

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER  
*Handbook Revision: General Admission Provisions*

**BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

In October 2001, the Board of Regents adopted the following statement of commitment indicating that institutions of the System (then named the University and Community College System of Nevada) must be free of discrimination and bias:

*The University and Community College System of Nevada is committed to campuses free of discrimination and bias because of a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation. The UCCSN requires all employees to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with this commitment. Official publications must also reflect this commitment.*

Anti-discrimination provisions of this nature are included in various Board policies including the general provisions governing admission to the universities, state college, and community colleges. At the time this statement was adopted the general admission statements were not updated to be consistent with the statement. Staff recommends updating the provisions consistent with the statement adopted in 2001.

**SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Amend Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 4, 19 and 27 to align with the Board's commitment that NSHE campuses be free of discrimination and bias. (See the attached Policy Proposal.)

**IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

In a recent review of admissions statements the inconsistency with the Board's previously approved statement was discovered.

**BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

Amending Board policy as recommended will:

- Align Board policy with its commitment that campuses be free of discrimination and bias;
- General admission provisions will be consistent across institution type.

**POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None have been brought forward.

**ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

Codify the Board's commitment statement in Title 4, Chapter 16, and for consistency eliminate the anti-discrimination statement pertinent to admissions.

**COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #\_\_\_\_ Chapter #\_\_\_\_ Section #\_\_\_\_
- Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 4, 19, and 27*
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #\_\_\_\_ Section #\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fiscal Impact: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 4 (in part)**  
University General Admissions

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

**Section 4. University Admission – General Policy**

1. In the admission of students, universities shall not discriminate on the basis of [~~race, religion, color, age, sex, disability, or national origin~~] *a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation.*

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 19 (in part)**  
Community College General Admissions

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**Section 19. Community College Admission – General Policy**

1. In the admission of students, community colleges shall not discriminate on the basis of [~~race, religion, color, age, sex, disability, or national origin~~] *a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation.*

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 27 (in part)**  
State College General Admissions

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**Section 27. State College Admission – General Policy**

1. In the admission of students, the state college shall not discriminate on the basis of [~~sex, color, race or creed, disabilities, national origin, or sexual orientation~~] *a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation.*