

## Board of Trustees Policy on Policies

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Board of Trustees Policy on Policies</b>
<b>Policy #</b>	01.004.1
<b>Policy Owner</b>	University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
<b>Contact Information</b>	Questions about this policy should be directed to University of Rhode Island General Counsel, (401) 874-4486
<b>Approved By</b>	University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
<b>Effective Date</b>	June 25, 2021
<b>Next Review Date</b>	No later than June 30, 2026
<b>Who Needs to Know About this Policy</b>	Administrators, faculty, staff, and students of the University and the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Academic Policy.</b> Any University Policy pertaining specifically to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student activities, and which are intended to advance the educational purposes of the University and to promote satisfactory discipline and behavior;</li> <li>• Educational matters relating to teaching, research, and study, and student exercise, discipline, and government, with such matters including, without limitation, academic standards (e.g. standing, admission, dismissal, attendance, grading), the University Calendar, University-wide curriculum matters, and research and patent policy as they may affect the faculty as a whole over which the Faculty has shared governance with the University President in accordance with RIGL 16-32-10 and Article II of the Faculty Senate Constitution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Administrative Policy.</b> Any University Policy other than an Academic Policy.</p> <p><b>Administrative Policy Committee.</b> The administrative officers reporting directly to the President of the University and designated by the President as the “Administrative Policy Committee.”</p> <p><b>Policy.</b> A high-level statement of guiding principles and standards that articulates the institution’s values and communicates behavioral expectations and requirements related to a specific topic or area.</p>

<b>Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing or Necessitating This Policy</b>	RIGL §§16-32-2, 16-32-2.1, 16-32-5, 16-32-9, 16-32-10, 16-32-11, 16-32- 33 12, 16-32-15, 16-32-25, and 16-32-26  URI Faculty Senate Constitution Article II – Powers
<b>Reason for Policy/Purpose</b>	To establish the criteria for the creation of Policies by the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
<b>Forms Related to this Policy</b>	Policy Template  Policy Content Checklist

## Policy Statement

The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees (the Board), working in collaboration with the President and the faculty through its representative Faculty Senate, is responsible for ensuring that the University of Rhode Island (the University) meets its educational goals as articulated in the institution’s mission. The Board is responsible for issuing high-level guidance and directives to meet this goal.

The Board shall have responsibility for any Policies that affect, direct, strengthen, or alter the principles that reflect the mission or financial position of the University. In this manner, certain Policies of the University will require Board-level approval, with other Policies being reviewed and approved (1) in the case of Academic Policies, by the Faculty Senate and the President and (2) in the case of Administrative Policies, by the Administrative Policy Committee of the University. This Policy on Board of Trustees Policies shall guide the determination of which Policies will require Board approval.

The following statements shall determine Policies that will require Board approval:

- Policies approved by the Board shall be designed to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, monitor and manage risk to the University, and reflect the Board’s fiduciary responsibility.
- Policies approved by the Board shall be statements of principles and purpose that reflect the mission of the University.
- Policies approved by the Board shall provide institution-wide governing principles that may shape institutional directives or actions.
- Board-level Policies generally will not address operational issues, except when embedded as a necessary part of a broad policy outlining University principles.
- The Board may institute Policies that directly relate to its own management and operations.

New Academic Policies or material changes to existing Academic Policies require approval by the Faculty Senate and the President, with notification to the Board of Trustees.

New Administrative Policies or material changes to existing Administrative Policies require approval by the Administrative Policy Committee and the President and, if establishing or changing Policy pertaining to matters falling within the powers of the Board of Trustees as set forth in RIGL § 16-32-2, the Board of Trustees.

Operational Policies and new Policies providing responses to new institutional issues shall be addressed and receive approval through the University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate (for operations related to Academic matters) or Administrative Policy Committee (for all other operational matters).

Board-level Policies shall be communicated to the University community and implemented by the President of the University, who shall develop necessary guidance, associated policies, or required procedures.

## Exceptions

None

## Policy Review and Revisions

(Versions earlier than the first policy number may be paper only)

<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>	<b>Changes to Policy</b>
01.004.1	June 25, 2021	n/a	n/a