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## 1.0 Ban on Certain Consensual Relationships with Students

- 1.1 A "consensual relationship" is defined as one in which two individuals are involved by mutual consent in a romantic, physically intimate, and/or sexual relationship. This definition includes domestic partners and spouses.
- 1.2 For purposes of this policy, "District/College employee" does not include student employees.
- 1.3 A consensual relationship that might be appropriate in other circumstances is prohibited when a District/College employee has responsibility for supervising, directing, overseeing, evaluating, advising, or influencing the employment or educational status of a student.
  - 1.3.1 Exception: There may be instances where a District/College employee is the only employee in the College that can provide a course or service to a person with whom they have a preexisting consensual relationship. Prior to supervising, directing, overseeing, evaluating, advising or influencing the employment or educational status of a student with whom they have a pre-existing consensual relationship, the College/District employee shall disclose this relationship to the appropriate College Vice President, or the appropriate Vice Chancellor (for employees that do not work at a College) and obtain their written approval. Additional controls, such as periodic review or providing additional oversight, shall be undertaken to prevent or detect problems.

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