



Governing Regulation, Part III

The President of the University of Kentucky

Introduction

Pursuant to KRS 164.220, the Board of Trustees is vested with authority to appoint a president for the University. This *Governing Regulation* establishes the authority and responsibilities of the President.

The President is the chief executive officer of the University and has full authority and responsibility over the administration of the academic, athletic, administrative, and financial operations of the University. It is the duty of the President to make recommendations relating to the general policies of the institution and to the maintenance of coordination among its several functions. It is also the President's duty, directly or through the various University officers, to supervise and administer all phases of the University's operations, both business and academic, including all departments, divisions, and colleges, and to perform all other administrative functions, whether expressly enumerated herein or not, necessary or appropriate for the effective operation of the University.

A. Authority and Responsibilities

1. Administrative Officers, Faculty and Staff, Committees and Councils

All administrative officers, including but not limited to the Provost, executive vice presidents, vice presidents, deans, directors, and other subordinate officers, shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the President.

The President may delegate any of the President's assigned authorities or responsibilities to any faculty member or staff employee of the University. The President shall, however, have the prior consent of the Board of Trustees before delegating major areas of authority or responsibility.

The President may utilize subordinate administrative officers as appropriate. The President may appoint, or have appointed, temporary or standing advisory or administrative committees and, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may establish academic and/or administrative councils.

2. University Senate and Staff Senate

The President is Chair of the University Senate and an ex officio member of the Staff Senate and of the various college faculties. The President may call meetings of the University Senate, the Staff Senate, the University Assembly, or any college faculty. The President may be asked to address a meeting of the University Senate, the Staff Senate, or a college faculty. (GR IV & GR V)

3. External Relations

Subject to the regulations of the Board of Trustees, the President is the official spokesperson for the University before all international, federal, state, and local government offices, boards, and agencies and is the non-voting representative of the University on the Council on Postsecondary Education.

4. Budget

The President is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget for approval by the Board of Trustees and for the administration of the annual budget after approval by the Board of Trustees. In the administration of the annual budget, the President shall exercise authority delegated by the Board of Trustees for the transfer of funds within major fund groups, provided that all such transfers of funds shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

5. Communications

The President serves as the official medium of communication between the Board of Trustees and the University Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, administrative officers, individual members of the faculty and staff employees, student organizations, and students. In this connection it is the President's responsibility to transmit to the Board of Trustees all formal communications from the University Senate, the Staff Senate, and the Student Government Association along with the viewpoints of the body submitting a communication, including any minority opinions, and the President's own recommendations for action.

6. Regulations and Policies

The President is responsible for fostering and promoting education, research and creative work, and service and health care, as the primary functions of the University. In this connection the President may make policy recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the University Senate, which are recognized as the primary educational policy-forming agencies of the University. (KRS 164.180; KRS 164.200; GR IV)

The President must, of necessity, in the day-to-day direction of University affairs, interpret existing policies and, when necessary, establish new policy with respect to academic, administrative and financial matters. While responsible for the enforcement of the *Governing Regulations* of the Board of Trustees and the *University Senate Rules*, the President also shall provide for the application of these rules and regulations to individual cases. Under extraordinary circumstances, and with written justification to the University Senate through the University Senate Council, the President may suspend a rule of the University Senate in a particular case; however, under no circumstance may the President suspend rules concerning admission and the number of credits and quality points required for graduation.

7. Vehicle Traffic and Parking

The President is responsible for the development and enforcement of regulations for the control of vehicle traffic and parking on University property. For this purpose, University property is defined as all real property owned, used, or occupied by the University. (KRS 164.975)

B. Vacancy or Disability of the President

In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President or disability of the President, the Provost shall exercise the functions of the President in the absence of the appointment of an interim President by the Board of Trustees. If the Board of Trustees finds it desirable to appoint an interim President, it shall seek advice

from a committee composed of representatives of Board of Trustees members, faculty members, staff employees, and students.

References and Related Materials

KRS 164.180, Officers of board -- Bylaws

KRS 164.200, Regulations for university -- Physical training and discipline of students

KRS 164.220, Appointment, salaries and retirement benefits of university personnel.

KRS 164.975, Regulation of the use of educational property

GR Part IV, The University Senate

GR Part V, The Staff Senate

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