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PURPOSE

Students attending colleges in the Vermont State Colleges may form organized Student Organizations which are funded in full or part by student fees, and such associations require a formal statement giving their relationship to the college.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. The President is the chief executive officer of the college, with full responsibility to the Chancellor, and through the Chancellor to the Board, for the operations of the college and its facilities, including facilities operated by the Student Association or any of its components. Opinions of the Corporation's counsel guide the Corporation's decisions.
2. The President may delegate specific responsibilities to other officers of the institution.
3. The Board of Trustees encourages student participation in college governance, and believes students should have a voice in college affairs which affect them.
4. Officers of the Student Association (and its affiliates) must be currently registered students at the time of their election and through their tenure as Student Association Officers.
5. Policy recommendations from the Student Association will be forwarded to the President of the college or his/her designee for decision.
 6. The Student Association fee is set by the Student Association on each campus, up to the Board-approved maximum, but no funds shall be accepted, earned, or budgeted, or financial commitments made to outside organizations, without Presidential approval. Any proposed change of the activity fee must be supported by adequately publicized referendum of all students paying the fee. Individual college rates for the student activity fee will increase automatically each year by the same percentage (%) as the Board-approved maximum, but a given college's Student Association can increase that college's rate to a higher level as long as it is still within the Board-approved maximum. All funds earned by the Student Association or its affiliates will

be deposited with the Business Office and disbursed upon proper vouching; budget allocations are made by the Student Association. Budget decisions and expenditure requests will be reviewed by the President or his/her designee and overruled if in his/her judgment, such decisions and expenditures are detrimental to the college or contrary to established budget policy.

Signed by: Charles I. Bunting Chancellor
