

## **EEO Policy Statement**

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, through its responsible managers, recruits, hires, reclassifies, trains, and promotes in all job titles without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, or disability.

The overall intent of this policy is to ensure the administration and implementation of all personnel policies, practices and programs in a non-discriminatory manner that is fair and equitable. UNC Pembroke follows all Federal and State Equal Employment Opportunity Laws. Furthermore, UNC Pembroke's programs include monitoring and evaluation of all EEO programs.

Managers shall ensure that all personnel actions such as compensation, benefits, terminations, university-sponsored training, and social and recreational programs shall be administered in a non-discriminatory manner without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, or disability.

Managers shall base employment decisions on the principles of equal employment opportunity and with the intent to further The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's commitment to affirmative action and equal employment by promoting a diverse workforce. At no time will any covered employee, or covered applicant for employment, who exercises his/her rights pursuant to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Affirmative Action Policy be subject to discipline or have his/her opportunities for employment adversely affected.

Managers shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified minority group individuals, females, disabled, or protected veterans are introduced into the workforce, are encouraged to aspire for promotion, and are considered as promotional opportunities arise.

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke invites any employee or any applicant for employment to review The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's written Affirmative Action Programs. These programs are available on the Office of Human Resources website: 2023 EEO Policy Plan and Policy Plan Statement and for inspection upon request between normal business hours Monday through Friday at the Office of Human Resources. Any questions should be directed to your supervisor, or the EEO Officer, Angela Revels, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, or Designee, or me.

Applicants are encouraged to identify their race and sex. This self-identification is strictly voluntary and confidential and will not result in retaliation of any sort.

Employees are invited to self-identify as an individual with a disability or protected veteran status. This selfidentification is strictly voluntary, confidential and will not result in retaliation of any sort.

Employees and applicants shall not be subjected to harassment, intimidation, threats, coercion or discrimination because they have engaged in or may engage in any of the following activities: (1) filing a complaint; (2) assisting or participating in an investigation, compliance review, hearing, or any other activity related to the administration of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (VEVRAA), as amended, or any other federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity for disabled persons or qualified protected veterans or; (3) opposing any act or practice made unlawful by Section 503, VEVRAA or its implementing regulations in this part or any other federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity for qualified individuals with disabilities and qualified protected veterans; or (4) exercising any other right protected by Section 503 or its implementing regulations in this part or any other right protected by VEVRAA or its implementing regulations in this part.

The university has established an equal employment opportunity (EEO) committee made up of a diverse representation of employees from across campus responsible for reviewing the ongoing operation of the affirmative action program to assure employees are treated fairly in opportunities for employment, career development and compensation.

Robin Gary Cummings, Chancellor

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Angela Revels, Assistant Vice Chancellor Human Resources