

Authority of the President, Vice Presidents and Chancellors/Provost

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About This Policy

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Policy Statement

A. President

1. The President is the chief officer of the university and is responsible for the operation of the entire university within the framework of general policies provided by the Board of Trustees in keeping with the laws of the state.
2. The President is directly accountable to the Board of Trustees for accomplishing the objectives of Indiana University, for determining missions and priorities for its several elements, and for the effective and economical planning, utilization, and management of its resources. The President is also charged with responsibility for keeping the Indiana Higher Education Commission, as well as the Board of Trustees, informed of current and long-range plans and developments.
3. The President recommends to the Board of Trustees policies and decisions that will enable the university to respond to its many publics and a rapidly changing environment.
4. The President is responsible for the external relations of the university with governmental and private agencies at all levels and represents the university at major functions.

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B. Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents all have executive responsibilities as members of the Office of the President, where they function with the President as a team. In addition, they have functional authority over the work assigned directly to their units as it relates to policymaking and coordination for their respective functional areas on a university-wide basis. Where operating authority is involved, as in the case of a university-wide program operating from their respective units, they exercise ultimate line authority.

C. Chancellors/Provost

The Chancellors at Indiana University Northwest, Indiana University South Bend, Indiana University Kokomo, Indiana University East, and Indiana University Southeast are the chief administrative officers of those campuses and report to the Executive Vice President for University Academic Affairs. The Provost at IU Bloomington and Chancellor at IUPUI also have university-wide responsibilities, serving as Executive Vice Presidents in addition to their campus-based titles.

Reason For Policy

The Office of the President consists of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, and their respective staffs. The Office of the President is designed to provide certain important services to all campuses of Indiana University. These services include budgetary planning and analysis, legal services, information and computer

services, international programs, research and development, alumni relations, learning resources, and public and governmental relations.

History

This policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 11, 1987, and non-substantive updates were made on September 16, 2021.

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