



INTERIM DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
WKU BOARD OF REGENTS

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The amendment to the Bylaws having passed, there will be a period of time while the ad hoc committee develops the future policies and procedures for the board's approval. In the interim, the current, existing delegation of authority to the President remains in effect until the committee's work is completed.

Board of Regents Bylaws – Article VI

1. Responsibilities of the President. The President of the University is appointed by the Board of Regents and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The President is the chief executive and academic officer of the University and has direct charge of and is responsible to the Board for the operation of the University. The President shall submit to the Board, in writing, an annual report on the condition of the University.
 - A. Responsibilities of the President include, but are not limited to:
 1. Providing leadership to the Board and the community in the development of the University's mission and programs;
 2. Supervising the University's faculty and all other University employees;
 3. Balancing the University's revenues and expenditures, managing the University's funds and other resources, assuring the financial integrity of the University, and reporting the financial condition of the University to the Board, on a regular basis;
 4. Managing and personally participating in public and private fund-raising;
 5. Managing the University's facilities;
 6. Implementing the Policies and Procedures of the Board;
 7. Making recommendations to the Board concerning the initial appointment of faculty, the award of tenure to faculty, and granting of emeritus status;
 8. Making recommendations to the Board concerning student fees;
 9. Recommending to the Board a management structure for the University and the organization of the University's academic programs into colleges, schools, departments, divisions, and centers of instruction;
 10. Making other recommendations, as necessary, to the Board or to Board committees with regard to matters falling within the authority of the Board;
 11. Speaking on behalf of the University as its official spokesman and representing the University as its designated representative;
 12. Presiding over official meetings and functions of the University;
 13. Informing the Board of actions taken by the President, as appropriate, and of the development of critical or controversial issues;

14. To review, accept, modify, or reject recommendations of the campus governance bodies, or to cause such activities to be done, with respect to any matter concerning academic policy, programs or procedures. To present to the Board all formal recommendations on such matters, ensuring that significant dissenting positions are reported. In turn, the President shall inform the faculty of the Board's position in those areas where their interests and well-being are affected; and,
 15. Performing such other specific responsibilities are required by the Policies and Procedures of the Board or by the laws and regulations of the state of Kentucky.
- C. The authority of the President to act on behalf of the University and the Board includes, but is not limited to, the authority:
1. To make recommendations to the Board to appoint and to reappoint all faculty and fix their salaries;
 2. To make recommendations to the Board to approve promotions in rank of faculty;
 3. To make recommendations to the Board to take final actions on behalf of the University in all other personnel matters concerning the University employees, except that the President shall not have the authority to make final decisions on faculty requests for Board review of negative tenure decisions or to make final decisions on severe sanctions including dismissal for cause and/or dismissal for financial reasons;
 4. To approve the awarding of degrees and certificates to candidates who have completed all degree requirements and are recommended by the faculty of the appropriate college, school, or division, and the authority to confer such degrees and certificates;
 5. To approve the use of University facilities;
 6. To approve the use of the University's name and visual identification;
 7. To execute contracts, leases, and other legal instruments;
 8. To execute documents necessary to purchase, sell, or otherwise convey interests in real property, subsequent to Board approval;
 9. To accept gifts on behalf of the University;
 10. To exercise such authority as is provided by the Policies and Procedures of the Board or by the statutes and regulations of the state of Kentucky.