



**BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA**

August 9, 2023

Presidents
University System of Georgia
sent via email

Dear Presidents:

The Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) met on August 8, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. During this meeting, the Board approved the new USG Strategic Plan 2024-2029, which will go into effect on September 1, 2023. This plan reaffirms our mission of creating knowledge through research, transferring knowledge through teaching, and applying knowledge through service. It also recognizes our commitment to being the best system of higher education in the United States as it advances the prosperity of individuals, the state of Georgia, and the nation through education, research, engagement, and innovation. Additional information regarding the new strategic plan will be forthcoming as we approach the effective date.

During this meeting, the BOR also approved revisions to the following policies:

Institutional Governance

- **Board Policy 2.8 Institutional Mission**

Personnel

- **Board Policy 7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans (Deleted)**

Facilities

- **Board Policy 9.6.3 Presidents' Homes**

Attached as an Exhibit is a document that provides background information on the policy revisions, the effective date of the policy revisions, and also shows the language added / removed from the policy sections. Questions regarding revisions to BOR 7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans, should be directed to Dr. Joe Dan Banker, Director of Military Affairs. Dr. Banker may be reached at joedan.banker@usg.edu or (404) 962-3066. Questions regarding BOR 9.6.3 Presidents' Homes, should be directed to Ms. Sandra Neuse, Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities and Chief Facilities Officer. Ms. Neuse may be reached at sandra.neuse@usg.edu or (404) 962-3162.

Please share widely with the appropriate offices at your institution to include Veterans Affairs, Student Affairs, Human Resources, Academic Affairs, Facilities, Business and Finance, Legal Affairs, Audit, and Compliance.

Sincerely,



Sonny Perdue
Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Tracey Cook, Chief Fiscal Officer
Teresa MacCartney, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Ashwani Monga, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
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Dr. Scot Lingrell, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
Chris McGraw, Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs and Secretary to the Board
Sandra Neuse, Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities
Dr. Dana Nichols, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Success
Jenna Wiese, Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit, Chief Audit Officer
Dr. Joe Dan Banker, Director of Military Affairs
Wesley Horne, AVC Compliance, Chief Ethics Officer
Institutional Chief Business Officers
Institutional Provosts
Institutional Human Resource Directors
Institutional Legal Officers
Institutional Audit Directors

Exhibit
BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY MANUAL
Revised Policies with Markup
Meeting of August 8, 2023

I. Institutional Classification Change; Revision to Board Policy 2.8
Institutional Mission

Background:

On February 1, 2022, Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education changed GHC’s basic classification from “Associate’s Dominant” to “Mixed Baccalaureate / Associate’s.” This falls under the broad category in the BOR Policy Manual “Balanced Bachelor’s and Associate State Colleges.” This change was a result of GHC conferring more bachelor’s degrees than the minimum 10% threshold. This classification for GHC is currently published on the Carnegie website. This policy revision accurately aligns the BOR Policy Manual Table with the official Carnegie designation within the BOR Policy Definitions for State Colleges 2.8 Balance Bachelor’s and Associate State Colleges.

Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy revision is August 8, 2023.

Former Policy Language: 2.8 Institutional Mission Table 1

Institution	Primary Section / Function	Secondary Section / Function	Secondary Sections / Functions
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	State College – Balanced Bachelor’s & Associates Degree	n/a	State’s agricultural state college
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	State College – Balanced Bachelor’s & Associates Degree	n/a	n/a
College of Coastal Georgia	State College – Balanced Bachelor’s & Associates Degree	n/a	n/a
Dalton State College	State College – Balanced Bachelor’s & Associates Degree	n/a	n/a
Georgia Gwinnett College	State College – Balanced Bachelor’s & Associates Degree	n/a	n/a
Gordon State College	State College – Balanced Bachelor’s & Associates Degree	n/a	n/a
East Georgia State College	State College – Associate Dominant, Select Bachelor’s	n/a	n/a
Georgia Highlands College	State College – Associate Dominant, Select Bachelor’s	n/a	n/a
South Georgia State College	State College – Associate Dominant, Select Bachelor’s	n/a	n/a

Revised Language in Change Tracker: 2.8 Institutional Mission Table 1

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II. Deletion of Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 7.3.4.3, Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans

Background:

The BOR approved the deletion of BOR 7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans. This policy provision was removed because it no longer served the best interests of our students due to changes in Veterans Administration (VA) policies. The BOR policy was established in 2007 to better support our military engaged in combat around the globe and served these students well because mandatory fees were not paid by the GI Bill of that time. Changes to the GI Bill and VA policies, now provide for payment by the VA of all mandatory fees paid by covered veterans, and as a result, BOR 7.3.4.3 is no longer needed and removal is necessary to ensure full payment of mandatory fees by the GI Bill.

The removal of this policy will not result in any burden for our veteran students as they will not need to pay these mandatory fees out of pocket, but rather the current GI Bill will pay for these fees.

Effective Date:

The effective date of these policy revisions is August 1, 2023.

Former Policy Language:

7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans

Georgia residents who are active members of the U.S. Military Reserves or the Georgia National Guard, and were deployed overseas for active service in a location or locations designated by the U.S. Department of Defense as combat zones on or after September 11, 2001, shall receive a waiver of all mandatory fees upon meeting one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Served for a cumulative period or periods totaling ninety (90) days in a combat zone; or
2. Received full disability as a result of injuries received in such combat zone; or
3. Were evacuated from such combat zone due to severe injuries during any period of time while on active service.

Eligible participants must meet the admissions requirements of the applicable USG institution and be accepted for admission. Students receiving this waiver shall be eligible to use the services and facilities these fees are used to provide. This waiver shall not apply to housing, elective food service, any other elective fees, special fees, or other user fees and charges (e.g., application fees).

Deleted Policy Language in Change Tracker

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III. Revisions to Board of Regents Policies 9.6.3 Presidents' Homes

Background:

The approved revisions eliminate the requirement that presidents of research universities live in university housing. Consistent with this change, the policy language around institution responsibilities for repair, upkeep, cleaning, and provision of utilities for presidents' homes has been removed, as was the requirement for approval of proposed improvements to the buildings and grounds of a president's home.

Effective Date:

The effective date of these policy revisions is September 1, 2023.

Former Policy Language:

9.6.3 Presidents' Homes

Presidents of research universities will be required to live, without charge, in university housing unless an exception is granted by the Chancellor. There shall be no presidential housing at other institutions.

USG institutions shall be responsible for the repair, upkeep, and routine cleaning of the buildings and grounds of the homes furnished for presidents and for furnishing electricity, gas, water, sewer, disposal, telephone, and internet services. No food, food service, or other personal services shall be provided for the presidents and their families.

Any proposed project for improvement of the buildings and grounds of a President's home, such that it achieves greater future benefit (as opposed to routine and necessary maintenance

that maintains the buildings or grounds at their previous level of service), shall be submitted for review to the University System Office chief facilities officer, who will provide a recommendation to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. No improvements may be made without approval from the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. Any subsequent changes in the scope of the project or budget shall be similarly submitted for review and approval by the Chancellor and the Board.

Revised Policy Language in Change Tracker

9.6.3 Presidents' Homes

Effective September 1, 2023, no USG President will be required to live in university housing, nor shall there be presidential housing at any USG institution.

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New Policy Language:

9.6.3 Presidents' Homes

Effective September 1, 2023, no USG President will be required to live in university housing, nor shall there be presidential housing at any USG institution.