



100 FISCAL AFFAIRS ORGANIZATION

101 THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

By an Act signed by Governor Richard B. Russell to be effective on January 1, 1932, the General Assembly established the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia with responsibility for "the government, control, and management" of State supported colleges and universities. The Board of Regents became a Constitutional Board when this plan for the governance of higher education was incorporated into the Constitution of Georgia in 1943.

The Board of Regents executes its Constitutional responsibilities in two primary ways:

By adopting policies to provide general guidelines for governing the University System; and

By electing a Chancellor of the System and, under his supervision, Presidents of the institutions who are given responsibility and authority for administration of the System in accord with the adopted policies.

101.01 CHARTER

The charter of the Board of Regents consists of the original charter of the Trustees of the University of Georgia as approved in the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia on January 27, 1785, and modified by a subsequent Act of the General Assembly in 1931 as follows:

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that there is hereby set up and constituted a department of the State Government of Georgia, to be known as the `Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.' The name of the corporation heretofore established and existing under the name and style, `Trustees of the University of Georgia' be and the same is hereby changed to `Regents of the University System of Georgia.' (Article 20-31, Acts 1931)

101.02 NAME

The official name of the Board of Regents under its Constitutional charter is "Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia."

101.03 CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

101.0301 "There shall be a Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia which shall consist of one member from each congressional district in the state and five additional members from the state at large, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Governor shall not be a member of said Board. The members in office on June 30, 1983, shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms. As each term of office expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor as herein provided. All such terms of members shall be for seven years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy on the Board by death, resignation, removal, or any reason other than the expiration of a member's term, the Governor shall fill such vacancy; and the person so appointed shall serve until confirmed by the Senate and, upon confirmation, shall serve for the unexpired term of office."

101.0302 "The Board of Regents shall have the exclusive authority to create new public colleges, junior colleges, and universities in the State of Georgia, subject to approval by majority vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Such votes shall not be required



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to change the status of a college, institution or university existing on the effective date of this Constitution. The government, control, and management of the University System of Georgia and all of the institutions in said system shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia."

101.0303 "All appropriations made for any or all institutions in the University System shall be paid to the Board of Regents in a lump sum, with the power and authority in said board to allocate and distribute the same among the institutions under its control in such way and manner and in such amounts as will further an efficient and economical administration of the University System."

101.0304 "The Board of Regents may hold, purchase, lease, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of public property, execute conveyances thereon, and use the proceeds arising from that; may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by law; and shall have such other powers and duties as provided by law."

101.0305 "The Board of Regents may accept bequests, donations, grants, and transfers of land, buildings, and other property for the University System of Georgia."

101.0306 "The qualifications, compensation, and removal from office of the members of the Board of Regents shall be as provided by law." (Constitution of Georgia 1982, Article VIII, Section IV)

101.04 POWERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

"The Board of Regents shall have power: (1) to make such reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary for the performance of its duties; (2) to elect or appoint professors, educators, stewards, or any other officers necessary for all of the schools in the University System, as may be authorized by the General Assembly, to discontinue or remove them as the good of the System or any of its schools or institutions may require, and to fix their compensations; (3) to establish all such schools of learning or art as may be useful to the State, and to organize the same in the way most likely to attain the ends desired; (4) to exercise any power usually granted to such corporation, necessary to its usefulness, which is not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State." (Acts 1931, pp. 7, 24)

"The Board of Regents shall have such other and further powers and duties as may now or hereafter be provided by law or the State Constitution."

102 THE COLLEGE

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is a residential institution offering certificates, associate degrees in a broad array of disciplines, and baccalaureate degrees in targeted fields. With a state-wide mission in agriculture and strong programs in the liberal arts, nursing, business, the natural and physical sciences, the social sciences, and physical education, the College serves students with diverse educational and career goals. Associate of Applied Science degrees prepare students for entry into a career field. Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs provide the first two years of study toward a baccalaureate degree. Baccalaureate degrees in selective fields may be pursued by students holding an associate's degree.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is a student-centered institution. As a point of access to higher education, the College provides a learning support program for under-prepared students. Evening, off-campus, and online courses furnish educational opportunities for individuals who are unable to attend classes in the traditional setting. Intercollegiate and intramural athletic programs and numerous student organizations



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offer students opportunities for physical and social development. Modern, state-of-the-art apartments provide the convenience of on-campus residence.

102.01 ACCREDITATION

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097, Telephone (404) 679-4501) to award Certificates and Associate Degrees. Inquiries to the Commission should relate only to the accreditation status of the institution, not to general admission information.

The College is accepted by the Veterans Administration for the training of veterans under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

The College and its faculty/staff are affiliated with numerous national, regional, and state associations, including:

- Georgia Association of Colleges
- Georgia Collegiate Press Association
- National League for Nursing
- National Junior College Athletic Association

102.02 MISSION STATEMENT

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102.03 ORGANIZATION

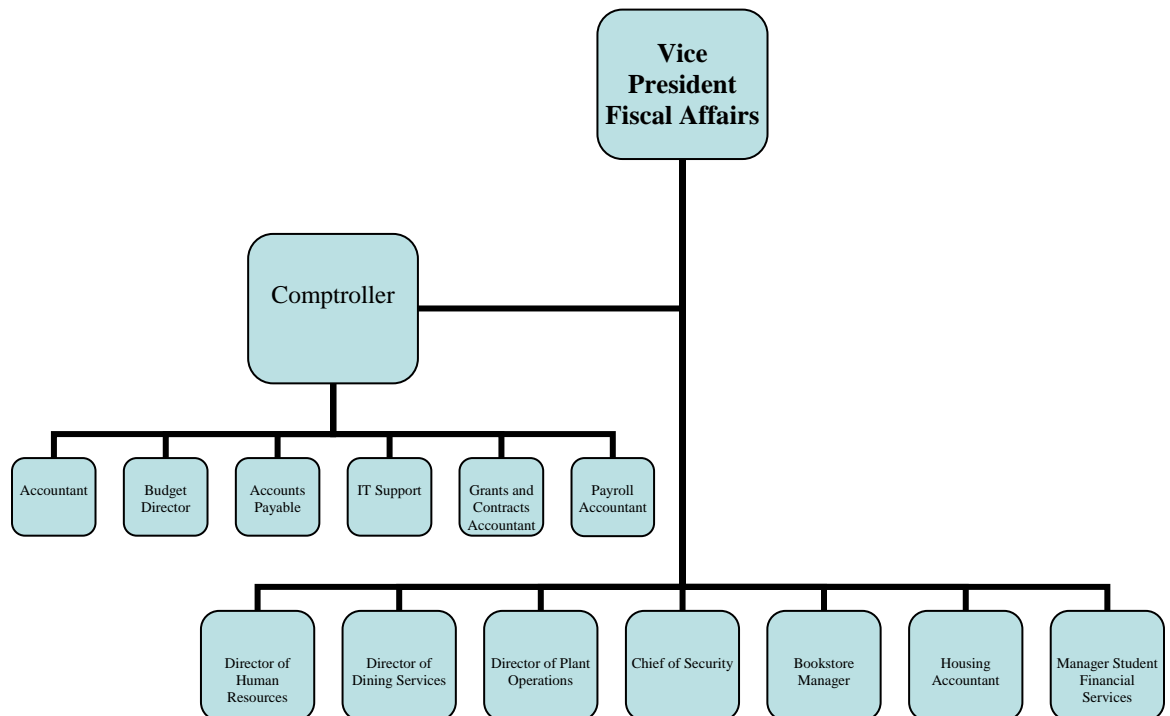


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VICE PRESIDENT FOR FISCAL AFFAIRS

The Vice President for Fiscal Affairs reports to the President and acts as an agent of the Treasurer of the Board of Regents in all financial matters. The Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, who is responsible for the fiscal affairs administration of the College, has custody of all funds, securities, and assets of the College and has the following duties:

Administering all accounting records and procedures, and preparing and interpreting all financial reports;

Assisting the President in preparing and controlling the College budget and in approving and executing all contracts;

Receiving all funds paid to the College and supervising and accounting for all income-producing activities of the College and all disbursements and payments by the College;

Supervising all Auxiliary Services and approving all fund-raising campaigns; and

Approving employment of all non-academic personnel and, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources Management, establishing hours and wages for these personnel.

The Vice President for Fiscal Affairs is also responsible for all purchasing for the College and for assisting the President in the building program and other expansion of physical facilities.

103.01

MISSION

To provide the ABAC community with financial, human and physical support for all activities, programs, and purposes of the College in an environment, which contributes to an atmosphere for effective learning.

This shall be accomplished by:

- Supporting the President in the development and execution of sound fiscal policies to achieve college strategic goals and initiatives.
- Maintaining open communications and an environment that promotes sharing of information with all college constituencies.
- Managing the support services of ABAC in a manner that will ensure accountability and demonstrate effective use of resources.
- Provide management and oversight of employment services and benefits.
- Promoting the adoption of "best practices" in the management and administration of finance, business, personnel and auxiliary services.

103.02

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE

The primary responsibilities of the Office of Fiscal Affairs are to provide leadership, manage the fiscal affairs of the College and keep the President and the Board of Regents staff informed of the College's financial condition.

Besides providing leadership, the Office must:

Develop and recommend broad policies;



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Ensure that strategic and operational plans are developed and articulated;

Create operating systems for business functions;

Select, train, manage and develop personnel to carry out these functions effectively; and

Design and carry out appropriate evaluation procedures.