

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION**

DATE: February 2, 2009

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: University Board of Trustees Powers
and Duties, Regulation 1.001

SUMMARY: Section 7(c) Article IX of the Florida Constitution provides that the Board of Governors shall establish the powers and duties of the university boards of trustees. At the Board's initial meeting on January 7, 2003, the Board adopted a resolution establishing the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Since the initial meeting, the Board adopted a Regulation Development

(g) Each board of trustees shall be primarily acting as an instrumentality of the state pursuant to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, for purposes of sovereign immunity.

(h) Each board of trustees is subject to the public records and open meetings requirements set forth in Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution and laws implementing that section.

(3) University Administration and Oversight.

(a) Each board of trustees shall be responsible for the administration of its university in a manner that is dedicated to, and consistent with the university's mission which shall be otherwise consistent with the mission and purposes of the State University System as defined by the Board of Governors.

(b) Each board of trustees may establish committees of the board to address matters including, but not limited to, academic and student affairs, strategic planning, finance, audit, property acquisition and construction, personnel, and budgets.

(c) Each board of trustees shall adopt a strategic plan in alignment with the Board of Governors' systemwide strategic plan and regulations, and the university's mission. University strategic plans shall be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

(d) Each board of trustees shall prepare a multi-year workplan/report for the Board of Governors that outlines its university's top priorities, strategic directions, and specific actions and financial plans for achieving those priorities, as well as performance expectations and outcomes on institutional and systemwide goals. The workplan/report shall reflect the university's distinctive mission and focus on core institutional strengths within the context of State University System goals and regional and statewide needs.

(e) Each board of trustees shall have a policy addressing conflicts of interest for its members.

(f) Each board of trustees shall maintain an effective information system to provide accurate, timely, and cost-effective information to the Board of Governors and the public.

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(m) Each board of trustees is authorized to create divisions of sponsored research and establish policies regulating the administration and operation of the divisions of sponsored research.

(4) Academic Programs and Student Affairs.

(a) Each board of trustees shall adopt university regulations or policies, as appropriate, in areas including, but not limited to:

(i) authorization and discontinuance of degree programs;

(c) Each board of trustees shall select its university president subject to ratification of the candidate by the Board of Governors. A presidential search committee shall be appointed to make recommendations to the full board of trustees. The board of trustees shall select a candidate for ratification by the Board of Governors. Prior to ratification, the board of trustees shall submit a written description of the selection process and criteria, and the qualifications of the selected candidate to the Board of Governors for its consideration in ratifying the candidate. The candidate selected by the board of trustees shall be required to appear before the Board of Governors at the meeting where ratification of the candidate will be considered. Such meeting will be held as soon as practicable to ensure a timely transition.

(d) In the event that a board of trustees selects an interim president, such selection is subject to ratification of the candidate by the Board of Governors. If it is determined by the board of trustees to be in the best interests of the university, the interim president selected by the board may be delegated full authority to serve as the interim president during the period prior to ratification by the Board of Governors. Continued service as interim president requires ratification by the Board of Governors, and the candidate selected by the board of trustees shall be required to appear before the Board of Governors at the meeting where ratification will be considered. Such meeting will be held as soon as practicable to ensure a timely transition.

(e) Each board of trustees shall develop guidelines for the annual evaluation of the president.

(f) Each board of trustees shall conduct an annual evaluation of the president. The chair of the board of trustees shall request input from the Chair of the Board of Governors, who may involve the Chancellor, during the annual evaluation process pertaining to responsiveness to the Board of Governors' strategic goals and priorities, and compliance with systemwide regulations.

(6) Financial Management.

(a) Each board of trustees shall be responsible for the financial management of its university and shall submit an institutional budget request, including a request for fixed capital outlay, and an operating budget to the Board of Governors for approval in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Governors.

(b) Each board of trustees shall establish tuition and fees in accordance with regulations established by the Board of Governors.

(c) Each board of trustees shall establish waivers for tuition and fees pursuant to regulations established by the Board of Governors.

(d) Each board of trustees shall engage in sound debt management practices for the issuance of debt by the university and its direct support organizations, and shall comply with the guidelines established by the Board of Governors in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of university and direct support organization debt.

(e) Each board of trustees shall account for expenditures of all state, local, federal, and other funds in accordance with guidelines or regulations established by the Board of Governors, and as provided

(g) Each board of trustees shall establish policies and procedures for the performance of annual internal audits of university finances and operations. All reports generated from such audits must be submitted to the Board of Governors after review and acceptance by the board of trustees, or its designee.

(h) Each board of trustees shall be responsible for the use, maintenance, protection, and control of, and the imposition of charges for, university-owned or university-controlled buildings and grounds, property and equipment, name trademarks and other proprietary marks, and the financial and other resources of the university.

(i) With respect to any funds or real or personal property designated by will, deed, agreement, or court appointment to be held in trust for the benefit of the university, or its students, faculty members, officers, or employees, or otherwise, or for any educational purpose, a university board of trustees is authorized to act as trustee with full legal capacity as trustee to administer such trust property and, in such event, the title thereto shall vest in the board of trustees as trustee. In all such cases, the university board of trustees shall have the power and capacity to do and perform all things as fully as any individual trustee or other competent trustee might do or perform, and with the same rights, privileges, and duties including the power, capacity, and authority to convey, transfer, mortgage, or pledge such property held in trust and to contract and execute all other documents relating to said trust property which may be required for or appropriate to the administration of such trust or to accomplish the purposes of any such trust. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize a board of trustees to contract a debt on behalf of, or in any way to obligate, the state; and the satisfaction of any debt or obligation incurred by the board as trustee under the provisions of this section shall be exclusively from the trust property, mortgaged or encumbered.

(j) Each board of trustees shall prepare and adopt a campus master plan pursuant to section 1013.30, Florida Statutes.

(k) Each board of trustees shall prepare, adopt, and execute a campus development agreement pursuant to section 1013.30, Florida S01 Tw .00-0.002, -1.15 Td.0003 Tc -0.0019i, and J0.00Tc -

