

Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Commission



Governance

- Adoption of a statewide master plan for higher education.
- Approval of institutional compacts and updates.
- Determining which institutions are in compliance with their compacts and thus should share in newly appropriated funds.
- Establishing benchmarks and performance indicators for institutions to meet to receive additional appropriations.

Underlined – Jointly with the Council.

*Asterisk – MU and WVU exempt.

Governance (Continued)

- Establishing a rule for governing boards to follow in adopting institutional rules, guidelines, or other policy statements.
- Develop a long-range policy agenda for higher education.
- Establish peer groups for each institution.
- Report annually to the Legislature on the performance of higher education.
- Identify needs and priorities for capital investments.
- Approve the hiring of Presidents by governing boards.

Governance (Continued)

- Approve institutional master plans outlining missions, degree programs, physical plant needs, personnel needs, and enrollment levels.
- Approve the compensation from all sources for Presidents.
- Promulgate joint rules governing the institutions when deemed necessary.
- Establish geographic areas of responsibility for institutions. *(MU and WVU were given statewide responsibility.)*

Governance (Continued)

- Establishment of a uniform classification system for classified employees.
- Establish a rule governing purchases by institutions.*
(MU and WVU may have own rule.)
- Take whatever actions deemed necessary to fulfill the duties of the Commission.
- Prepare institution and statewide report cards.
- Receive input and recommendations from various advisory and constituent groups.

Governance (Continued)

- Acquire legal services as needed.
- Make appointments to certain other boards and commissions.
- Employ a Chancellor and review his or her performance at the end of each contract period.
- Withdraw powers of a governing board for up to two years in certain circumstances.
- Rescind delegation of powers of BOGs to Presidents.*
(*MU and WVU exempt.*)

Governance (Continued)

- Establish a rule for BOGs when considering capital projects.
- Development and implementation of statewide data systems.
- Establish policies for licensing of private and public degree granting institutions.
- Oversight of the Rural Health Initiative and Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences.

Academic

- Implement a uniform standard for the requirement of remedial or developmental courses.
- Expand distance learning and technology.
- Assure maximum transferability of credits from one institution to another.
- Review and approve academic programs offered by institutions.
(Approval of MU and WVU programs only if offered in new location.)

Finance

- Make annual budget requests on behalf of the institutions.
- Allocating appropriations by the Legislature.
- Develop and adopt a financing policy for higher education.
- Establish guidelines for capital projects and review and approve institutional projects with a potential to exceed \$1 million dollars in costs.*
(Approval of MU and WVU projects exempted.)
- Adopt tuition and fee policies and approve tuition and fee increases for institutions.*
(Approval of MU and WVU increases exempted.)

Finance (Continued)

- Assess institutions for the payment of statewide services, obligations, or initiatives.
- Establish a retirement plan for all public higher education employees.
- Issue and redeem system-wide capital revenue bonds or institutional bonds as requested.

Financial Aid

- Administration of statewide financial aid and scholarship programs.
- Promulgation of rules governing PROMISE.