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## Board of Trustees

### Abstract

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**The Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994 empowers the Board to:**

- Set tuition and fees and hold public hearings.
- Recommend appointment of Trustees to Governor with Senate's consent.
- Determine the size and make up of Board of Trustees (7-15).
- Invest monies, with other than Division of Investments, with approval of treasury.
- Choose legal counsel.
- Submit annual budget to Treasury.
- Determine disputes for classified employees.
- Conduct hearings on appeals under higher education law.
- Approve facilities construction.
- Approve programs within mission.
- Create a public annual financial statement on government relations, public relations and legal costs.
- Submit annual report on institutional condition.
- Submit annual independent audit and management letter.
- Adopt and use a corporate seal.
- Determine policies for the organization, administration and development of the University.
- Direct and control expenditures and transfers of funds appropriated to the University.
- Appoint and fix the compensation of the President of the University, the executive officer of the University.
- Upon the nomination of the President, appoint and fix the compensation of professional members of the academic, administrative and teaching staff.
- Upon the nomination of the President, appoint, remove, promote and transfer such officers, agents, employees as may be required.
- Grant diplomas, certificates and degrees.
- Borrow money for the needs of the University.

Trustee appointments are for six years. Each board member serves until his or her successor is appointed. Each year a student trustee and student-alternate trustee is elected by the student body. Board members serve without

compensation but are entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

**Current board officers are:** Chair of the Board Ada Morell and Vice Chair of the Board Michael D'Agostino and Secretary of the Board Dr. Thomas Bistocchi.