

102. Organization of the Board of Trustees

A. General

Under Article 264 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended by Amendment 399, The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama shall govern the University through Bylaws, Board Rules, Resolutions and other appropriate delegation of authority to its committees and officials. Board Rules are provided for specifically in Article VII of the Bylaws.

B. Meetings

At its annual meeting, the Board shall adopt a calendar of meetings for the next year which shall indicate the date and city in which the meetings shall be held. The President pro tempore of the Board, after conferring with the Chancellor, shall fix the specific time and place for each meeting, and notification thereof shall be given by the Secretary to the members, the Chancellor, the Presidents and to the public by advance notice to campus and local newspapers in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Huntsville and to other news media requesting such information in advance. The Board shall designate one meeting on each campus each year for the purpose of receiving detailed reports and presentations from that campus.

C. Agenda Order of Business

The order of business for Board meetings shall be fixed by the President pro tempore but shall normally consist of the following:

1. Roll call
2. Minutes of preceding meeting
3. Report of Chancellor and Presidents, if any
4. Committee reports
5. Other business

D. Development and Preparation of Agenda

The following procedure shall be followed in the development and preparation of the agenda for Board meetings.

1. The Presidents shall transmit to the Chancellor those items which they wish to suggest for inclusion on the Board agenda. In order to insure adequate time for review, items should be transmitted as early as practicable but in all cases at least four (4) weeks prior to the Board meeting.

2. Except for resolutions of appreciation or condolence, all items submitted by the Presidents shall include:
 - a. Summary statement, preferably limited to less than one page, including recommendation of the President
 - b. Proposed Resolution or other action
 - c. Full documentation to support proposed action
3. The Chancellor and, where appropriate, his or her staff shall review those items submitted by the Presidents. The Chancellor, with approval of the President pro tempore, shall determine which of these matters submitted by the Presidents are appropriate for the Board agenda and, for those matters to be included, shall transmit his or her written recommendations to the Secretary at least seventeen (17) days prior to the Board meeting.
4. The Chancellor shall also consider and transmit to the Secretary at least seventeen (17) days prior to the Board meeting any additional items he or she recommends for inclusion on the agenda.
5. The Chancellor may refer any item to the appropriate Board Committee or to the Chancellor's Advisory Council, consisting of the campus Presidents, for review and consultation. For this reason it is important that items needing prompt action be submitted as soon as the President's recommendation is ready.
6. Any Board member may submit to the Secretary or to the President pro tempore any item for inclusion on the agenda.
7. The Secretary shall then prepare the agenda for the approval of the Chancellor and of the President pro tempore.
8. After approval by the Chancellor and the President pro tempore, the Secretary shall transmit the approved agenda with appropriate documentation with the Chancellor's recommendation on each item to each elected trustee (and to ex officio trustees on their request) and to the Chancellor and the Presidents at least 12 days in advance of the Board meeting. Prior to the regular date for transmitting agenda material to the Board, the Chancellor should cause to be forwarded items which are complete.
9. The President pro tempore may add or delete agenda items or otherwise alter the agenda prior to the meeting, except that items proposed by Board members must be included on the agenda. No business except that on the agenda shall be transacted except by unanimous consent of the members present.

E. Board Committees

Board committees are provided for in Article IV of the Bylaws. Committees and subcommittees shall meet on call of the Chancellor, the President pro tempore of the Board or the chair of the committee or subcommittee. The agenda shall be determined by the committee chair on recommendations of the Chancellor, and the Secretary of the Board will cause minutes of such meetings to be prepared, as needed, and distributed to members of the committee, and, after approval by the committee, to the elected members of the Board. The Secretary of the Board will also maintain said minutes for a reasonable period of time for information of the Trustees, but not as a part of the official records of the Board.

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