University Regulations

A. Governing Regulations

These Governing Regulations describe the composition, powers and duties of the Board of Trustees and establish policies and procedures for the performance of the Board of Trustees functions. These Governing Regulations contain policies established by the Board of Trustees for the governance of the University. These Governing Regulations delineate the duties of the President and responsibilities of the University Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, the educational units and their administrative officers. The Board of Trustees makes final approval of these Governing Regulations.

B. Administrative Regulations

As the chief administrative officer of the University, the President is authorized by the Board of Trustees to promulgate the Administrative Regulations, including the Human Resources Policies and Procedures and the Business Procedures Manual. (Governing Regulations, Part II) (See also, Administrative Regulation 1:6, Formulation and Issuance of University Governing Regulations and Administrative Regulations)

1. Administrative Regulations

The Administrative Regulations provide interpretation and implementation of University-wide policies set forth by the Board of Trustees in these Governing Regulations and the Minutes of the Board of Trustees. Administrative Regulations promote the responsible and efficient administration of the University and the accomplishment of its goals. The President makes final approval of the Administrative Regulations unless Board of Trustee approval is appropriate.

The Administrative Regulations are available on line on the University’s web site at www.uky.edu/regs.

2. Human Resources Policies and Procedures

The Human Resources Policies and Procedures define University employees and provide interpretation and implementation of University policies concerning University employment. The President, or designee, makes final approval of the Human Resources Policies and Procedures.

The Human Resources Policies and Procedures are available online on the University’s web site at www.uky.edu/HR/policies/.

3. Business Procedures

The Business Procedures Manual includes information related to the purchasing of goods and services, payroll activities, accounting for financial transactions, presents policy statements to aid in decision-
making and procedure steps for implementation, and assists all University departments in handling their daily business transactions. The President, or designee, makes final approval of the Business Procedures Manual.

The Business Procedures Manual is available on line on the University’s web site at www.uky.edu/Regs/BPM/.

C. Amendments of these Governing Regulations

These Governing Regulations may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees provided at least one (1) month has elapsed between proposal of the amendment(s) and final passage. The President, or the University Senate, the Staff Senate, or the Student Government Association, through the President, may recommend amendments to these Governing Regulations to the Board of Trustees.

The President, the University Senate, the Staff Senate, and the Student Government Association, as appropriate, shall have an opportunity to recommend on all amendments before final action by the Board of Trustees.

As the basic law of the University, these Governing Regulations supersede any previously approved rules or regulations in conflict therewith. Matters not specifically covered in these Governing Regulations, the Administrative Regulations, including the Human Resources Policies and Procedures and the Business Procedures Manual, University Senate Rules, and the By-Laws of the University of Kentucky Staff Senate are governed by administrative interpretation.

The Governing Regulations are available on line on the University’s web site at www.uky.edu/regs.

References and Related Materials

Governing Regulation, Part II – Governance of the University of Kentucky
Administrative Regulation 1:6 - Formulation and Issuance of University Governing Regulations and

Revision History


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