

Board Policy Review

BACKGROUND

Last fall, the Board Office worked with policy staff in the Office of University Compliance, the Office of General Counsel, and a number of other campus units to review administrative rules, policies, and internal management directives of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) transferred to the university when the transition in governance occurred in 2014. These policies and directives apply to the university, until and unless the university repeals, amends, or otherwise replaces them.

In October 2017, the Board repealed a number of policies that were transferred at the time of the governance transition and had been since superseded by OSU Board of Trustees policies, were outdated, or were no longer applicable. The Board Secretary was instructed to continue this review process to ensure the currency of Board policies, as required by the Board's bylaws. The need for review of these policies and directives is further reinforced by the university's regional accreditation review next year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND REPEAL

The Board Office worked closely with staff in the Office of the Provost, Office of General Counsel, and relevant units to review an additional increment of board-related policies transferred from the SBHE. The policies proposed for repeal are provided in Exhibit A of Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff propose that the Executive & Audit Committee recommend to the Board that it adopt the Resolution repealing policies as provided in Attachment 1.

Policies for Repeal by the OSU Board of Trustees

Title (from original source)	Original Source/ Item to Repeal	Rationale for Repeal
<u>Academic Degree Program Planning</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable: No longer relevant with governance change. This policy describes developing programs between OUS institutions.
<u>Establishment of Schools</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable/Superseded by Board action: Adopted in 1977, this policy is outdated and no longer applicable since it requires OUS universities to consult SBHE on establishing schools, colleges, department, divisions, center, institutes, etc. Superseded by <u>Academic Strategies Committee Charter</u> specifying the committee's role in "reviewing and recommending to the Board creation, merger, or closure of schools, colleges or major university research centers or institutes."
<u>Presidential Emeritus Status</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable: This policy says that SBHE can designate a President with "Emeritus" status and specifies privileges that would extend beyond OSU (e.g., parking privileges on all campuses). The Executive & Audit Committee will consider language to update and supersede this outdated policy.
<u>Accreditation Reports</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable/Superseded by Board action: Requires institutions to submit the draft self-evaluation to SBHE to ensure that certain sections are consistent across all OUS institutions. Outdated and superseded by the <u>Academic Strategies Committee charter</u> specifying that the committee oversees engagement with accrediting bodies.
<u>Budgeted Operations Fund Balances</u>	SBHE Policy	Outdated/Superseded by Board action: This policy requires OUS institutions to maintain reserves on hand to mitigate current and future risks. The policy is outdated, referencing fund balances and schedule of institutional commitments <i>from 2004</i> , and conflicts with current practices. The Board has adopted acceptable tolerance ranges for eight financial metrics including fund balances as cross-referenced in the <u>Liquidity Management Policy</u> adopted by the Board.
<u>Foreign Study Programs</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable: This policy was adopted by SBHE in 1967 and amended in 1969. It requires all foreign study programs to

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Exhibit A

		be reviewed and approved by SBHE. The Office of Global Opportunities (OSUGO) currently reviews and approves new programs following financial and risk assessments.
<u>Executive Leadership and Management; Executive Contracts/Notices of Appointment for Chancellor and Institution Presidents</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable/Superseded by Board action: This policy describes how the SBHE appoints, reappoints, and sets wages of the OUS System Chancellor and institution presidents. This policy is no longer relevant and superseded by adoption of <u>Presidential Search and Selection Guidelines</u> , <u>Presidential Assessment Policy</u> , and <u>Presidential Compensation Philosophy</u> .
<u>Interest Rate Risk Management</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable/Superseded by Board action: This policy provides guidelines on the use of derivatives to achieve a lower cost of debt funding. This policy is superseded by the Board's adoption of its <u>Debt Policy</u> , which requires the university to seek approval from the Board and amend its debt policy prior to issuance of any derivative product.
<u>Risk Management Fund Policy</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable: This policy requires OUS institutions to allocate to a Risk Fund to cover insurance claims. The policy is outdated referencing committees and reporting structures that no longer exist. Statutory changes in 2015 gave the universities the authority to decide whether to participate in shared risk management and purchase of insurance. Six of Oregon's public universities, including OSU, have chosen to participate in the <u>Public Universities Risk Management and Insurance Trust</u> , which provides shared risk management and insurance to member institutions.
<u>Priorities for Instructional and Research Computing</u>	SBHE Policy	Outdated/No longer applicable: Adopted by the SBHE in 1984, this policy was intended to prepare students and OUS institutions for using computers/computer literacy. OSU's Interim Vice Provost for IS has noted that this policy is outdated and should be retired.