



POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 11, SECTION 12
Compensated Outside Professional Services

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Section 12. Compensated Outside Professional Service
(For NSHE General Policy, See Chapter 3, Sec. 8)

1. Under conditions set forth below, limited professional services rendered by a Desert Research Institute (DRI) faculty member to organizations or individuals outside of DRI for compensation is recognized as a legitimate, and often desirable, activity for a faculty member.
2. Outside professional or scholarly service as contemplated by this section shall not adversely affect the performance of the faculty member in regard to his or her obligation and duties to DRI. A faculty member is to perform compensated outside professional activities on his or her own time.
3. No faculty member may undertake outside professional or scholarly service that would result in a conflict of interest with his or her assigned duties. Conflict of interest means any outside activity or interest that may adversely affect, compromise, or be incompatible with the obligations of an employee to the institution.
4. DRI faculty members performing compensated outside professional or scholarly service are subject to the code of ethical standards of the State of Nevada (*Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) **(NRS 281A.400-281A.660)**), which governs the conduct of public officers and employees.
5. A faculty member may not perform an official act on behalf of the institution that directly benefits a business or other undertaking in which he or she either has a substantial financial interest or is engaged as counsel, consultant, representative, agent, director, or officer. This prohibition is not intended to limit a faculty member's ability to enter into a contract between a governmental entity, the institution, and a private entity to the extent authorized by, and in conformity, with NRS 396.255, NRS 281.221(3), NRS 281.230(3), **NRS 281A.430(3)**, the Board of Regents Intellectual Property Policy (Title 4, Chapter 12, Sections 1-8), and the Board of Regents Conflict of Interest Policy (Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 1.7).
6. *For the purpose of this section, potential conflicts of interest include a faculty member's involvement in transactions or decisions on behalf of an institution, in which the faculty member knows that benefits accrue to individuals in the faculty member's household, persons to whom the faculty member is related by blood, adoption or marriage within the third degree of consanguinity, or persons with whom the faculty member has substantial and continuing outside business relationships.*

Relationships within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity are defined as:

(a) The faculty member's spouse, child, parent, sibling, half-sibling, or step-relatives in the same relationship; (b) The spouse of the faculty member's child, parent, sibling, half-sibling, or step-relative; or (c) The faculty member's in-laws, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, or first cousin.

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