5-204-1 Early Outreach to Other Educational Systems and Ethnic Minority Communities

A. The Board of Regents is committed to encouraging and supporting university initiatives to develop linkages with minority communities for the purpose of increasing the awareness of children in Grades K-12 and their parents about the importance of higher education, about opportunities for higher education in Arizona, and about the importance of academic preparation for higher education.

B. Each university should maintain a presence within minority communities to build trust and credibility between minority and university communities and to enhance understanding of the challenges that confront minorities who seek a higher education. The presence should include linkages with community-based organizations including voluntary organizations, religiously affiliated organizations, and tribal governments.

C. Early outreach initiatives should build upon the strengths inherent in cultural and linguistic diversity.

D. Early outreach programs should include opportunities for university student participation from various disciplines, especially students from teacher education, sciences, mathematics and social sciences.

E. Each university should assign high priority to the formation and refinement of linkages with K-12 schools and community colleges designed to enhance academic performance of minority students and to raise awareness about accessibility of higher education.