

Solicitation and Commercial Activity

To preserve the integrity of the University's academic community, protect the privacy of students, and prevent the use of University resources for unauthorized commercial purposes, students may not solicit – that is, advertise, market, promote, or sell goods or services (e.g., physical products, digital products, or paid services) – to other students on University property, through University networks, learning management systems, email, messaging platforms, discussion boards, University-administered social media groups, other University-sponsored communication channels, or at University-sponsored events, except as expressly authorized by the relevant University office responsible for the activity in question (e.g., the student's academic unit, Career Services, the Vice President of Student Affairs or their designee, etc.).

This policy does not apply to isolated, non-recurring personal sales of used personal property (e.g., a textbook, furniture, or other personal item) between students, provided such sales do not constitute an ongoing or recurring commercial enterprise.

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- **Academic Support Services:** Soliciting other students for tutoring, writing assistance, editing, proofreading, academic coaching, test preparation, or similar services on University property or through University resources.
- **Freelance or Professional Services:** Soliciting fellow students for graphic design, programming, web development, resume writing, translation, consulting, coaching, photography, or other professional services on University property or through University resources.
- **Commercial Promotion:** Using University property or University resources to recruit clients, generate business leads, promote a personal business, or otherwise engage in commercial activity directed at other students.
- **Commercial Sales and Recruitment:** Selling products or services, or recruiting customers, distributors, affiliates, or participants for commercial enterprises, including multilevel marketing (MLM), direct sales businesses, or similar ventures.

Nothing in this provision prohibits non-commercial academic collaboration, participation in recognized student organizations, University-authorized employment or tutoring, or other activities expressly approved by the University.

Violations of this policy are subject to disciplinary action under the Student Conduct Code.

Contract Cheating

Offering, advertising, soliciting, or accepting compensation or other consideration to complete, substantially complete, facilitate, or misrepresent the authorship of another student's academic work—including assignments, papers, projects, quizzes, examinations, discussion posts, or any other graded or assessed work – is strictly prohibited. This conduct constitutes a serious

violation of the University's Academic Integrity Policy, independent of the solicitation provisions above, and may result in disciplinary action under that policy in addition to any action taken under this solicitation policy.

Approved Fundraising and Authorized Activities

This policy does not prohibit fundraising or other solicitation activities that have been reviewed and expressly approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs or their designee. Student organizations and individuals seeking to conduct fundraising or solicitation activities on University property, at University-sponsored events, or through University resources must obtain prior written approval before engaging in such activities. Approval decisions will be based on neutral, generally applicable criteria – such as the time, place, and manner of the proposed activity, resource availability, and consistency with applicable law and University policy – and will not be based on the viewpoint or content of the message being communicated. The University reserves the right to approve, deny, or place reasonable conditions on any proposed fundraising or solicitation activity based on the review against such generally applicable criteria.

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