Angelo State University
Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 52.08: Compliance Training

DATE: April 27, 2015

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy and/or Procedure (OP) is to establish the employee compliance training program for equal employment, sexual harassment ethics, and minor protection.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed in April every three years, or as needed, by the director of human resources with recommended revisions forwarded through the vice president for finance and administration to the president by May 15th of the same year.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Standards Training

By state law, institutions of higher education must provide training to each new employee on policies and procedures regarding employment discrimination and sexual harassment no later than 30 days after the date of hire. In addition, supplemental training is required for each employee every two years after employment. Employees are required to sign a statement that verifies attendance at this training. Signed attendance statements will be recorded in the employee’s personnel file kept by the Office of Human Resources.

2. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Compliance Training

By state law, institutions of higher education that receive three or more discrimination complaints with merit in a fiscal year must provide comprehensive EEO training to managers and supervisors. The training shall be provided by the Civil Rights Division of the Texas Workforce Commission or by a person or agency approved by the Civil Rights Division. If the training is not provided by the Civil Rights Division, documentation verifying this training must be provided to the Civil Rights Division. The documentation should include the dates that the training was provided, the names of the persons attending the training, an agenda for the training program, and the name of the entity or person providing the training. The minimum standards for training are determined by the Texas Workforce Commission.

3. Compliance Training Required By The University

In addition to the state-required training on employment discrimination and sexual harassment, Angelo State University requires additional training on ethics and standards of conduct. This training will be conducted for newly hired employees during the new employee orientation. Supplemental training is required for every employee every two years. All compliance training for employment discrimination, sexual harassment and ethics and standard of conduct will be conducted by the Office of Human Resources.
4. Minor Protection Training

Angelo State operates its youth camps and other activities involving minors in a safe and lawful manner free from any form of child abuse or molestation (including physical, mental, or sexual) and in such a manner to earn and maintain the public’s trust. As such, Angelo State operates its youth camps and other programs involving minors in compliance with applicable laws, including Texas Senate Bill 1414; Texas Education Code Chapter 51, Subchapter Z, Section 51.976; Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 265, Subchapter N; and other applicable laws.

A youth camp, or program for minors, is defined as an educational, athletic, and recreational or other activity or event operated or sponsored by the university at any location or by a third party on university property in which one or more minors (younger than 18) participate for all or part of more than one day or an event with an overnight stay.

All camp employees and university employees who have contact with minors at a campus program or program operated by the university must be trained and certified in sexual abuse and child molestation awareness. The training and certification provided will be administered by the Office of Human Resources and approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). These employees must verify that they have successfully completed the training and certification program within the preceding two (2) years of their hire date.