Introduction

The University is governed by the Board of Trustees which consists of thirteen (13) members. Six (6) trustees are appointed by the Governor and five (5) trustees are appointed by the Board of Governor, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate. The Presidents of the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association are elected by their bodies. Except for the Presidents of the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association, the Trustees are appointed for staggered terms of five (5) years.

As the governing body of the University, the Board of Trustees is charged with administering the University. The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees are set forth in Sections 1001.71 - 1001.74, Florida Statutes.

Trustees serve without compensation and meet at least quarterly. The officers of the Board of Trustees are chair and vice-chair. Each is elected for a term of two (2) years and may be reselected for one additional consecutive term. The President serves as the corporate secretary to the Board of Trustees. The President has the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the University. For this reason, one of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Trustees is the selection, retention and replacement of the President. The powers and duties of the President are set forth in Section 1001.75, Florida Statutes.

Committees of the Board

The members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees are Chair and Vice Chair of the Board and the chairs of the standing committees of the Board. The Executive Committee has the authority to act upon matters ministerial or which must be decided before the next Board meeting. Standing committees, and ad hoc committees, of the Board are appointed by the Board Chair, and they include the following:

1. Budget and Finance
2. Audit and Compliance
3. Academic Affairs
4. Student Affairs
5. Facilities Planning

Appearances before the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has developed procedures in keeping with Florida Sunshine Law by which interested groups and individuals may make public comments or presentations to the Board at meetings of the Board. Requests for such public comments or presentations are granted in accordance with Article 8 of the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures.

Governance

In addition to the above Florida Statutes, the Board of Trustees has adopted regulations published under University Regulations, formerly rules. University Regulations provide statements of general applicability to guide the conduct or action of constituents or the public. The regulations must be consistent with law and the resolutions, and strategic plan of the Board of Governors. Changes in the University Regulations may be made by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President.

The Board of Trustees has also adopted policies which deal with the University as a whole, establishing principles as a basis and guide for later action, and articulating the official statement of the Board on issues it deems important to the governance of the University.