# HARASSMENT AVOIDANCE

POLICY NUMBER: RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

**POLICY TYPE: ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TITLE: DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**EFFECTIVE DATE**:9/20/2012

### I. POLICY STATEMENT

Northern Kentucky University (NKU) is committed to providing a work environment free from all forms of discrimination including harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability and veteran status. Such harassment is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Threats or acts of violence against employees, students, vendors and customers will not be tolerated. Any person who threatens to commit or engages in a violent act on university property, against a university employee or at a university event or function, may be removed from the premises as quickly and safely as possible, and must remain off university premises pending the outcome of an investigation. The Office of Human Resources and University Police will be notified and will investigate any incidences as needed.

#### **II. ENTITIES AFFECTED**

Faculty, Staff, and Students

#### IV. DEFINITIONS

Harassment is defined as the act of or instances of harassing, tormenting, pestering, troubling repeatedly or persecuting.

Harassment conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping, and threatening, intimidating or hostile acts relating to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.
- 2. Written or graphic material circulated in the workplace by any means that creates a hostile or offensive work environment toward an individual or group of individuals because of their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

## **REVISION HISTORY**

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