

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY MANUAL
Official Policies of the University System of Georgia

3.1 General Policy

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The Board of Regents shall rely on the Chancellor, the presidents of all USG institutions, and their deans and faculties to develop, adapt, and administer the academic methods and procedures deemed by them to be most effective in promoting efficiency of operations and most appropriate to the advancement of learning.

Without limiting the generality of the preceding paragraph, it is recognized that the following are proper functions of the academic authorities rather than of the Board:

1. To prescribe the teaching load to be carried by each member of the faculty;
2. To determine the maximum and minimum number of students permitted in a class; and,
3. To define the nature and form of records, if any, to be kept of the members of the faculties and of activities of administrative personnel.

The Board of Regents shall expect of each president, his/her faculty and staff, the deans, and the faculties of each USG institution efficient service measured by approved academic standards, and shall look to them to promote effective higher education, having in view resources available to them, and, in the discharge of its duties as a Board, must hold them responsible for a failure to achieve these results. The Board is of the opinion that it would not be reasonable to make USG academic authorities accountable for results obtained and at the same time deny them the power to choose ways and means they believe to be best adapted to achieve the ends desired.

The Board shall look to the Chancellor to survey USG institutions and to report thereon to the Board, as may be necessary to keep it fully informed of the standards of scholarship maintained at each USG institution and the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration of the institutions (BoR Minutes, 1947-48, pp. 170-172; 1989-1990, p. 179).

The Board shall expect each institution to be accredited by the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools, Inc., and other appropriate accreditation agencies.