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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Policy and Procedure Manual

SUBJECT: General Authority and University Policy and Procedure Manual Overview

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1. General Authority

- a. South Dakota State University is designated by the South Dakota Legislature as the State Land-grant University and is empowered and governed by state and federal laws and subject to the control and management of the South Dakota Board of Regents. (SDCL 13-58-1).
- b. Mission: South Dakota State University provides a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation, and engagement that improve the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation, and the world.
- c. Vision: As a leading land-grant university, South Dakota State University will champion the public good through engaged learning, bold and innovative research and creative activities, and stewardship within a global society.

2. University Policy and Procedure Manual

- a. The South Dakota State University Policy and Procedure Manual (UPPM) delineates the official universitywide policies and procedures as required and authorized by these provisions. All policies and procedures contained in the UPPM official and supersede policies or procedures located elsewhere at the University, unless there is a conflict with South Dakota Board of Regents policy or controlling law.
- b. Rather than restating and maintaining UPPM contents in multiple locations, other documents and sites should provide links or references to the UPPM site and document. Statements of University Policy and Procedure published elsewhere are not official and may not reflect recent current provisions.
- c. University Policies
  - i. Are intended to:
    1. Assist the University in accomplishing its mission and clarifying institutional expectations;
    2. Support compliance with state and federal laws and regulations;
    3. Enhance productivity and efficiency in the University's operations;
    4. Maintain adequate internal controls to safeguard the University's assets;
    5. Mitigate institutional risk.

