

SUMMARY OF PRIMARY CHANGES IN PROPOSED BYLAWS

1/22/93

The format of these bylaws has been substantially changed, conformed to a more acceptable format. The major changes in the bylaws are enumerated as follows:

- a) The preamble has been added to clearly express that the Board has the principal responsibility for policy making and that the administration has the responsibility of implementing and carrying out those policies
- b) An extensive section on special meetings was added to Article I; these conform to the new open meetings requirements adopted by the 1992 Session of the General Assembly.
- c) Section IV of Article II provides for emergency special meetings of the Board. Emergency is a defined term within this section which conforms to state law.
- d) The section on officers has been completely rewritten. Terms of offices have been established for a one-year period, with only two successive terms being permitted. The office of chairperson has been clearly defined to provide only that this person chairs the meetings and calls the meetings pursuant to requests of the Board.
- e) The committee structure of the Board has been rewritten to provide for only three standing committees, the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Academics Committee. The members of the Executive Committee are to be elected while the chairperson shall appoint the members of the Finance Committee and the Academics Committee.
- f) The parliamentary procedure of the Board is governed by Robert's Rules of Order, substituting for the old Sturgis Standard Code.
- g) The document is gender neutral.

These bylaws have been rewritten to clearly express that the governance of the Board functions through a majority vote of the Board of Regents and not by the acts of any individual. Those items, which were enumerated in the former version of the bylaws which are governed by state statute, have been deleted. This also facilitates changes in those statutes without requiring an amendment to the bylaws.