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- 3. Promoting policies or procedures designed or implemented in reference to race, color, or ethnicity, except as expressly authorized by the TSUS's Office of General Counsel in accordance with a court order or state or federal law; or
- 4. Conducting trainings, programs, or activities designed or implemented in reference to race, color, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation except as expressly authorized by the TSUS Office of General Counsel in accordance with a court order or state or federal law.
- B. **Diversity**, **Equity**, **and Inclusion Training** includes a training, program, or activity designed or implemented in reference to race, color, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

### IV. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- A. The University shall not, except as required by federal law:
  - 1. Establish or maintain a diversity, equity, and inclusion office;
  - 2. Hire or assign an employee of the University or contract with a third party to perform the duties of a diversity, equity, and inclusion office;
  - 3. Compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, or inclusion statement;
  - 4. Give preference on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to an applicant for employment, an employee, or a participant in any function of the University; or
  - 5. Require any person to participate in diversity, equity, and inclusion training as a condition of enrolling at the University or performing any University function except training developed and approved by the TSUS Office of General Counsel in accordance with a court order or state or federal law.

### V. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A. Any employee or contractor who violates any of the provisions stated in this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

#### VI. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible Party: Division of Strategic Initiatives and Community Relations (SICR)

Review Schedule: Every three years on or before September 1

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# VII. APPROVAL

Dr. Freddie Titus	02/26/2024	
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Community Relations	Date	
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President of Lamar University	Date	

# **POLICY LOG**

Revision Number	Date	Description of Changes
1	02/26/2024	Policy approved by President.

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