

3359-1-03 Committees of the board.

(A) Standing committees.

The members and chairperson of each standing committee shall be appointed annually by the chairperson of the board. Each such committee shall be self-governed and may subdivide its work among subcommittees and perform its functions in such manner as the committee deems advisable. It may initiate proposals or act on proposals delegated to it by the board, or made to it by the board chairperson or president of the university, and shall make recommendations to the board for action. The functions of the standing committees, including such special duties as may be delegated by the board, shall in general be as follows:

(1) Educational policy committee/student affairs committee.

- (a) Consider and make recommendations concerning all policy matters requiring attention or action of the board relating to faculty appointment, tenure, and status; academic planning and governance; areas of instruction and degree programs; areas of research and related activities; student admissions; and other matters of policy governing or pertaining to academic and curricular affairs; consider and make recommendations concerning all policy matters requiring attention or action of the board relating to student affairs and student life including enrollment services, advising and counseling, academic support programs, student development and conduct, student financial aid, and other non-academic matters affecting students.

(2) Finance, fiscal policy, and investment committee.

- (a) Consider and make recommendations concerning all policy matters requiring attention or action of the board relating to the university budget and financial operations, business organization and practice; internal and external audit functions and reporting; legal matters; personnel appointments, changes of status, salary adjustments, and other personnel changes; placing and renewal of all insurance; borrowing of funds and issuance of bonds and notes; determination of student tuition, fees, and other sources of university income; custody and investment of any funds which are now under or may in the future come under control of the board of trustees; submission of appropriation requests; and other such matters, except for those recommendations which are within the purview of the facilities planning and oversight committee and which include but are not limited to those recommendations of the facilities planning and oversight committee that involve the expenditure or commitment of funds related to capital planning and capital projects for the university. This committee shall constitute the board's "investment committee" as required by section 3345.05 of the revised code, and shall be authorized to exercise that authority and responsibility provided by law for the investment committee.

- (3) External affairs committee.
  - (a) Consider and make recommendations concerning all policy matters requiring attention or action of the board relating to ~~research policies and activities~~; solicitation of funds for present and future needs of the university; coordination of activities with The University of Akron Foundation; relations with local, state, and federal legislative and administrative agencies; and the promotion of relations with the University's alumni and Alumni Association; consider and make recommendations concerning the naming of buildings and other similar honorary designations.
- (4) Facilities planning and oversight committee.
  - (a) Consider and make recommendations to the board of trustees regarding the capital planning and capital projects for the university, including the overall campus development guide plan; consider and make recommendations regarding the location, planning, construction, renovation, demolition and maintenance of the university's physical plant, streets, grounds, and capital equipment; consider and make recommendations regarding the purchase, sale, and lease of real estate; make recommendations regarding the procedure for implementation of locally administered projects, and for the selection process for architects, engineers, construction managers, and contractors; make recommendations regarding biennium capital appropriation requests and the expenditure or commitment of funds related to capital planning and capital projects for the university.
- (5) Strategic issues, governance and compliance committee.
  - (a) Consider and make recommendations concerning the strategic position of the university and the strategic issues and priorities that from time to time require the board's focused attention. Such issues shall be assigned to the committee by the chairman of the board and reflect areas critical to the successful performance of the institution's mission. In making assignments, the chairman of the board shall avoid unnecessary duplication with other standing committees.
  - (b) Collect and analyze data utilizing when appropriate, comparisons, trends, goals and objectives, trend analysis, market comparisons, peer comparisons, norm comparisons, environmental comparisons, impact analysis, projections and forecasts, resource allocation models, presentation methods, etc.
  - (c) Identify and from time to time inform the board and make recommendations with respect to local, state, national and international issues involving higher education and their potential impact upon The University of Akron.

(d) Coordinate with the chairman of the board the regular and structured delivery of reports to and reviews by the board of trustees from the administration through information sessions, executive sessions, and regular or special meetings of the board of trustees as appropriate. Unless provided within the purview of another standing or special committee of the board, the subject matters of such reviews may include, but shall not be limited to (i) legal reviews; (ii) health, safety and environmental reviews for all property owned, leased, or operated by the university; (iii) intellectual property, technology transfer and entrepreneurial activity reviews; (iv) affiliated entity reviews (v) compliance reviews; (vi) corporate governance, fiduciary and conflicts reviews; etc.

(6) Rules committee.

(a) Consider and make recommendations concerning the adoption, amendment and repeal of rules of the university required to be filed with the secretary of state. Such rules shall include but not be limited to (i) any rule, regulation, bylaw or standard adopted by the board of trustees, or pursuant to their rule-making authority; and, (ii) which has a general and uniform effect when applied to students, faculty, staff or the general public or to any identifiable class of students, faculty, staff or the general public.

(7) The chairperson of the board and the president of the university shall be ex-officio members of each standing committee. Whereas the chairperson shall have power to vote, the president shall be without power to vote. Questions involving assignments or duties of committees of the board shall be decided by the chairperson.

(8) Between meetings of the board, the board may request its standing committees to take action within their respective spheres as they deem necessary and to report any action they may have taken by virtue of this authority to the board at a regular or special meeting for ratification by the board. However, committees shall not be empowered to act for the board; but committees may act or recommend action within their respective spheres subject to approval or ratification by the board. It is the purpose of this provision to establish that the board shall conduct its business and take official action only at regular or special meetings of the board as provided in these bylaws.

(B) Special committees.

Special committees may be appointed by the chairperson for such purposes as the board may from time to time authorize and direct.

(C) Advisory committees.

Advisory committees may from time to time be authorized by the board and appointed by the chairperson for permanent or temporary service in a consultative or advisory capacity. Persons who are not members of the board shall be eligible for membership thereon.

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