

## **Policy for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones and Model Aircraft)**

An Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) is an aircraft that is operated without direct human intervention from within the aircraft or on the aircraft. A UAS has associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for a remote operator to operate the UAS safely and efficiently in navigable airspace. Unmanned Aircraft Systems are commonly called "drones."

Unmanned Aircraft Systems can pose health, security, and privacy risks to the University community. At the same time, Unmanned Aircraft Systems can aid in research, marketing, development, infrastructure improvements, and teaching. Accordingly, the use of University property or air rights for the purpose of operating any UAS or model aircraft is prohibited at all times, unless first approved by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (for any use of non-athletic related venues) or the Director of Athletics (for athletic-related venues only). This prohibition includes the associated support equipment, control station, data links, telemetry, communications, and navigation equipment necessary to operate the UAS.

Any UAS must also comply with all applicable federal certification requirements or other federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, any requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. The use and operation of UAS is strictly regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration and is also governed by state law. Any person who observes the use of any UAS or model aircraft on University property should immediately notify the Office of Public Safety.

Any person or entity using or operating any UAS or model aircraft in violation of this policy shall be subject to all criminal and civil penalties and liability to the maximum extent possible under federal and state law.