POLICY TITLE: Child Sexual Abuse Reporting

POLICY PURPOSE: To require each University employee to report child sexual abuse in accordance with the policy.

BACKGROUND: Fort Hays State University has a Policy Regarding Crime Reporting, which generally mandates the reporting of crime. In addition, the University's Workplace and Campus Safety Policy and Procedures require a University community member to report an act of violence or threat thereof. After allegations of child abuse were leveled against an assistant coach at Penn State University, greater attention has been paid to specifically requiring the reporting of witnessed acts of child abuse. As a result, the Kansas Board of Regents has implemented the following policy:

Each university shall specifically address and adopt procedures for the mandatory reporting, to appropriate law enforcement agencies, of any child sexual abuse witnessed by staff or faculty. For purposes of this provision, child sexual abuse means those crimes defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5501 et seq.

On November 11, President Edward H. Hammond requested the FHSU Faculty Senate to "review our current institutional policies and make necessary changes to codify that reporting responsibility for all members of the University community."

APPLIES TO: All University Employees

DEFINITIONS:

CONTENTS:

POLICY STATEMENT: Each University employee witnessing any act of child sexual abuse, as defined by the statutes identified above, on University property or in connection with any University-sponsored event or activity shall report the act in a timely manner to University police by calling 785-628-5304 or 911, or by notifying any other appropriate law enforcement agency.

EXCLUSIONS OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

RELATED DOCUMENTS: **Policies:** Crime Reporting Policy, Workplace & Campus Safety Policy and Procedure

	Forms:
	Other: K.S.A. 21-5501 et seq.
KEYWORDS:	Violence, threat, child sexual abuse
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:	General Counsel
RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL:	General Counsel
ORIGINATION DATE:	1/4/2012
REVIEW CYCLE:	
	3 Years

POLICY ADDRESS:	
LAST APPROVED ON:	Adopted by President's Cabinet 2/8/2012
REVIEW/CHANGE HISTORY:	
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	2/2015