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Chief Executive Officer

The institution has a chief executive officer whose primary responsibility is to the institution and who is not the presiding officer of the board. (See Commission policy "Core Requirement 2.3: Documenting an Alternate Approach.") (Note: If an institution is part of a system and its chief executive officer is also the chief executive officer of the system, the institution must provide information requested in Commission policy "Core Requirement 2.3: Documenting an Alternate Approach." This information should be submitted as part of the Compliance Certification.)

Judgment

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not Applicable

Narrative

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) requires that each institution within the TBR system have a President who "shall be the executive head of the institution and of all its departments, and shall exercise such supervision and direction as [well as] promote the efficient operation of the institution" (TBR Policies and Guidelines 1:03:02) [1].

Chief Executive Officer of the University

Dr. Philip B. Oldham is the current President, and, thus, Chief Executive Officer, at TTU, and he holds no other employment outside the institution. As President, he reports to the TBR governing body through the presiding officer, Chancellor John Morgan, for the operation and management of the institution and for the execution of all directives of the Board and of the Chancellor [1] [2] [3]. He has direct access to the TBR governing body by submitting reports to the governing body's regular meetings or attending such meetings. Moreover, he is the official medium of communication between the faculty and the Chancellor and between any university council, senate, assembly, or any other such body, either of the faculty or of the students, and the Chancellor [1] [4].





His primary responsibility is to the institution and its departments, generally, and to maintaining an educational program consistent with the stated purposes of the University and providing the line of communication between the University and TBR, specifically [1] [4]. He provides annual reports to the Board, through the Chancellor, of the work and condition of the institution under his control [1].

As the Chief Executive Officer of the University, he is responsible for the efficient administration of the institution and its programs. Specifically, he directs the establishment of, has an understanding of and a commitment to, the University's mission, strategic goals and objectives, and affirmative action. He guides the administration of eight colleges, and he oversees the administration of, and ultimately approves, fiscal and physical planning [1] [2]. He provides direction in administration of educational, research, public service operations, and policies of the institution as well as acts as the campus representative to the governing board and staff [1]. Furthermore, he has the authority to recommend annually to the TBR, through the Chancellor, the creation or continuance of positions of faculty and other employees of the institution; to recommend or make appointments of personnel; to set the salaries of personnel, within budgetary limitations; and to recommend or approve promotions, including tenure, transfers, leaves of absence, and removal of personnel – in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the TBR and subject to such prior approval or confirmation of the TBR or the Chancellor as may be required by the TBR [1].

Conclusion

The primary responsibility of TTU President, currently Philip B. Oldham, is to the University. President Oldham is not the presiding officer of the Tennessee Board of Regents. TTU is, therefore, in compliance with Core Requirement 2.3.

Sources

-  [1] TBR Policy and Guidelines_Duties of the Presidents and Directors 1_03_02_00
-  [2] TTU Organizational Chart
-  [3] TBR Chancellor
-  [4] Senior Administration