

OPERATING POLICIES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
BOARD OF VISITORS

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Preamble

These Operating Policies are established in keeping with the letter and spirit of the "Agreement of Merger and Plan of Transition" of August 17, 1967, which was agreed to by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and the Board of Trustees of Little Rock University, and which led to the creation on July 1, 1969 of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as a major campus of the University of Arkansas. They are intended to clarify the role of the Board of Visitors in contributing to the sound growth and development of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and thereby, the University of Arkansas and public higher education generally. In keeping with the provisions of the merger agreement, the Board of Visitors is charged with the responsibility for advising the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the President of the University of Arkansas and the governing body of the University, the Board of Trustees, with respect to means of maintaining high standards in the development and operation of UALR as a major urban institution of higher education.

UALR occupies a unique role among the campuses of the University of Arkansas and among the institutions of higher education in the State. Its location in Little Rock, the major metropolitan center in the state and the site of most state government functions, provided special educational opportunities and challenges for UALR. In order to meet these special challenges, UALR will develop high quality undergraduate, graduate and professional programs especially focused upon the needs of the people, businesses, and civic and governmental organizations located in Central Arkansas. The Board of Visitors shall assist the Board of Trustees and the administration of the University in promoting the development of high quality educational programs at UALR.

Composition

The Board of Visitors shall consist of fifteen persons.

Appointments shall be for a term of six years, except an unexpired term shall be filled for the remaining portion of the term. Terms shall begin on October 1 and end on September 30 and shall be staggered to create approximately the same number of positions to be filled each year. Each member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. The following selection process shall be instituted: The Board of Visitors shall consider names of individuals for each position and shall submit its recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which shall make the appointment.

Officers

The Board of Visitors shall elect from its membership a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Each of these officers shall be elected to a two-year term.

Meetings

The Board of Visitors shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, and shall hold special meetings on the call of its Chairman, the Chancellor of UALR, or the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

Regular minutes of its meetings shall be preserved. Procedure at meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, unless modified by these Operating Policies or By-Laws, and the Board will follow the procedures of the Arkansas "Freedom of Information" Act.

Functions

The function of the Board of Visitors shall be to serve as an advisory body to the Chancellor of UALR, the President of the University of Arkansas, and the Board of Trustees.

In furtherance of this function, the duties of the Board of Visitors shall include the following areas, as stated in the Merger Agreement:

- a) Give detailed study to reports and recommendations placed before it by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;
- b) Formulate and transmit to the Chancellor its advice and recommendations on any matter of concern for the welfare of public higher education;
- c) Keep informed on such matters as are necessary to promote the educational aims of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;
- d) Study and otherwise plan for furthering the growth and insuring the quality of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, transmitting such information for consideration of the President and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.
- e) Participate in securing continued and increased financial support for the entire University of Arkansas, including the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, from private and public sources.

- f) Undertake specific assignments made by the Board of Trustees of University of Arkansas and/or the President of University of Arkansas and the Chancellor.
- g) Further in diverse ways the growth and development in excellence of the entire University of Arkansas of which UALR is a major campus.

Amendments

Amendments to the Operating Policies of the Board of Visitors shall be adopted by a vote of a majority of the full membership, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

A proposed amendment must be formally presented at one regular meeting, and voted on at the next regular meeting, unless all members are present at the meeting at which the proposal is first suggested, and have no objection to immediate action.

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