Community Engagement Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	AAU is committed to: 1. **Building Collaborative Partnerships:** - Actively seeking opportunities to create partnerships with community organizations, local governments, businesses, and other stakeholders that can lead to mutually beneficial outcomes. - Ensuring that partnerships are based on principles of respect, trust, and shared objectives. 2. **Community Involvement and Participation:** - Encouraging and supporting the involvement of faculty, staff, and students in community engagement activities. - Ensuring that community engagement activities are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to the needs and interests of community members. 3. **Ethical and Respectful Engagement:** - Conducting all community engagement activities in an ethical manner, respecting the culture, structure, and needs of the community partners. - Being mindful of the impact of the university's activities on the community and striving to minimize negative consequences. 4. **Enhancing Educational Experience:** - Integrating community engagement into the university's curriculum and offering service-learning opportunities that enhance students' educational experiences and civic responsibility. - Encouraging and facilitating research that addresses community needs and contributes to the public good.		

	5. Responsiveness and Adaptability:
	   ▪ Being responsive to the changing needs and priorities of the community and adapting engagement strategies accordingly.
	   ▪ Regularly assessing and reflecting on the university's community engagement activities to improve effectiveness and impact.
	6. Communication and Transparency:
	   ▪ Maintaining open and transparent communication with community partners and stakeholders.
	   ▪ Publicly sharing information about community engagement initiatives, outcomes, and impacts.
	7. Recognition and Appreciation:
	   ▪ Recognizing and valuing the contributions of community partners, as well as faculty, staff, and students who participate in community engagement activities.
	   ▪ Celebrating successes and learning from challenges in community engagement.

Policy Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to define AAU's commitment to fostering meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships with the broader community. This policy aims to guide the university's engagement with local, regional, national, and global communities to ensure that such interactions are conducted in a respectful, collaborative, and impactful manner.
Policy Scope	This policy applies to all university activities that involve engagement with external communities, including academic partnerships, research projects, service learning, volunteering, outreach programs, and any other forms of community collaboration.

Policy Responsibilities	1. The Deanship of Students Affairs is responsible for:
	   ▪ Coordinating and overseeing the implementation of this policy.
	   ▪ Providing support and resources to facilitate effective community engagement.
	2. Academic and Administrative Departments are responsible for:
	   ▪ Implementing this policy within their respective areas and in alignment with the university's strategic goals for community engagement.
	3. Faculty, Staff, and Students are responsible for:
	   ▪ Conducting themselves in a manner that reflects the university's commitment to ethical and respectful community engagement.

	▪ Actively participating in and contributing to community engagement initiatives.
Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may be addressed through review and feedback processes. Continuous non-compliance may lead to corrective actions as deemed necessary by the university administration.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains effective, reflects best practices in community engagement, and aligns with the university's strategic goals.