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Adopted by the NASPAA Executive Council, October 2005

The Executive Council developed the Code of Good Practice to emphasize that NASPAA and *all* NASPAA member schools are committed to *quality* in public affairs education. The Council has asked that all NASPAA members sign the Code and return it to the NASPAA office by mail or fax (202-626-4978). If you have any questions, please call NASPAA's Executive Director, Laurel McFarland at 202-628-8965, x105. We will be sending you some additional information about how to install a "hot link" to NASPAA on your website.

### NASPAA MEMBER CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

#### **A program holding membership in the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA):**

- Pursues **excellence** and **quality** in its provision of public affairs education.
- Continuously operationalizes the commitment to public service among students, faculty, alumni, and other constituencies, and holds the profession of public service in the highest esteem.
- Recognizes its responsibility to the community of public affairs institutions by participating in developmental activities to help other NASPAA schools and by providing enrollment and faculty data.
- Posts a hot link on the program's website to [www.naspaa.org/codeofgoodpractice](http://www.naspaa.org/codeofgoodpractice), the NASPAA web site discussion of quality in public affairs education.
- Pursues diversity in student body, faculty, and curriculum.
- Integrates ethics into the curriculum and all aspects of program operation, and expects students and faculty to exhibit the highest ethical standards in their teaching, research, and service.
- Focuses on the preparation of students for *professional* careers in public service, emphasizing both the values and ethics of public service, and the development of professional skills and knowledge.
- Recognizes the importance of contributions of students, faculty, alumni, and employers to improving the relevance and quality of the program.
- Uses student learning outcomes and other outcome measures to help improve program effectiveness.
- Is committed to the holistic development of the individual student as a professional—including admission advisement; support of student learning, research, and service; summative learning experiences, and career placement and advisement.
- Offers a multi-disciplinary curriculum that includes coverage of management, organization, policy, human resources, political institutions, economics, quantitative methods, and IT.
- Honestly represents the meaning of NASPAA membership without implying accreditation.

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**Signature of Principal Repres.**

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Print Name

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Date

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