COOPERATION WITH THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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As an affiliate organization, the university plays a contributing role in the work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The primary function of university faculty is to teach and mentor students through classroom and laboratory efforts, research, and creative work. At times, because of their positions at the university, faculty or other personnel may be requested to participate in various projects sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Such projects may include firesides, travel, public relations speeches, short-term research, humanitarian projects, or other activities. Any work performed by university personnel for the Church, outside of ecclesiastical callings and assignments, must be coordinated with and approved by the appropriate unit director or department chair, college dean, and the President’s Council. All internationally-related projects must be coordinated with the International Vice President.

University personnel who are approached by Church officials, Church employees, or their purported representatives regarding the creation of new programs, projects, courses, centers, initiatives, or the expansion of ongoing commitments, should ask the individual(s) making the request to take the proposal forward through their priesthood line; and should inform the requesting individual that the university will take the request up through the appropriate campus line. Ultimately, if the request is deemed by those who advise the university to be worthwhile and appropriate, the university will direct those with the correct stewardship to respond to the request. BYU employees may also receive requests to speak in or otherwise participate in stake, ward or regional events. When the above conditions have been satisfied, BYU employees may accept such invitations as long as no remuneration is extended to the BYU employee. Remuneration includes honorarium, payment of travel expenses, payment of lodging expenses.

University faculty, administrators, and staff may from time to time have requests they would like to make to the Church. Any university employees must communicate their ideas and requests through their respective reporting line to the President’s Council for administrative review. If the proposal is reviewed positively, the council will coordinate contacting the Church to ascertain whether the Church has interest in the project.

APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all university personnel.

RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY OFFICER: International Vice President

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