I. POLICY

A. State the policy, completely yet succinctly. Clearly identify the academic issue being addressed, the university’s position on this issue, and, as needed, the principles that form the basis of the policy. Avoid too much detail or nuance or too many references to exceptions. These might be better addressed in a later section.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A. List the federal, state, or TSUS laws, statutes, rules, and regulations under which this policy falls. If unknown, use this standard text: “This policy falls under the authority of applicable federal, state, and Texas State University System (TSUS) laws, statutes, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, the TSUS Rules & Regulations; Texas Education Code, Title 3, Higher Education; and Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Education.”

B. Identify Lamar University (LU) academic practices this policy covers as well as exclusions or areas the policy does not cover.

III. DEFINITIONS (optional)

A. Term. Define key terms used in this policy, especially terms critical to understanding the policy, specific to this policy, or unfamiliar to readers.

B. Term. Define . . .

IV. POLICY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (optional)

A. List applicable LU personnel (by title, not name) and their roles and responsibilities with regard to this policy. This section does not list the procedures that these individuals follow.

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V. PROCEDURES (this section may be renamed)

A. List the procedures followed to implement the policy. Procedures should be complete but not overly detailed. Decide which procedures are essential for the reader to know and which can be left out.

B. Although this section may list the steps needed to implement the policy, procedures should not be confused with instructions, desk manuals, or similarly detailed documents. Include only what is necessary.

VI. ADDITIONAL SECTIONS (optional)

A. Insert additional sections as needed. This information can often be embedded in previous sections. However, at times, this information is critical enough to require its own section. Insert a new section anywhere between the sections “Purpose and Scope” and “Review and Responsibility,” wherever the new section best fits into the policy.

VII. REFERENCES (optional)

A. List outside sources used to write the policy. This section is similar to the References list at the end of an article. To avoid disrupting the policy’s readability, use a superscript number or parenthetical number/reference to cite a source in the policy’s text, then include the full citation in this References section.

VIII. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible Party: Academic Policy Advisory Council

Review Schedule: Every three years on or before the date the policy was last revised and/or approved.

IX. APPROVAL

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APPENDICES

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