

Affirmative Action

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Purpose

Stephen F. Austin State University is fully committed to the national and state goal of affording equal employment opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, citizenship, and veteran status.

Definitions

Affirmative action means that a search for the best qualified applicant was conducted actively among those groups usually discriminated against and that a major effort was made to find the best qualified individual by actively seeking applications from such groups as required by federal regulations.

General

The university's fundamental policy is to provide an equal employment opportunity in all of its operations, all areas of employment practices, and to assure that there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, citizenship, or veteran status. Additionally, discrimination is prohibited on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. The university's policy extends to recruiting, hiring, training, compensation, overtime, job classifications, work conditions, promotions, transfers, employee treatment, suspensions, terminations, layoffs, return from layoffs, tuition aid, recreational programs, and all other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. The following special guidelines apply to university employment practices:

1. Provide equal pay for equal work.
2. Provide hiring standards that do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, citizenship, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
3. In general, an employer may hire the individual best qualified to perform a particular job but must take affirmative action that will open up job opportunities on all levels to women, minorities, disabled individuals, and veterans.
4. Requirements must be job related and qualifications must be the minimum needed for entrance to a given job.
5. Recruiting efforts must reach minority and women applicants.

6. Selections must be made following strict guidelines that prevent discrimination in all phases of the selection process: job analysis, uniform classification, retention and maintenance of applications, interview practices, and notification of results of the selection process. Appointments must be made considering only job-related factors.

Additional information concerning the university's affirmative action policy, plan, and guidelines for recruiting, screening, interviewing, employee selection, record keeping, employee training, performance management, and new employee orientation can be obtained from the director of human resources.

Cross Reference: U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1; 8 U.S.C. § 1324b; 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1684; 29 U.S.C. §§ 206, 621, 623, 793; 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d, 2000e-2 - 2000e-3, 6101-6102; Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 106.001; Tex. Hum. Res. Code §§ 121.001, .003(f); Tex. Gov't Code §§ 657.002-.007; Tex. Lab. Code Ch. 21; Tex. Const. art I, § 3a; Texas General Appropriations Act

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