



BOV POLICY # 02 (2014) Policy Classification and Numbering System

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POLICY STATEMENT

Norfolk State University is committed to supporting and promoting a culture of accountability and transparency and expects all members of the University Community to conduct the University's business in a lawful and ethical manner.

This policy provides for the classification and numbering of all policies of the University to ensure understandable, consistent messaging and formatting.

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PURPOSE

This schema is designed to enable quick and easy identification, cataloging, referencing, and online publication of university policies in the online Policy Library.

TYPES OF POLICIES

There are four types of policies at Norfolk State University:

- 1. Board of Visitors ("BOV") Policy:** addresses governance of the University and requires a majority approval of the Board of Visitors. BOV Policy may be required by statute or other legislative action. The authority to determine when a policy warrants Board of Visitors level of approval rests with the Board and the President with the advice of University Counsel.



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- 2. Administrative Policy:** addresses critical operational matters to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies at the federal, state, or local levels. Administrative Policies do not address practice or procedures and have broad application throughout the University. Administrative Policy is subject to approval by the President, applicable Vice President, or respective designee for policy issuance and major revisions. Board of Visitors approval is not required.
- 3. Interim Policy:** provisional policy issued by the Board of Visitors or the President that satisfies an emergent need or exigency.
- 4. Local Policy:** narrowly tailored policy that addresses the unique needs of, and generally applies to or affects, one unit, division, department, or school.

CLASSIFICATION

All University policies will be classified by policy type, i.e., BOV Policy, Administrative Policy, Interim Policy, or Local Policy.

NUMBERING SYSTEM

Board of Visitors Policies

Policies promulgated by the Board of Visitors (BOV Policy) are identified by the following: classification, number (sequential), effective year (in parentheses), and policy title. For example:

BOV Policy	# 01	(2014)	Creating and Maintaining Policies
[classification]	[number]	[year]	[title]

The effective year is the year of approval or revision.

Administrative Policies

Administrative Policies are comprised of classification, divisional assignment # [-] number (sequential), effective year (in parentheses), and policy title. For example:

Administrative Policy	#20-01	(2013)	Identification Badge & Card ID
[classification]	[division #-number]	[year]	[title]
Administrative Policy	#30-05	(2003)	Experimental Learning Policy
[classification]	[division # - number]	[year]	[title]

The effective year is the year of approval or revision.



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Divisional Assignments

Assignment Number Division

- 10 -19 Division of Operations and Institutional Effectiveness
- 20-29 Division of Student Affairs
- 30-39 Division of Academic Affairs
- 40-49 Division of Finance and Administration
- 50-59 Division of University Advancement
- 60 Athletics
- 61 – 69 Other

Offices or departments within a Division may be assigned a number with the range allotted to each Division. For example, policies designated as or related to the Office of Information Technology may be designated as assignment number 31 under the Division of Academic Affairs; University Housing may be designated as assignment number 23 under the Division of Student Affairs for its Residence Life and Housing Withdrawal and Room Deposit Refund Policy.

Procedures, best practices, guidelines or forms shall be labeled as such and published on the appropriate Division's website.

Interim Policies

Interim policies are identified "Interim" and as BOV Policy or Presidential Policy. The Interim policy is identified as follows: classification, number (sequential), effective year (in parentheses), and policy title. For example:

Interim BOV Policy	# 01	(2013)	Creating and Maintaining Policies
<i>[classification]</i>	<i>[number]</i>	<i>[year]</i>	<i>[title]</i>

Upon the finalization or ratification (if necessary) of an Interim Policy, the title "Interim" shall be eliminated and said policy shall be added to the appropriate category of policy. The effective year is the year of approval or revision.

Local Policies

Local policies are identified as "local" and should include the operating unit or office to which the policy applies, classification (in parentheses), number (sequential), effective year (in parentheses), and policy title. For example:

Career Services	(Local Policy)	# 1	(2020)	Employer Access to NSU Career Fairs
<i>[operating unit]</i>	<i>[classification]</i>	<i>[number]</i>	<i>[year]</i>	<i>[title]</i>



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EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE

The University Policy Administrator shall provide quarterly workshops for the purpose of educating the NSU community on the provisions of this policy. Compliance with the requirements of this policy shall be evaluated by the Policy Administrator as policies advance through the University's policy making framework for development and/or revision.

PUBLICATION

This policy shall be widely published and distributed to the University community. To ensure timely publication and distribution thereof, the Responsible Office will make every effort to:

1. Communicate the policy in writing, electronic or otherwise, to the University community within 14 days of approval;
2. Submit the policy for inclusion in the online Policy Library within 14 days of approval;
3. Educate and train all stakeholders and appropriate audiences on the policy's content, as necessary.

Failure to meet the publication requirements does not invalidate this policy.

Next Scheduled Review: March 2027

Approved by, date: Board of Visitors: March 19, 2021 – policy reviewed – no changes

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Supersedes: NSU Policy No. 01.002 Policy and Procedure Numbering System

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

[Board Policy # 01 \(2014\) Creating and Maintaining Policies](#)

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