

## Executive Memorandum No. 31

### University of Nebraska Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems

#### 1. Policy Purpose, Goals, Scope, and Implementation

- a. : Rapid advances in technology provide opportunities for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also called unmanned aerial vehicles or “drones,” as a tool for education, research, and outreach. All aircraft operating in the National Airspace System must follow Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations. The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity and a framework for UAS operations at the University of Nebraska (“University”).
- b. : The goals of this policy are to support the use of UAS in education, research, and outreach within current laws and rules; protect the safety of the University community; and ensure appropriate oversight for risk management of UAS operations at the University.
- c. : This policy applies to the following individuals:
- University faculty, staff, students, and individuals operating UAS as part of University activities at any location;
  - Individuals operating UAS purchased with funding through the University;
  - Individuals hired to perform services involving operation of UAS for the University;
  - Individuals operating UAS for hobby or recreation on or above University property; and
  - Individuals operating UAS for commercial/business use and/or non-University
- d. : University Chancellors will work with personnel in Academic Affairs; Business and Finance; Research; Risk Management; Police, Safety, or Security; and other areas to develop procedures to implement this policy, including additional restrictions, for UAS operations on or above University owned or controlled property.

## 2. Requirements for UAS Operations

a. University Employees, Students and

: Prior to operating UAS or seeking any

required FAA authorization to operate UAS as part of University activities at any location

the principal investigator/project leader must complete and submit required information to

the University of Illinois to receive approval for each project. Operators

#### 4. Prohibited UAS Operations

UAS operations as part of University activities without submission of the required information and

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