

### 3.2.2.1

## Governance and Administration: Governing Board Control: Mission

The legal authority and operating control of the institution are clearly defined for the following areas within the institution's governance structure:

3.2.2.1 institution's mission.

### Judgment

Compliance    Partial Compliance    Non-Compliance    Not Applicable

### Narrative

Approval of the mission of Tennessee Technological University (TTU) rests with the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). Though not specifically stated as such, the approval of the TTU mission is included in TBR Policy 1:02:01:00 Purpose of the Board, to “develop a system organization that will provide coordination of the system of institutions while at the same time preserving the unique qualities, integrity, and regional and community relationships of each of the institutions [1]”. The TTU mission illustrates the unique qualities, integrity, and relationships of the institution.

### Mission Statement

The TTU mission is as follows:

*Tennessee Technological University's mission as the state's only technological university is to provide leadership and outstanding programs in engineering, the sciences, and related areas that benefit the people of Tennessee and the nation. The University also provides strong programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, agriculture and human ecology, nursing, music, art and interdisciplinary studies. Tennessee Tech serves students from throughout the state, nation, and many other countries, but it retains a special commitment to enrich the lives of people and communities in the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee.*

*The University is committed to the life-long success of students in its undergraduate, master's, specialist, and doctoral degree granting programs through high-quality instruction and learning experiences. The University is engaged in scholarly activity, especially basic and applied research, creative endeavors, and public service, with special emphasis on community and economic development. The University supports student participation in a broad array of extracurricular activities as an integral component of its commitment to student life and success.*

*The University's three interdisciplinary Accomplished Centers of excellence in Energy Systems Research, Manufacturing, and Water Resources and Chairs of Excellence in Business Administration strengthen the instructional, research, and service mission of the University.*

*The University is as supportive of women as of men and as supportive of those in the minority as of those in the majority. The University provides educational opportunities to all eligible persons without regard to age, gender, ethnicity, race, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation. The institution is committed to an inclusive and diverse campus that enriches the educational experience, promotes personal growth and a healthy society, prepares students for success in a global economy, and enhances America's economic competitiveness [2].*

### Vision Statement

The TTU vision reads as follows:

*Tennessee Tech will be nationally recognized as a leading technological university in the South, providing academic, economic and cultural leadership in the region and producing practical, ready-to-work graduates from a broad range of academic disciplines prepared to compete in a technologically driven world [3].*






### **Revision of the Mission Statement**

TTU's Joint Committee for Planning and Budgeting follows a rigorous process through the University's system of shared governance to review, evaluate, and update the mission statement. The mission statement is brought back to the TBR for periodic review at least every five years along with the strategic plan. TTU is a member of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee and is governed by the TBR. The current mission statement was approved by the TBR on March 25, 2011, along with the Strategic Plan [4] [5].

### **Conclusion**

Approval of the mission of Tennessee Technological University (TTU) rests with the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). Operating control of the University is delegated to the President, who is charged with "promoting the efficient operation" of the University and is responsible to the TBR for the operation and management of the institution and for the execution of TBR directives [6]. Therefore, TTU is in compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.2.1.

### **Sources**

-  [1] TBR\_Policy\_1\_02\_01\_00
-  [2] Mission Statement
-  [3] Vision Statement
-  [4] TBR March 25\_2011 Regular Session Minutes\_2
-  [5] TTU Strategic Plan
-  [6] Duties of the Presidents and Directors