

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**Section 308**

**SUBJECT: USE OF EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN PROGRAM CURRICULA**

**PURPOSE: To clarify the use of the experiential education in college program curricula**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of providing experiential education throughout the State in order to meet the System's statutory mission to provide applied technology-technical education, and to meet business' need for experienced graduates. Experiential education may include providing to an outside entity services and products available from local private businesses provided that a college determines that such education 1) is an important component of a course's learning requirements; and 2) does not unduly impact such businesses. Businesses with concerns for such impact should contact directly the college president who shall promptly evaluate their concerns.

A college's program-specific guidelines regarding experiential learning shall be consistent with this Policy.

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REFERENCES: 20-A M.R.S.A. §12706(1) and (15)

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