



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

January 9, 2025

Board Policy Updates

Background

As outlined below, the Commissioner recommends approving amendments to six Board policies and repealing three Board policies based on the Commissioner's office five-year policy review.

Board Policy R165, *Concurrent Enrollment*

The following amendments to Board Policy R165 are recommended to align with state law:

- Updating the definition of sensitive materials to align with [Utah Code 53G-10-103\(h\)\(i\)](#);
- Updating citations to the Utah Code; and
- Non-substantive edits for clarity and consistency with other Board policies.

Board Policy R208, *Institutional Liaisons*

Board Policy R208 is recommended for repeal because the Board no longer assigns institutional liaisons to the Utah System of Higher Education institutions as required by Board Policy R208.

Repeal of this policy was shared with institutional general counsels for feedback.

Board Policy R262, *Student Safety*

The following amendments to Board Policy R262 are recommended based on updates to the federal Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 that directs the Secretary of Education to develop, design, and make available through a secure and accessible online portal, a standardized online survey tool regarding postsecondary student experiences with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking. The survey tool will be administered by the Department of Education. Beginning no later than one year after the survey tool is made available, institutions are required to administer the campus climate survey on a biennial basis. The proposed edits include:

- Updates to state that institutions shall conduct a climate survey of students "in compliance with federal law requirements" so institutions can align their efforts with federal law requirements; and
- Removes the requirement that institutions provide survey results to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

This policy was shared with institutional general counsels for feedback.

Board Policy R550, Auxiliary Enterprises Operation and Accountability

The following amendments to Board Policy R550 are recommended based on the Commissioner's office five-year review:

- Updating the definitions of “auxiliary enterprises” and “essentially self-supporting”. The definition of “essentially self-supporting” excludes activities that are funded primarily through state appropriations or institution tuition revenues;
- Adding that institutions shall annually perform a risk assessment of all auxiliary enterprises and complete at least one auxiliary audit engagement each year unless the auxiliary enterprise at the institution has been audited within the last five years; and
- Non-substantive edits for clarity and consistency with other Board policies.

Board Policy R609A, Regents' Scholarship

Board Policy R609A is recommended for repeal because the policy applies to scholarships awarded to students in and prior to 2018. There are no longer any students who are receiving the Regents' Scholarship under this policy. [Board Policy R609C, Regents' Scholarship](#) covers current recipients of the Regents' Scholarship.

Repeal of this policy was shared with institutional general counsels for feedback.

Board Policy R609B, Regents' Scholarship

Board Policy R609B is recommended for repeal because the policy applies to scholarships awarded to students in 2019. There are no longer any students who are receiving the Regents' Scholarship under this policy. [Board Policy R609C, Regents' Scholarship](#) covers current recipients of the Regents' Scholarship.

Repeal of this policy was shared with institutional general counsels for feedback.

Board Policy R609C, Regents' Scholarships

The following amendments to Board Policy R609C are recommended based on Commissioner's office five-year review:

- Updating the title of the policy from R609C to R609;
- Updating references and hyperlinks;
- Updating language for consistency and clarity; and
- Non-substantive edits for consistency with other Board policies.

Additionally, the Commissioner's office is proposing to update [Administrative Rule R765-609](#) to align with the updated Board Policy R609.

This policy was shared with institutional general counsels for feedback.

Board Policy R617, Karen Mayne Public Safety Officer Scholarship Program

The following amendments to Board Policy R617 are recommended:

- Updating the scholarship award requirements to clarify who is eligible to apply for the scholarship; and
- Updating language for consistency and clarity.

Additionally, the Commissioner's office is proposing to update [Administrative Rule R765-617](#) to align with updated Board Policy R617.

Board Policy R628, WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program

The following amendments to Board Policy R628 are recommended based on the Commissioner's office five-year review:

- Updating residency requirements for student eligibility for the WICHE professional student exchange program;
- Clarifying required documentation to verify residency; and
- Non-substantive edits for consistency with other Board policies.

Additionally, the Commissioner's office is proposing to update [Administrative Rule R765-628](#) to align with updated Board Policy R628.

Commissioner's Recommendation

Commissioner Landward recommends that the Board approve amending six policies and repealing three policies.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Redlined Board Policy R165

Attachment 2 – Clean Board Policy R165

Attachment 3 – Redlined Board Policy R208

Attachment 4 – Redlined Board Policy R262

Attachment 5 – Clean Board Policy R262

Attachment 6 – Redlined Board Policy R550

Attachment 7 – Clean Board Policy R550

Attachment 8 – Redlined Board Policy R609A

Attachment 9 – Redlined Board Policy R609B

Attachment 10 – Redlined Board Policy R609C

Attachment 11 – Clean Board Policy R609C

Attachment 12 – Redlined Board Policy R617

Attachment 13 – Clean Board Policy R617

Attachment 14 – Redlined Board Policy R628

Attachment 15 – Clean Board Policy R628