

**SECTION 3, COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD 3.2.4**

The governing board is free from undue influence from political, religious, or other external bodies, and protects the institution from such influence.

**JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Compliant

Partially Compliant

Noncompliant

**RATIONALE FOR JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 1901 [1] speaks to inappropriate influence of the board. It states: "The Board of Regents is unalterably opposed to political interference or domination of any kind or character in the affairs of any institution in the University System of Georgia" (*BOR Minutes*, 1941-42, p. 88).

Section I.3 of the *Board of Regents Bylaws* [2] provides for a diverse group of regents from all sections of the state. This diversity helps to assure that there is no specific influence regarding political, religious or other undue influence. In addition, each member must be confirmed by the state senate, which also helps to assure a lack of significant political influence. Section I.3 reads:

Membership of the Board of Regents shall consist of one member from each congressional district in the state and five additional members from the state at large appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Governor shall not be a member of said Board. The term of each member shall be seven years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy on the Board by death, resignation, removal, or any reason other than the expiration of a member's term, the Governor shall fill such vacancy and the person so appointed shall serve until confirmed by the Senate and, upon confirmation, shall serve for the unexpired term of office.

## Document Reference:

Number	DB Num	Document Title	Resource
1		Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 1900: Miscellaneous, Section 1901, Political Interference	<a href="http://www.usg.edu/regents/policymanual/1900.phtml">http://www.usg.edu/regents/policymanual/1900.phtml</a>
2		Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Section I.3, General, Membership	<a href="http://www.usg.edu/regents/bylaws/#I.3">http://www.usg.edu/regents/bylaws/#I.3</a>