

PART X

REGULATIONS AFFECTING ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

A. Merit As the Basis for Appointment

All appointments shall be made strictly on the basis of merit. An applicant for a position shall not be discriminated against because of sex, race, ethnic origin, national origin, sexual orientation, color, creed, religion, age, or political belief. Additionally, the University shall not discriminate against any applicant for employment because of Vietnam-era veteran status, disabled veteran status, or physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the applicant for employment is qualified.

Members of the Board of Trustees, except those elected to the Board as faculty, staff, or student representatives, and relatives of any member of the Board of Trustees are ineligible for employment at the University. "Relatives", as used above, include parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, brothers- and sisters-in-law, mothers- and fathers-in-law, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews, sons- and daughters-in-law, and step-relatives in the same relationships. Employment includes regular and temporary full- and part-time employment, including student work-study and graduate assistant programs.

No relative of the President shall be employed in a position at the University. Similarly, no relative of the Provost, or any Vice President, or any Associate Provost or Associate Vice President shall be employed in a position in that officer's administrative area. Waiver of the above regulation may be permitted by the Board of Trustees on a stated temporary basis, not to exceed two years, when it is otherwise impossible practicably to fill a position with a fully qualified person. The same individual shall not be eligible for reappointment under the terms of this exception unless approval is given by the Board of Trustees. No relative of any administrative officer of the University, or of any member of the University faculty, may be appointed to any position in the University over which the related officer or staff member exercises supervisory or line authority. Employment of relatives within the same department or division shall be approved specifically by the Provost or senior vice president, as appropriate. "Relatives," as used above, include parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, brothers- and sisters-in-law, mothers- and fathers-in-law, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews, sons- and daughters-in-law, and step-relatives in the same relationships. The employment of relatives of University employees, as described in this paragraph, whose relationship was not a violation of this section of the Governing Regulations prior to its amendment on April 10, 1984, does not constitute a violation of the amended policy provided the relatives are regular employees of the University and remain in the University employment positions which they held on April 10, 1984. However, the transfer of any such employees described in this paragraph (whose employment relationship was not a violation of policy prior to its amendment on April 10, 1984) to any other regular University position shall require approval of the President.