

## **FSU Policy 2-6**

Title of Policy: Board/Administration Distinction  
Responsible Executive: President  
Approving Official: Provost  
Effective Date: May 1, 2013  
Revision History: New May 1, 2013

### **Purpose:**

Establish a distinction between Board of Trustees oversight and administrative control of the university functions by the President.

### **Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Florida State University that the operating executive control of Florida State University is solely vested in the President. Implementation and enforcement of the legislative acts of the Board of Trustees, its Regulations, and any such policies as may also be adopted by the Board of Trustees is solely reserved for university executives and administrators via the authority delegated by the Board of Trustees to the President.

The Florida State University Board of Trustees' Ethics Policy provides under "Conflicting Interest" that "[t]he Board of Trustees has the legal authority to give direction to only one employee - the President of The Florida State University. Unless specifically referred by the President, Trustees should not intervene in relations with other administrators, faculty, staff or students. Complaints made to any Trustee should be referred directly to the President."

This Policy shall be reviewed and, as appropriate, revised by the President every seven years.

### **Legal Support and Justification:**

The Florida Constitution, Article IX, Section 7 provides that the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) shall establish the powers and duties of the individual boards of trustees (BOT), which are charged with governing the university. The BOG has enacted BOG Regulation 1.001 providing the individual Boards of Trustees with specific authorities with which to govern the universities. The Florida State University BOT has, in turn, delegated these governance functions by Resolution to the President of the university. The BOG has established a specific procedure by which the individual BOTs may adopt Regulations. Following this procedure, the Florida State University BOT has adopted a number of Regulations, in its quasi legislative capacity, addressing diverse subject areas relative to university governance and operation.

Samuel Stokes 5/1/13 (signature of Approving Authority, date)