

Section I**GENERAL****01 SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF BOARD POLICIES****01.01 Governance**

The official actions of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University and its members, administrators, employees, and agents are governed by the following:

01.01.1 Federal and State Law

Board policies are subject to all relevant laws, rules, and regulations of the federal government and the government of the State of Texas. It is the policy of the board to comply with state and federal laws, rules and regulations at all times. Any policy, university memorandum, rule, or regulation found to be in conflict with a state or federal law, rule or regulation shall be null and void to the extent of the conflict.

01.01.02 Board Bylaws

Board bylaws govern the organization and conduct of the board activities. Board policies, university memoranda and policies are subject to all board bylaws and are void to the extent that they conflict with such bylaws. The board requires of its members compliance with all board bylaws at all times.

01.01.03 Board Policies

The board shall adopt official policies to establish direction for the university. The president is responsible for implementation of the policies adopted by the board. Board policies are intended to govern

the actions and conduct of the individual regents, administrators, employees, and agents representing the university. The board requires of its members, administrators, employees, and agents compliance with all board policies at all times.

01.02 Definitions

Throughout the board bylaws, policies, administrative memoranda, and other official materials, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "Board." The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University
- b) "Administration." The central administration for the university, as an entity. (*State Agency Number 717*)
- c) "Texas Southern University." The university legally named Texas Southern University. (*State Agency Number 717*)

01.03 Review of Board Policies

Board policies must be reviewed every six year and each policy shall bear the date of its most recent review.

The president is responsible for periodic review and recommendations to the board of these policies. Notwithstanding the above schedule for review, all policies are subject to review at any time on special call by any member of the board or the president.

02 ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

02.01 President

The board appoints the president as the chief executive officer of the university. The president is responsible for the management and operation of the university under the direction of the board. The president holds office subject to the pleasure of the board.

02.02 General Officers

The general officers of the university are the vice presidents and the general counsel. The board appoints the general officers upon recommendation of the president. The general officers hold office subject to the pleasure of the board. The vice presidents are responsible for the management of the operation of the university under the direction of the president. The general counsel is responsible for overseeing legal services for the university.

09 GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS

09.01 Power to Bind University

No officer, agent, employee, or regent of the university, as an individual or as a member of any association or agency, shall have the authority to in any way bind the board, or the university to any position or course of action that is in conflict with any bylaw or policy of the board, or any administrative memorandum of the university, and any effort to do so shall be of no force or effect.

09.02 Use of University Names and Indicia

The board may adopt for time to time certain indicia of the university. The following policies apply to those indicia and the official name of the university:

09.02.1 Authority

The board is authorized under state law to adopt an official seal for the university. The board is also empowered by the state

legislature to protect the use of the names, logos, trademarks, and other identifying marks of the university.

09.02.2 Approval

The names, logos, trademarks, and other identifying marks of the board and the university shall be protected and cannot be used with the express approval of the board or its designated representative. The president shall take whatever steps are reasonable and necessary to effect and enforce this policy.

09.03 Medal of Honor

The Texas Southern University Board of Regents Medal of Honor may be awarded by the board on a special occasion for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievements. All medals of Honor require a majority vote of the Board of Regents.

A Medal of Honor may be awarded to either an individual or an organization that has made an outstanding personal or collective contribution to Texas Southern University. Additionally, the medal may be awarded to an individual whose life and career exemplify excellence and the highest qualities of integrity, creativity, and commitment to the betterment of the human condition.

09.04 Complaints and Grievances

The board delegates to the president or his or her designee the authority and responsibility to establish comprehensive procedures for the resolution of all faculty, staff, student and other complaints and grievances against the university.