POLICY 617 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Policy Number and Title: 617 Instructional Touching

Date:	April 7, 2026
Sponsor:	Steven Clark
Steward(s):	Kat Brown
Policy Process:	Regular
Policy Action:	New
Policy Office Editor:	Amanda Cooke
Embedded Attorney:	Cathy Jordan

Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):
Physical contact is sometimes necessary for instructional, clinical, demonstration, assessment, or safety purposes. A policy governing necessary physical contact is needed to ensure that instructional touch occurs only when educationally necessary, is limited to the minimum contact required, and is conducted in a respectful, professional, trauma-informed, and consent-based manner.

Suggested Changes:
Create a new policy that outlines the following: general guiding principles of instructional touch, student-to-student instructional touch, required processes, alternative participation, high-risk activities, transparency, prohibited conduct, reporting concerns, and training.

Requested Approval from President's Council: Entrance to Stage 1

Proposed Drafting Committee: Nizhone Meza, Amanda Cooke, Kat Brown, Cathy Jordan

Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2: Click here to enter a date.

Target Date for Board of Trustees Review: Click here to enter a date.