



POLICY 1-5 GOVERNING BOARD CONTROL

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Approving Official: University Board of Trustees
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I. INTRODUCTION

Governing board control of institutional policy is defined and limited by several basic governing legal authorities: the Florida Constitution; the Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001 delegating its constitutional authority to the university boards of trustees; Board of Trustee-adopted regulations; and the Florida State University Board of Trustees’ delegation of authority to the President.

The Florida Constitution provides that the individual university boards of trustees administer the university with the university board’s powers and duties established by the Board of Governors.

The Florida Board of Governors has defined the university boards of trustees’ authority by Regulation 1.001.

The Florida State University Board of Trustees has delegated certain of its powers and duties to the President by formal delegation.

The purpose of this policy is to assure that governing board control over all institutional policy is maintained.

II. POLICY

Florida State University shall be administered by the Florida State University Board of Trustees. The duties of the Chair of the Board of Trustees are established by the Board Operating Procedures and shall include presiding at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, calling special meetings, attesting to actions of the Board of Trustees, and notifying the Board of Governors whenever a board member has three consecutive unexecuted absences from regular board meetings in any fiscal year.

The Florida State University Board of Trustees, as a collegial body, shall be responsible for the administration of the University in a manner that is dedicated to, and consistent with, the University’s mission and the legal authorities governing it.

The Florida State University President shall serve as the chief executive officer and corporate secretary of the Board of Trustees and shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees for all day-to-day operations of the University. The Board of Trustees shall establish the powers and duties of the University President.

All polices enacted by any university executive, administrator, or staff must fall within the lawful authority granted by the Florida Board of Governors to the Board of Trustees, or by some other legal means, and which has been delegated to the University President.

III. LEGAL SUPPORT, JUSTIFICATION, AND REVIEW OF THIS POLICY

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; the Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001; the Florida State University Board of Trustees' formal delegation of authority to the President.

This Policy should be reviewed and, as appropriate, revised by the Board of Trustees every seven years.

Board of Trustees

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