

**CAMPUS DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY UNDER BOARD POLICY 100.4**

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the role of campus governance structures in relation to the role of the Chancellor, President and Board of Trustees under Board Policy 100.4.

II. University Governance

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-64-203 establishes the Board of Trustees as the governing body for the University of Arkansas. Board Policy 100.4 states that “the administration of the University of Arkansas, under the authority of the Board of Trustees, is unified in the President,” who is “responsible for the management of the affairs and execution of the policies of the University of Arkansas and all of its campuses, divisions, and units of administration.” At the campus level, the policy states that the Chancellor “shall exercise complete executive authority thereon, subject to the policies established by the Board of Trustees and the President.” Finally, the policy authorizes each institution to have a Board-approved campus governance structure—which must be representative of faculty, staff, students, and members of the administration—to develop and recommend educational and academic policies and provide input to the Chancellor on any matter of general faculty, campuswide, or systemwide concern. The Board Policy may not be construed to “restrict the ability of the Chancellor to implement policies necessary to the operation of the campus that are consistent with Board and UA System policies and with executive authority vested in the Chancellor by the Board.”

III. Role of Campus Governance Structures

Based on the foregoing authorities, campus governance structures, as well as committees that consider academic policies, practices, or objectives—including faculty committees involved in the planning, implementation, or administration of programs of study at the college, school, or department level—serve as valued advisory bodies but shall not exercise decision-making authority. Such structures and committees may provide input or make recommendations that are subject to the approval of the Chancellor or his or her designated administrator. The Chancellor or designee shall reserve the right to approve, disapprove, or modify any campus policies or actions recommended by such governance structures and committees. Each campus shall ensure that its policies are consistent with this policy.