



**POLICY 1-7**

**BOARD/ADMINISTRATION DISTINCTION**

**Responsible Executive:** University Board of Trustees  
**Approving Official:** University Board of Trustees  
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**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Florida Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, empowers the Florida Board of Governors to establish the powers and duties of the individual boards of trustees, which are charged with governing each university. The Board of Governors has done so by enacting Regulation 1.001, which provides individual boards of trustees with specific authorities with which to govern the universities. The Board of Governors has also established a particular procedure by which the individual boards of trustees may formally adopt regulations governing the operations of the universities.

With respect to the day-to-day operations of intercollegiate athletics, Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(4)(d) requires that each university board of trustees “require that institutional control and oversight of its intercollegiate athletics program is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA).”

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and appropriate distinction between Board of Trustees’ oversight and the administrative control and implementation of the university functions by the University President and administration.

**II. POLICY**

The Florida State University Board of Trustees shall operate as the governing board of Florida State University. Each member of the Board of Trustees has fiduciary duties and responsibilities to the University. The Florida State University Board of Trustees collectively, as a collegial board, establishes a vision and sets direction for the University, and communicates its vision and direction to the University President. Utilizing its regulation and policymaking authority, the Florida State University Board of Trustees has adopted regulations and policies, in its quasi-legislative capacity, addressing diverse subject areas relative to university governance and operation.

It is the responsibility of the University President to operate the University consistent with the Board’s vision and direction. In doing so, the University President shall serve as the chief executive officer and shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees for all day-to-day operations of the University. In close consultation with the Board Chair and the Board of Trustees, the President implements the Board’s vision and direction through institutional

leadership, strategic planning, and daily management of the University. Operating executive control of Florida State University is solely vested in the President by virtue of implementation and enforcement of legislative acts and, Florida State University Board of Trustees regulations and policies.

Individual members of the Florida State University's Board of Trustees do not perform the function of day-to-day operation of the University. The Board gives direction to only one employee, the President of the University. Unless specifically referred by the President, Trustees must not interfere in the President's supervision of other administrators, faculty, staff, or students. Complaints made to any Trustee should be referred directly to the President or a staff member designated by the President.

Consistent with requirements of the NCAA and Board of Governors, the Board of Trustees has delegated to the University President all aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program and certifies annually to the NCAA that delegation.

### **III. LEGAL SUPPORT, JUSTIFICATION, AND REVIEW OF THIS POLICY**

Florida Constitution, Article IX, Section 7; the Florida University Board of Trustees' formal delegation of authority to the President; and FSUAA Policy.

This Policy shall be reviewed and, as appropriate, revised by the Board of Trustees every seven years.

Board of Trustees

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