ARTICLE III
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The Board shall define the mission, role and scope of the University System and each of its major component institutions, shall establish the general policies of the University System, shall lay out the University System’s broad program of educational activity, shall approve the budget for the next fiscal year, and shall provide ultimate accountability to the public and the General Assembly.

Within these fundamental responsibilities, the Board will perform, where appropriate, many essential functions, including but not limited to the following:

A. Elect a President of the University to serve at the will of the Board or for such term and compensation as the Board may prescribe;

B. Elect a Secretary of the University and of the Board to serve at the will of the Board or for such term and compensation as the Board may prescribe;

C. Elect a Treasurer of the University to serve at the will of the Board or for such term and compensation as the Board may prescribe;

D. Establish policies and goals of the University and direct the President to implement and achieve those policies and goals;

E. Review and approve academic plans, including new programs and new units, and major modifications or deletions in existing programs and units;

F. Approve, upon recommendation of faculties and the President, the earned degrees awarded;

G. Designate academic chairs and professorships, award honorary degrees and name buildings or major portions thereof, other structures, outdoor spaces, streets and geographic areas;

H. Levy fees and charges and examine from time to time admissions policies as established by the faculties and the administration;

I. Review and approve requests for appropriations;

J. Review and approve annual budgets and budget changes;

K. Approve all gifts where restrictions are indicated, designate the use of unrestricted gifts, and approve and designate the use of testamentary gifts;
L. Approve all loans, borrowing, and issuance of bonds;

M. Approve appointments and salaries of principal officials which shall be defined as those persons elected by the Board as provided in Paragraphs A, B, and C above, as well as University officers having the rank of Vice President or Chancellor or equivalent rank;

N. Approve compensation policy for faculty and staff;

O. Approve all long-range development plans for the University including major capital projects;

P. Approve or delegate authority for approval of all major contractual relationships and other major legal obligations executed in the name of the University;

Q. Approve all sales or purchases of real property, and ensure that all properties of the University are preserved and maintained;

R. Establish investment policies and procedures which will provide for the prudent investment and preservation of funds entrusted to the University;

S. Establish auditing policies and standards and appoint independent auditors; and

T. Establish and maintain within the administrative procedures of the University the policy and practice that the administrators of the University covered under Paragraphs A, B, and C above shall serve in such capacities at the will and pleasure of the Board; that the administrators of the University having the rank of Vice President, Chancellor, University Campus Dean, Academic Dean, Director or the equivalent thereof and any other person reporting directly to the President shall serve in such capacities at the will and pleasure of the President. It is understood that the employment of such administrators shall be on customary terms of University employment and there shall be no separate employment agreements; provided, however, it is further understood that no Athletics Department administrators will be given employment agreements in excess of one year without prior approval of a majority (eleven) vote of the entire Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SEARCH COMMITTEE. When there is a vacancy or notification of a forthcoming vacancy in the office of the president, the Board will create a Presidential Candidate Search Committee the composition of which will be as follows: