

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER: HOTLINE TO REPORT NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY MISCONDUCT.

BACKGROUND. A leftist malaise infects every NE university campus. Leftist and socialist university professors indoctrinate our youth. Critical Race Theory and LGBT?? mindset imposed on students. Conservative free speech muzzled on campuses; conservative voices labeled hate speech. Students have lost their 1st Amendment rights to exercise free speech and assembly, such activities labeled “offensive.” Leftist ideologues have poisoned our universities and colleges. They have compelled and coerced our students to adhere to political behaviors and opinions with which they disagree. Conservative South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem promulgated one solution to these problems on her state college campuses, a solution that NE should copy.

WHISTLEBLOWER HOTLINE, ETC. A new Noem whistleblower hotline is for students, parents, taxpayers, and faculty to call and voice and expose travesties. The hotline recording states, “This hotline was created for students and faculty to keep our universities accountable to South Dakota values and be an example to the nation of what good higher education looks like.” Information gathered from the hotline will guide university policy changes. The office of the Governor manages the hotline. She says the new whistleblower hotline will help keep institutions accountable and ensure that citizens are all very aware of what is occurring at state taxpayer-funded colleges and universities. She is giving students, faculty, and parents this tool to help voice their concerns in order to stop these outrages. So many calls have come in that the line sometimes jammed. The Governor also sent the university board of regents a letter, released to the public, outlining several objectives on which the regents already have deliberated for several years. The 4-page letter calls for responsibility to revitalize the state universities and lead the country by example. The goals are as follows:

- Remove all references to preferred pronouns in all college materials and enforcement of such;
- Remove any policy or procedure that prohibits students from exercising their right to free speech (a recent incident at Black Hills State University in which a campus official forced a conservative student group that was surveying students about the 2nd Amendment to first fill out a form not actually required before they could engage in free and open speech on the campus;
- Prohibit drag shows on university campuses. Noem believes that these shows have had a negative impact on colleges and universities;
- Find ways to cut costs to ensure the affordability of college;
- Require a course in American government and a class in American history as part of general education graduation requirements;
- Raise graduation rates from 47% to 65% by 2028;
- Increase partnerships with businesses for registered apprenticeship programs and provide the lowest possible credit costs; and
- Red China has attempted to propagandize U.S. students on our college campuses. Immediately review all funding sources and donations to state higher education to ensure that there is no money entering the South Dakota education system from Red China.¹

In May, the regents, at Noem urging, passed a new policy that will prohibit minors from attending university-sponsored events or other events held on campus which include specific sexual-like activities, obscene live conduct, or any material meeting the definition of “harmful to minors.” This policy inspired by a recent drag show hosted by the South Dakota State University Gender and Sexualities Alliance group. Backlash to the show included criticism from state lawmakers and taxpayer groups requesting the university not allow children to attend such event that sponsors advertised as *family friendly*. Noem claims higher education now poisoned with liberal ideologies. The Governor reiterated her support for South Dakota public universities, saying “When attending college in SD, you’re getting what you pay for: top-tier education, a fantastic learning environment, and a community that’s here to help you succeed in future careers. Our children are our future, and South Dakota universities and technical colleges should



¹ Fox News. [SD Gov. Noem opens college complaint hotline, calls on regents to ban drag shows](#), May 26, 2023.

best prepare them for our future,” she continued, “As I work with our Board of Regents and Board of Technical Education to chart our path for higher education, we are giving students, faculty, and parents this tool to help voice any concerns so that they can be addressed.” Noem decried that across our nation students indoctrinated by Critical Race Theory instead of learning to tolerate disagreement, discomfort, and discontent that transpires in the public sphere. Noem previously signed bills into law that prohibit transgender student athletes from competing on female sports teams and banned gender transition medical care for transgender youth.

TAKE ACTION NOW. Because elitist leftist administrations and faculty control our NE college campuses, providing a whistleblowing option for the campus administrations is worthless. College students, their parents, many of whom pay for student college educations, and college personnel all deserve and desire the opportunity to inform our Governor’s office of misdeeds committed on our college campuses, travesties that otherwise would not become publicized or punished. Lobby Gov. Pillen today to install a hotline in his office, so that aggrieved parties can gain satisfaction if persecuted or witnessing persecution on our NE college campuses. Also, lobby your university regent to promote and institute the reforms proposed and accomplished by Gov. Kristi Noem of South Dakota. Email netaxpayers@gmail.com for a list of NE university regents and join our NTF *University Watch Project*.



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