

**DRAFT 3-4**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ~~WORKPLAN~~ POWERS & DUTIES**  
**MASTER**

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, Section 7(d), Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida was approved by the citizens of Florida in November 2002; and

WHEREAS, said section created the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida effective January 7, 2003, and stipulated its governing responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system; and

WHEREAS, said Board is responsible to achieve excellence through teaching students advancing research, and providing public service for the benefit of Florida citizens, their communities and economies. And

WHEREAS, said Board consists of seventeen (17) members, 14 of whom are appointed by the Governor. In addition to the 14 members appointed by the Governor, the Board of Governors automatically includes the Commissioner of Education, the Chair of the Advisory Council of the Faculty Senates and the President of the Florida Student Association; and

WHEREAS, the appointed members shall serve staggered 7-year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments, 4 members shall serve 2-year terms, 5 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 5 members shall serve 7-year terms; and

WHEREAS, said Board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, said Board will conduct its business in an open and inclusive manner;

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Governors shall:

- I. Assume the following Duties and Responsibilities with respect to the State University System:
  1. Establish the vision, mission, and goals for the State University System.
  2. Establish a long-term plan for the State University System,
  3. Develop, approve and advocate an annual budget for the State University System.
  4. Determine the financial needs of the State University System; develop financial strategies to fund those needs and advocate those strategies. An element of the financial strategy includes a policy governing tuition and fees.
  5. Develop policies governing student access, enrollment, admissions, matriculation, and graduation.

6. Develop policies that prevent wasteful, inefficient duplication of facilities and programs.
7. Account for expenditures from legislative appropriations.
8. Develop policies that ensure the delivery of high quality academic programs and services.
9. Develop policies in partnership with others that ensures seamless articulation with other educational sectors.
10. Develop policies that govern data collection, dissemination, and analysis.
11. Select, with the advice and consent of the Commissioner of Education, the Chancellor of Colleges and Universities.
12. Review no less than annually the Chancellor's performance. (How do we deal with the power to remove?)

II. Assume the following Duties and Responsibilities with respect to the Constituent Colleges and Universities:

1. Define the mission and approve the goals and key strategies of each constituent university through an inclusive model that provides due consideration of the mission, goals, and strategies approved by the university board of trustees of each constituent university as balanced against the higher education needs of the State and the resources available to fund those needs.
2. Approve the budget of each constituent university.
3. Measure the performance and efficiency of each constituent university using realistic accountability standards.
4. Seek to ensure the financial integrity of each constituent university.
5. Appoint 5 of the 13 University Board of Trustees members for each university subject to confirmation by the Senate and consider, along with the Governor, diversity and regional representation when making these appointments.
6. Approve the policies and procedures of each constituent university governing their respective presidential search, including criteria used in the selection, appointment, and evaluation. ~~(The University Board of Trustees' decision regarding hiring shall be final.)~~ The Board of Governors' ratification of the final candidate is required.

III. Devolve the ~~following Duties and Responsibilities~~ powers and duties enumerated in s. 1001.74, Florida Statutes, to the University Board of Trustees of the Constituent Colleges and Universities: ~~(all duties and responsibilities not enumerated above)~~

~~By enumerating the specific responsibilities above, the Board of Governors has not intended to limit its constitutional responsibility to operate, regulate, control and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. (MOVED TO END OF DOCUMENT)~~

IV. Operate in the following manner:

1. A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board at a meeting held during the first calendar quarter. ~~the Board of Governors at the~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~meeting.~~ The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve terms beginning July 1 of the year elected and shall serve for a two-year term of office. There shall be no term limits.
2. Convene no fewer than eight (8) times per year to be scheduled at least 24 months in advance. The Chair may convene additional meetings at her/his discretion subject to the notice requirements of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes (the "Sunshine Law"). It is expected that these additional meetings will typically be telephonic.
3. Form standing and ad hoc committees of the board as deemed necessary. In each instance, the standing committee shall be governed by the powers and duties delegated to the Committee and by a workplan approved by the full board. The ~~charter~~ delegation of powers and duties shall include at a minimum:
  - a. The duties and responsibilities of the committee
  - b. The meeting schedule of the committee. The Chair may convene additional meetings at her/his discretion subject to the notice requirements of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes (the "Sunshine Law"). It is expected that these additional meetings will typically be telephonic.
  - c. The identity of the staff resources to the committee
4. (Rules governing attendance.)

V. By enumerating specific responsibilities above, the Board of Governors has not intended to limit its constitutional responsibility to operate, regulate, control and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system.