

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

## **2.5 Presidential Authority and Responsibilities**

### **2.5.1 Executive Head of Institution**

*(Last Modified on May 28, 2009)*

The president of each USG institution shall be the executive head of the institution and of all its departments, and shall exercise such supervision and direction as will promote the efficient operation of the institution. The president shall be responsible to the Chancellor for the operation and management of the institution, and for the execution of all directives of the Board and the Chancellor. The president's discretionary powers shall be broad enough to enable him/her to discharge these responsibilities (BoR Minutes, 1972-74, pp. 69-71; 1977-78, pp. 167-168; April, 2007, pp. 76-77).

### **2.5.2 Ex-Officio Faculty Chair**

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The president shall be the ex-officio chair of the faculty and may preside at meetings of the faculty. The president and/or the president's designee shall be a member of all faculties and other academic bodies within the institution. He/she shall decide all questions of jurisdiction, not otherwise defined by the Chancellor, of the several councils, faculties, and officers.

The president shall have the right to call meetings of any council, faculty, or committee at his/her institution at any time. The president shall have the power to veto any act of any council, faculty, or committee of his/her institution but, in doing so, shall transmit to the proper officer a written statement of the reason for such veto. A copy of each veto statement shall be transmitted to the Chancellor.

At those institutions that have a council, senate, assembly, or any such body, the president or the president's designee may chair such body and preside at its meetings. The president shall be the official medium of communication between the faculty and the Chancellor and between the council, senate, assembly, or any such body and the Chancellor (BoR Minutes, 1993-94, p. 239; April, 2007).

### 2.5.3 Personnel Policies

*(Last Modified on November 13, 2013)*

The president shall be responsible for the initial appointment of faculty members and administrative employees of each institution, the salary and all promotions of each, and be authorized to make all reappointments of faculty members and administrative employees, except as otherwise specified in this Policy Manual.

The president has the right and authority to grant leaves of absence for up to one (1) year for members of the faculty for study at other institutions or for such reasons as the president may deem proper.

He/she shall make such reports as required from time to time to the Board, through the Chancellor or his/her designee, of the condition of the institution under his/her leadership (BoR Minutes, February 2007; November 2013).

The president of each institution, or his/her designee, is authorized to accept on behalf of the Board the resignation of any employee of his/her institution (BoR Minutes, 1977-78, p. 123; 1982-83, p. 225).

### 2.5.4 Agreements

*(Last Modified on October 10, 2013)*

The president of each institution, or the president's designee, shall have the authority to execute, accept, or deliver, on behalf of the Board, the following types of research agreements, settlement agreements, service agreements, and reciprocal emergency law enforcement agreements affecting his/her institution:

1. Research or service agreements whereby the institution concerned, for monetary compensation or other good and valuable consideration, agrees to perform certain institution-oriented research or other personal services within a time period of one (1) year or less.
2. Agreements between USG institutions and hospitals or other organized medical facilities, both public and private, whereby the hospital or medical facility concerned agrees to provide clinical services to nursing and other students enrolled in nursing and allied health programs at the institution concerned. Said agreements shall be subject to cancellation by either party (BoR Minutes, October 2013)
3. Reciprocal emergency law enforcement agreements between USG institutions and county and municipal authorities, as authorized by the Georgia Mutual Aid Act, as amended (BoR Minutes, 1993-94, pp. 63-64).
4. Settlements of grievances and complaints, including those filed by state and federal agencies, that do not include a monetary commitment of more than \$100,000. Notice of settlements shall be filed with the University System Office of Legal Affairs (BoR Minutes, May 2006; April, 2007).
5. Any agreements necessary for the day-to-day operation of the institution (BoR Minutes, April, 2007).