

Indiana University East Faculty Senate 2008/09 Faculty Affairs Committee

[The Faculty Affairs Committee proposes revising Section 6, “Conflict of Interest,” in IUE’s “Academic Appointment: Responsibilities and Privileges” because conflict of interest, including the disclosure statement, is an all-IU policy and practice. The policy is in place and the disclosure statements are completed without needing a separate IUE policy. FAC proposes replacing the policy with a sentence referring readers to the IU Academic Handbook. The proposed revisions are indicated by strikethroughs and boldface type within square brackets.]

6. Conflict of Interest

[For information about Indiana University Conflict of Interest policies, please consult “Policy on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research,” “Policy on Conflicts of Commitment Involving Outside Professional Activities” and “Outside Activities and Extra Compensation” in the Indiana University Academic Handbook.]

~~When an employee of Indiana University East has outside interests or obligations to a private business or individual, every possible effort should be made to prevent a conflict of interest. Some possible examples of a conflict of interest are as follows:~~

- ~~a. Using University research for the benefit of private business without disclosing this activity to the University or its sponsoring agency;~~
- ~~b. Purchasing major equipment for University research from a private business that the employee has interest in without the disclosure of such interest;~~
- ~~c. Using privileged information for personal gain;~~
- ~~d. Accepting gratuities or special favors from private organizations that do business with the University.~~

~~Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement~~

~~The procedure for filing a disclosure statement which is recommended is as follows:~~

- ~~1. The employee should obtain from the office of the Chancellor or from the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the particular campus a disclosure statement form (central administration employees may obtain such forms from the Treasurer of the University, as well.)~~
- ~~2. When filled out by the employee, the disclosure statement should be submitted to the office of the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of the campus (to the Treasurer for central administration).~~
- ~~3. The statement will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, with comments if advisable (see below).~~
- ~~4. The Secretary will transmit such statements to the attention of the Personnel Committee.~~
- ~~5. The Personnel Committee of the Board will process disclosure statements and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.~~
- ~~6. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees will transmit approved statements to the State Board of Accounts.~~

~~7. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees will notify the employee of the action taken with respect to the disclosure statement filed by the employee.~~