

C-3. AUBURN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ADMISSIONS POLICY

In accordance with Section 16-48-4 of the Code of Alabama, the Board of Trustees is charged with the following authority:

“The board of trustees has the power to organize the institute by appointing a corps of instructors, who shall be styled the faculty of the university and such other instructors and officers as the interest of the university may require; and to remove any such instructors or other officers, and to fix their salaries or compensation, and increase or reduce the same at its discretion, to regulate, alter, or modify the government of the university as it may deem advisable; to prescribe courses of instruction, rates of tuition and fees; to confer such academic and honorary degrees as are usually conferred by institutions of similar character; and to do whatever else it may deem best for promoting the interest of the university.”

Consistent with its statutory mandate and the provisions of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees include the following: (1) approving programs of instruction; (2) establishing policies regarding student admissions and enrollment, continuation in residency requirements, and graduation requirements; and (3) establishing similar regulations and/or policies impacting the University.

GENERAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Once approved by the Board of Trustees, the University President is charged with responsibility for the overall implementation, administration and oversight of these items, and the University President may further delegate day-to-day responsibility of these items to appropriate university officials; *provided, however*, that ultimate responsibility for admissions decisions will at all times reside with the University President and the Board of Trustees, and in no event may any such responsibility be delegated for any reason.

Without limiting the foregoing, it is generally expected that the University President will delegate day-to-day responsibility for most items relating to general undergraduate admissions and enrollment to the Office of Enrollment Management. Similarly, it is generally expected that the University President will delegate day-to-day responsibility for most items relating to graduate and professional programs, including enrollment in such programs, to the Office of the Provost, which may in-turn further delegate responsibility to the deans of the respective programs. The University President may also call upon faculty committees to assist in the admissions process in an advisory capacity.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, unique circumstances may occasionally warrant the special consideration of a limited number of applicants who may not satisfy all of the standard admissions requirements but who may nonetheless possess a strong aptitude for learning or who may otherwise be expected to positively impact the University. In these cases, other factors may be considered in addition to, or in lieu of, the standard admissions requirements and criteria, including, without limitation, factors such as an applicant’s work or life experience, maturity, familial circumstances, identification as a member of an underrepresented group, or any other criteria may be relevant to ensuring that the admissions process is carried out in a manner that furthers the University’s mission and vision, in each case subject to and in accordance with applicable law. Exceptions to any otherwise applicable policy or requirement

governing enrollment in any undergraduate or graduate program may be made with respect to no more than five percent (5%) of the entering class without the prior written consent of the University President and the Provost.

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