What Is a Conflict of Interest?

Situations in which an individual’s or family member’s financial, professional, or other personal considerations may directly or indirectly affect, or have the appearance of affecting, the individual’s professional judgment in exercising any university duty or responsibility.
Confluences of Interest
Types of Confluences of Interest

- Personal Financial
- Institutional
- Professional Reputation
Examples of Personal Financial Confluences of Interest

• Gifts
• Overlapping business interests
• Family members
• Students
Examples of Institutional Confluences of Interest

- Corporate donors to VU
- Purchases
- Research funding
Examples of Professional Reputation
Confluences of Interest

• Serving on Promotion and Tenure Review Committee
• Serving on Grievances Committee
• Serving as Department Chair
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