

F-1. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS WITH ADMINISTRATION POLICY

While the Board of Trustees has the constitutional duty to “manage and control” the University, it discharges certain aspects of that responsibility by establishing policies and selecting the University President, who in-turn implements the Board of Trustees’ policy and administers the University accordingly. In order for the successful performance of the University President’s responsibilities to the University, it is imperative that a clear process for communications exist between the Board of Trustees and the University President and other senior University officials.

Discussions concerning policy issues and operational activities related to implementation of such policies between chairs or lead trustees of committees established by the Board of Trustees, on the one hand, and the senior most administrators in a given operational area of the University within the subject area of the relevant committee, on the other hand, are permitted and should generally be conducted at the direction or with the consent of the Office of the University President. Except as contemplated in accordance with the preceding sentence, members of the Board of Trustees should otherwise avoid policy discussions with University staff and administrators outside of the context of meetings of the Board of Trustees or other appropriate settings at which the University President is present or otherwise represented for the purpose of discussing such policy matters.

Discussions not described in the preceding paragraph and which concern other matters or issues falling within the business responsibility of staff members should be coordinated with the Office of the University President so that the University President is aware of the discussions and issues involved and so that the University President has an opportunity to participate in such discussions if he or she so desires.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the policy shall limit, condition restrict, impair, or prohibit the free and direct communication between any person (including, without limitation, any member of the Board of Trustees or any employee of the University) and the University’s Office of Internal Audit or Office of General Counsel and such communications are expressly permitted at all times.

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