

## **Executive Summary: Policy 133 *Compliance with Government Records Access Management Act***

<b>Date:</b>	February 5, 2020
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Val Peterson, Vice President of Finance and Administration
<b>Steward:</b>	Sam Winterton
<b>Policy Process:</b>	Regular
<b>Policy Action:</b>	Revision

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### **Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):**

UVU needs to update Policy 133 to ensure ongoing compliance with Utah's *Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA)*. Since its inception on April 9, 2009, Policy 133 has not been updated despite numerous amendments to the GRAMA statute. These amendments affect several provisions in the policy and have been the subject of many judicial interpretations.

The drafting committee seeks to revise Policy 133 in a way that will allow the policy to evolve with the governing law.

### **Suggested Changes:**

We recommend shifting the focus of this policy from reiterating GRAMA's statutory language to clarifying UVU's implementation of the discretionary measures afforded the University under the statute. Therefore, we propose eliminating provisions in the current policy that simply quote the statutory language. Quoting statutory language puts the policy at risk of becoming outdated upon the legislature's amendment of the statute—regardless of whether the amendment is simply stylistic or a court decision affecting the statute.

We will also update the procedures section to better explain UVU's implementation of the statute and define more clearly the roles and relationship of UVU's GRAMA Office and Office of General Counsel.

**Requested Approval from President's Council:** Stage 1

**Proposed Drafting Committee:** Sam Winterton, Adrienne Bossi

**Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2:** 3/2/2020

**Target Date for Board of Trustees Review:** [Click here to enter a date.](#)



**Projected Timeline:** [Leave blank. To be filled in by the Policy Office.]
