



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3359-1-01 Members of the board and their powers.

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(A) Members of the board of trustees.

Pursuant to section 3359.01 of the Revised Code, the government of the university of Akron is vested in a board of eleven trustees, made up by nine voting trustees and two student trustees who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, with terms of office as articulated in the Ohio Revised Code.

Student trustees. Student trustees offer valuable input and perspectives that deepen the board's understanding of the student experience at the university. Student trustees shall have no voting power on the board and shall not be considered as members of the board in determining whether a quorum is present. Student members shall not be entitled to attend executive sessions of the board.

(B) Advisory trustees.

The university of Akron board of trustees establishes the position of advisory trustee. The purpose for this position is to permit the university to take advantage of the talents, resources and experiences of individuals who may or may not be residents of the state of Ohio. Advisory trustees will be selected and removed by a majority vote of the university of Akron board of trustees.

(1) Selection criteria for advisory trustees include, but are not limited to:

- (a) success in chosen field or business;
- (b) state or national prominence;
- (c) ability to serve as an advocate for higher education;
- (d) ability and willingness to offer advice to the board and president; and



(e) ability and willingness to offer advise to the board and president; and

(2) Advisory trustees will have no voting privileges at any regular, special or committee meetings of the board of trustees, nor shall they be counted for purposes of quorum. Advisory trustees are not eligible to become board officers or serve as committee chairs or members thereof, but may participate in board activities at the discretion of the chairperson of the board of trustees. Advisory trustees may attend executive sessions at the invitation of the chairperson of the board of trustees but are not required to do so.

(3) A maximum of three advisory trustee positions are authorized, each serving a three year term. Advisory trustees are eligible for appointment to no more than two consecutive terms totaling no more than six years.

(C) Powers.

(1) The board shall have the powers which are conferred upon it by the laws of the state of Ohio, including, but not limited to, those powers expressly provided for in Chapters 3345. and 3359. of the Revised Code. The board shall have full power and authority on all matters relative to the administration of the university; and, shall employ, fix the compensation of, and remove the president and such number of professors, teachers, and other employees as may be deemed necessary. The board shall do all things necessary for the creation, proper maintenance, and successful and continuous operation of the university and shall adopt and, from time to time, amend the bylaws, rules, and regulations for the conduct of the board and the government and conduct of the university.

(2) The board shall formulate university policy, rules, and regulations, but under its general supervision it may delegate any administrative authority relating to the implementation of any such policy, rule, or regulation, including, but not limited to, the enforcement of policies, rules, or regulations to the president or to such other administrative and faculty personnel as may be designated in these bylaws and regulations of the board.

(3) No action, failure to act, delegation of authority, or any bylaw, regulation, policy, rule, or



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approval or disapproval by the board shall be construed to limit, reduce, modify, or relinquish any authority or power of the board to govern the university consistent with the powers conferred upon the board by law. Any delegation of authority by the board may be enlarged, reduced, modified, or withdrawn at the discretion of the board.