

## 5.2.b

### Control of Intercollegiate Athletics

The chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate control over the following:

- b. the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

### Judgment

Compliant  Non-Compliant  Not Applicable

### Narrative

The President of the University of South Carolina serves as the chief executive officer and has the ultimate responsibility for and exercises control over the institution's athletics program. The Board has the authority granted to it as a governing board by the state of South Carolina ([S.C. Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 117, Article 1, Section 59-117-40, Item 5](#)) to appoint a University President, and to prescribe the President's duties, terms of office, and compensation.

#### Authority Granted in Board Bylaws to President Over Institution's Intercollegiate Athletics Program

The President of the University of South Carolina Columbia has the ultimate responsibility for and the appropriate control over the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. Board Bylaws [Article XII Section 3.G](#), states that Chancellors have the following duty: "Bear responsibility for fund raising, intercollegiate athletics, auxiliary enterprises, community relations and alumni activities." The President is the Chancellor of the Columbia Campus, and he and the University Campus Deans of the regional Palmetto College campuses "have the same authorities and duties as enumerated above for the Chancellors..."

By virtue of this section of the Bylaws the University President, the University Chancellors, and the University regional Palmetto Campus Deans are responsible for the orderly conduct of the intercollegiate athletic program of their respective campuses. They have the powers necessary to discharge this responsibility and to propose policies and programs and to implement them.

#### Reporting Structure between President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (AD)

The Director of Athletics reports directly to the President as documented in the [position description](#) and [University of South Carolina Columbia summary org chart](#). The Athletics Director serves on the President's Cabinet and manages the daily operations of the athletic department including supervision of the staff and coaches. The [position description](#) for the Athletics Director highlights that the Director of Athletics is responsible for overseeing the athletic program including planning, implementing and directing all administrative and budgetary activities, to include program and personnel development and success (student-athlete and staff), facility enhancement, and resource development.

#### Duties of the President

According to [Article XII Section 2 of the Board of Trustees Bylaws](#), With the general authority granted by the Board, the President shall perform the duties and responsibilities associated with his office, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Implement Board and University policies, continuously review the administration and effect of these policies and recommend to the Board, for consideration, modifications of policies and new policies in all aspects and at all levels of the University System;
- B. Maintain open communications with the Board; notify the Board immediately of credible information that could bring discredit upon the University or damage the University's reputation;
- C. Assume primary responsibility for relationships with the Governor's office, the General Assembly, the Commission on Higher Education, federal agencies and other agencies, groups and institutions;
- D. Recommend to the Board the mission, role and scope of the University System and of its respective campuses, and undertake comprehensive and long-range planning;
- E. Direct and approve the preparation of a coordinated request for both operating and capital appropriations, and direct the presentation of and justification for the request;

F. Review and recommend to the Board the budgets of all components of the University System;

G. Coordinate all functions of the University to assure an integrated institution of related and cooperating campuses, with coordinated educational programs, so that quality and comprehensiveness are emphasized, cooperation is ensured, and unnecessary duplication is avoided;

H. Establish fiscal, budgetary, audit, and business procedures for the efficient and effective management of the University;

I. Subject to the approval of the Board and within the budget limitations of the University, make such appointments to and grant such promotions in faculty or administrative staff of the University as may be appropriate, and terminate any appointments or employment, both in faculty or and administrative staff, in keeping with the general and tenure (so far as applicable) policies as may be established by the Board, and duly report any action taken hereunder at the next succeeding regular or special meeting of the Board;

J. Serve as ex officio member of all the standing committees of the Board, with full right to participate in the committee's discussions but without a right to vote on any matter;

K. Attend all meetings of the Board and of the Executive and Governance Committee, as far as his duties may permit;

L. Review and recommend action on all legal commitments and all other matters within the province of the Board, including contractual arrangements in accordance with policies and procedures of the Board;

M. Recommend policies and procedures which will accomplish the Board's investment responsibilities and objectives and supervise the implementation of the policies and procedures approved by the Board;

N. Sign certificates, contracts and instruments authorized or issued by authority of the Board or any properly authorized committee thereof and all diplomas. Use of automated signature technology shall comply herewith; and

O. Perform such other duties as may be duly assigned to him by the Board or may be appropriate to his general duties and responsibilities.

According to Board [Bylaws Article XII Sections 1 and 2](#), the Role of the President:

*Each Comprehensive University campus with the exception of the Columbia campus shall be administered by a Chancellor who shall report directly to the President. The position of the President of the University System shall also encompass the office and duties of Chancellor of the Columbia campus. Each regional Palmetto College campus shall be administered by a Campus Dean who shall report to the Chancellor of Palmetto College who in turn reports to the President.*

*The President of the University shall be the chief executive officer of the University System and shall exercise such executive powers as are necessary for its appropriate governance under the authority of the Board. He shall be the primary spokesman for the University to the alumni of the institution, the news media, the educational world, and the general public. He shall administer University policies as promulgated by the Board, speak for the University as its chief executive officer, and coordinate all activities of each campus of the institution directly or through his designated representatives. The President shall report directly to the Board the current affairs of all components of the University System and shall discuss with the Board basic issues, new or alternative directions, and recommendations on new policies. He shall direct, coordinate and implement the planning, development, and appraisal of all activities of the University System and shall be directly responsible to the Board for its operation.*

### **President's Regular Meetings and Schedule**

The University has provided as supporting documentation lists of Committees (with membership) and a sample copy of the President's schedule to further demonstrate his control and oversight:

- [President's Cabinet Membership](#)
- [Executive Council Membership](#)
- [President's Meetings and Group Schedule](#)
- [Weekly Calendar Slides](#)




Also provided are records of recent Executive Council meetings:

- February 18, 2020
- June 9, 2020
- July 7, 2020

Additional documentation is included below:

- University of South Carolina Athletics Department Return to Play After COVID-19
- University of South Carolina Return to Campus Recommendations for Events at Athletic Facilities
- University of South Carolina Athletics Department Return to Campus After Time Off
- University of South Carolina COVID-19 Return to Base Module
- COVID-19 Aramark Venue Reopening Plan

## Sources

-  2020\_06\_06 FPG - Events Return to Play
-  Board of Trustees Bylaws (Page 33)
-  COVID-19\_SportsandEntertainmentReopeningPlan
-  Code of Laws - Title 59 - Chapter 117 - University Of South Carolina
-  EC Membership List 07 08 2020
-  President's Cabinet Membership 070720
-  President's Executive Council (7-7-20) - Final
-  President's Executive Council Agenda\_2\_18\_20 - Final
-  President's Executive Council Notes (6-9-20) - Final
-  Presidents (Internal) Meeting Groups and Committees.Abbrev
-  RTP After COVID Protocol 5.29.2020
-  Returning to Campus after Time Off Protocol 6.2.2020
-  Tanner, Ray\_PD
-  USC Columbia Organizational Chart
-  USC FB May 31, 2020 thru June 19, 2020 Return to Base Module
-  Weekly Calendar Slides 2020