



IX-1.00-POLICY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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The University System of Maryland intends to have a well-coordinated program for government relations. All University personnel are expected to be responsive to inquiries from governmental agencies and to assist in building good understanding and support for the University System of Maryland. In particular, visits by elected officials to the institutions are to be encouraged, and contacts should be used as opportunities to support priorities and policies that have been established by the Board of Regents.

By provisions of the Education Statute, the Chancellor is the Chief of Staff for the Board of Regents and the Chief Executive Officer of the University System. In this dual role, the Chancellor is responsible for the overall direction and supervision of the System under the policies and procedures and direction of the Board of Regents. In consultation with the Presidents, the Chancellor is responsible for recommending Systemwide plans, policies, operating and capital budgets, and other Systemwide matters to the Board, and for ensuring and monitoring compliance with Board policies and procedures. The Chancellor's responsibilities include coordinating relations for the System and its institutions with the Governor, the General Assembly, State agencies, other related officials, federal government officials, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

The Board of Regents and the Chancellor will provide leadership in setting appropriate expectations of the System and in buffering the institutions from inappropriate intrusion. The establishment of System priorities and coordinating the relationship of the University System to the State government are System functions. All institutional and Systemwide matters requiring consideration and action by other State agencies and officers will be submitted to such agencies and officers by the Chancellor or his or her designee. The Presidents and senior officers of the System Administration will inform the Chancellor or his or her designee of significant meetings held with elected and senior appointed government officials. The Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations will assist in institutional relations with legislators and other key officials; when appropriate, a representative of the Office of Government Relations will be invited to participate in meetings with State and federal legislators and their staffs.

STATE RELATIONS FUNCTIONS SHALL BE CARRIED OUT BY SYSTEM AND INSTITUTIONAL EMPLOYEES. THE HIRING OF A REGISTERED LOBBYIST FOR STATE RELATIONS PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED.

