



**BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA**

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Presidents

University System of Georgia

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Dear Presidents:

The Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) met on February 14, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. During this meeting, changes were made to the following BOR policy sections:

Institutional Governance

- **Board Policy 2.1 Election of Presidents by the Board**
- **Board Policy 2.4.2 Reappointment Declined**


Academic Affairs

- **Board Policy 3.9 Academic Advising**
- **Board Policy 4.7.1 Student Appeals**

Attached as an Exhibit is a document that shows the language added / deleted from each policy and also provides the effective date and helpful information regarding these policy changes.

Please share widely with the appropriate offices on your campus to include academic affairs, student affairs, human resources, the business office, legal affairs, and internal audit.

Sincerely,


Dr. Steve Wrigley
Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Tricia Chastain, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration
Dr. Rob Anderson, Interim Chief Academic Officer
Shelley Nickel, Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Fiscal Affairs
Sam Burch, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and Secretary to the Board
Marion Fedrick, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources
John Fuchko, III, Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness
Dr. Joyce Jones, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Dr. Bobby Laurine, Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer
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Terry Thompson, Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit
Dr. Martha Venn, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Kimberly Ballard-Washington, Associate Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs
Wesley Horne, Director of Ethics and Compliance

Exhibit
BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY MANUAL
Revised Policies and Background Information
Meeting of February 14, 2017

I. Changes to Board Policy 2.1 Election of Presidents by the Board

A. Background:

This policy change eliminates the requirement of the Board to act annually at a specified time to reappoint institution presidents. It also automatically extends a president's one-year appointment beyond its expiration until the Board formally acts to renew it or decline it. Questions regarding this policy change should be directed to Mr. Sam Burch, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, at (404) 962-2363 or sam.burch@usg.edu.

B. Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy change is February 12, 2017

C. Changes to Board Policy 2.1 Shown with Markup

2.1 Election of Presidents by the Board

The Board shall elect the presidents of institutions. Presidents shall not hold tenure at the institution but may hold, retain, or receive academic rank. ~~They shall be elected each year for a term of one (1) year.~~ Presidents shall be elected for a term of one (1) year; however, the one-year term is extended past expiration of the one-year term until such time as the Board acts either to reappoint the President for the remainder of a one-year term, or chooses not to reappoint the President, as contemplated in Board Policy 2.4.2. The Chancellor shall notify them of their appointment, but such presidents shall not be entitled to a written employment contract. All such appointments will be made expressly subject to the Policies of the Board of Regents.

Persons holding tenure in the USG who receive an initial presidential appointment shall be required to relinquish their tenure before assuming the office of the president. No person shall be awarded tenure while serving as president.

A person accepting the position of acting president at a USG institution shall not be a candidate for president of that institution. (BoR Minutes, 1991-92, p. 34; Aug. 2000; Oct. 2013)

II. Changes to Board Policy 2.4.2 Reappointment Declined

A. Background:

This policy change eliminates the requirement to reappoint institutional presidents by the May Board of Regents meeting. Questions regarding this policy change should be directed to

Mr. Sam Burch, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, at (404) 962-2363 or sam.burch@usg.edu.

B. Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy change is February 12, 2017

C. Changes to: Board Policy 2.4.2 Shown with Markup

2.4.2 Reappointment Declined

If the Board declines to reappoint a president, it shall notify the president, through the Chancellor, of such decision immediately following the Board's action to not reappoint a president regularly-scheduled May meeting. A decision by the Board not to reappoint a president is not subject to appeal. (BoR Minutes, Aug. 2014)

III. Changes to Board Policy 3.9 Academic Advising

A. Background:

This policy change adds clarity to the definition of academic advising and guidance on best practices. This change also allows institutions to customize and maintain advising programs that fit with their campus structure and student needs. Questions regarding this policy change should be directed to Dr. Martha Venn, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, at (404) 962-3097 or marth.venn@usg.edu.

B. Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy change is February 12, 2017.

C. Changes to: Board Policy 3.9 Shown with Markup

3.9 Academic Advisement

Each institution shall have a program for the advisement of its students framework for academic advising that supports students in the effective use of resources to identify and maintain a path toward educational, professional and personal goals. Academic advisement is the primary responsibility of the faculty and should be integrally related to the education process. Effective advisement shall credited toward retention, tenure, and promotion. It shall be a specific topic of faculty evaluation (BoR Minutes, 1980-81, P. 85).

IV. Changes to Board Policy 4.7.1 Student Appeals

A. Background:

This policy change makes the Board's policy on student appeals consistent with the requirements of the accrediting body for medical education. Questions regarding this policy change should be directed to Dr. Martha Venn, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, at (404) 962-3097 or marth.venn@usg.edu.

B. Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy change is February 12, 2017

C. Addition of Board Policy 7.2.2.3 Shown with Markup

4.7.1 Student Appeals

(Last Modified on February 11, 2015)

Final judgment on all appeals regarding admissions (including program admissions), residency, student grades, traffic citations, and the Guaranteed Tuition Plan rests with the president of the institution at which the appeal is heard (BoR Minutes, June 2006) or in the case of medical school admissions final judgment rests with the formally constituted admissions committee of the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

Any University System student aggrieved by a final decision of the president of an institution, other than those stated above, may apply to the Board's Office of Legal Affairs for a review of the decision, in accordance with Policy 8.6 Applications for Discretionary Review; provided, however, that an application may be reviewed if (1) the record suggests that a miscarriage of justice might reasonably occur if the application is not reviewed, or (2) whether the record suggests that the institutional decision, if not reviewed, might reasonably have detrimental and system-wide significance (BoR Minutes, April 2010, February 2015).