

Governing Regulation III — The President

A. Appointment and Evaluation of the President

The Board — in consultation with students, faculty, staff, alumni and leaders throughout the Commonwealth and the nation — shall appoint a President.¹ The Board shall set the President's compensation and appropriate terms and conditions of employment including performance expectations. The Board shall annually evaluate the President.

B. Authority of the President

The University is a complex institution, making it necessary for the Board to delegate administrative authority for day-to-day operations to the President. The President will further delegate some administrative authority to subordinates.

The President is the chief executive officer of the University and has full authority and responsibility over its administration. It is the duty of the President to make recommendations relating to the general policies of the institution. It is the duty of the President directly — or through the President's delegates — to supervise and administer all phases of the University and to perform all other functions necessary for the successful operation of the institution.

By virtue of the Board's delegation, the President has the authority to: (1) appoint a President's cabinet and all employees subordinate to the President's cabinet; (2) take all measures necessary to comply with state and federal law as well as the requirements of all accrediting bodies; (3) promulgate and implement *Administrative Regulations*; (4) consult with the Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and Staff Senate on matters affecting the University; (5) appoint committees and work groups to provide recommendations to the President; (6) develop a proposed institutional budget for approval by the Board; (7) determine the University's position on matters pending before governmental bodies and agencies; (8) speak for — or designate someone to speak for — the University in all external and internal communications; (9) authorize the commencement of litigation and settlement of litigation as well as any appeal or effort to seek discretionary review; and (10) take any other action necessary and proper to implement the Board's policies.

The President has the authority to interpret the *Governing Regulations* and *Administrative Regulations*. The President's interpretation is binding on all members of the University community, unless otherwise prescribed by Board.

The President does not have the authority to suspend rules concerning admissions or the number of credits and quality points required for graduation.

C. Vacancy or Disability of the President

In case of a vacancy of the President or disability of the President, the Provost shall exercise the functions of the President until the Board of Trustees takes further action.

¹ [KRS § 164.220\(1\)](#).