GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS
Section 204 President – Appointment and Responsibilities

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Responsible Office: Clerk of the Board

Policy Statement:

Presidents of the University System shall be elected by the Board on the nomination of the chancellor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The president is the chief administrative and educational officer of the respective institution and is responsible for all aspects of operations within the approved mission, and policies and procedures set forth by the chancellor and the Board of Trustees. The president reports directly to the chancellor.

The president is responsible for:

1. the implementation of plans, policies, and directives from the Board of Trustees and the chancellor;

2. active participation in strategic leadership of the University of Maine System through leadership of system-wide initiatives, promoting collaborative efforts at all levels among UMS universities, participation in Presidents Council, engagement in system-wide planning, and participation in Board of Trustee meetings, strategic planning, and other activities;

3. the establishment of an effective communications link between the president and the chancellor and between the president and all of the constituencies at the institutional level: faculty, students, staff, alumni and community partners;

4. the academic leadership of the institution through established planning processes and prioritizing of goals and objectives, promotion of academic excellence, development and motivation of faculty and staff to accomplish the campus university and system missions, and promotion of innovative, collaborative, and efficient use of resources to meet the needs of students and the state;

5. the development and administration of the institution’s operational and auxiliary enterprise budgets as approved by the chancellor and Board of Trustees, including establishment of priorities for expenditures and achievement of revenue projections as set forth in the approved budgets;

6. the development, maintenance and operation of the physical plant and for the development of long-range capital facilities construction priorities in accordance with the mission and guidelines set forth by the Board of Trustees;
7. the administration of all programs affecting student life and promotion of the learning environment for the welfare of the student body;

8. the development of an effective public service program for both the internal and external communities;

9. the development of an effective community relations program;

10. identification, assessment and management of risks and ensuring regulatory compliance;

11. establishing the means to assess the effectiveness of the institution;

12. assuring that the institution employs staff sufficient in role, number and qualifications appropriate to the institution;

13. consultation with faculty, students, other administrators and staff in accordance with established institutional mechanisms.