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(b) *Applicability.* The regulations in this part apply to every Land-Grant University operating a Cooperative Extension Service.

(c) *Coverage.* This part applies to all positions in all units of the Cooperative Extension Service but does not apply to employees provided by county and other political subdivisions in support of Cooperative Extension Service programs.

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§ 18.3 Development and adoption of equal employment opportunity programs.

(a) *Submission.* Within 90 days after the effective date of this part, the President shall furnish to the Secretary a positive continuing program to assure that employment is provided without discrimination.

(b) *Development.* The President and the Secretary may consult with each other at any time regarding the development and evaluation of the program in order to better effectuate the purpose of this part. The program may be a part of a general program establishing employment procedures for employees of the university and may cover other rights and privileges of employees.

(c) *Concurrence.* The Secretary may concur with the program proposed by the President. If the Secretary does not concur with the proposed program, he shall inform the President and make suggestions for improvement. The President will have 30 days thereafter to furnish a satisfactory proposal.

(d) *Amendment.* After concurrence has been obtained on the program, the President may make recommendations to amend the program to improve its effectiveness and furnish them to the Secretary for concurrence. If the Secretary, at any time finds that a program, as implemented, does not achieve the purposes described in § 18.2, he shall confer with the President concerning needed improvements and changes. The President will furnish a satisfactory amendment to the Secretary within 30 days for concurrence.

(e) *Effective date.* The program or amendments to it shall be made effective

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tive by the President not later than 30 days from the date of concurrence.

§ 18.4 Elements of program.

A satisfactory program shall include:

(a) A statement of policy prohibiting discrimination in employment;

(b) An administrative procedure enforcing that policy;

(c) A positive affirmative action plan designed to assure equal opportunity in employment;

(d) A procedure for identifying and eliminating employment practices tending to create or continue discrimination in employment;

(e) A procedure for evaluating the success of the program;

(f) Adequate provision for publicizing the program including dissemination of information to all those covered by these regulations;

(g) A procedure for prompt processing of complaints assuring no less than minimum rights prescribed in § 18.5;

(h) Adequate provisions for the protection of complainants, employees, witnesses, and representatives from interference, harassment, intimidation and reprisal;

(i) A procedure for the informal resolution of complaints; and,

(j) A procedure for recording receipt and disposition of all complaints. A report of the receipt and a report of the disposition of all formal complaints will be sent promptly to the Secretary.

§ 18.5 Formal complaint procedure.

A procedure shall be provided for the filing of a formal written complaint if a complainant is not satisfied with the result of informal procedure or if the complainant does not desire to follow the informal procedure. A complaint procedure shall contain the following minimum provisions for the processing of formal complaints.

(a) *Elements of the formal complaint.* The formal complaint shall be in writing and state the name and address of the complainant; the basis of the claim; and indicate whether the alleged discrimination was based on race, color, national origin, sex, or religion.

(b) *Time limits for processing.* The procedure will include time limits for the orderly processing of complaints.