## **Internal Governing Policies**

## #174 - Diversity, Nondiscrimination, and Affirmative Action

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**Monitor:** President

America draws its strength and vitality from the diversity of its people. Eastern Illinois University is enriched by building a campus that celebrates and draws upon the talents of all its students, faculty, and staff.

Eastern Illinois University provides equality of opportunity in education and employment for all students and employees. Discrimination based upon race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other basis of discrimination precluded by federal and state statutes, is strictly prohibited.

Moreover, as prescribed by federal guidelines, the University is committed to a program of affirmative action to alter patterns of employment which indicate under-representation of members of minority groups and women. The University further pledges itself to a program of affirmative action as prescribed by statute to employ, and advance in employment, qualified disabled individuals, Vietnam-era veterans, and special disabled veterans.