

# Constitutional Authority of the Board of Regents

The Georgia Constitution grants to the Board of Regents the exclusive right to govern, control, and manage the University System of Georgia, an educational system comprised of thirty-five institutions of higher learning, a marine research institute, and a central University System Office. The Board exercises and fulfills its constitutional obligations, in part, by promulgating rules and policies for the governance of the University System and its constituent units. The purpose of this Policy Manual is to collect, organize, publish, and otherwise make publicly available the directives and policies of the Board.

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The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia was created in 1931 as a part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members to the Board, who each serve seven years. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 18 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large, and one from each of the 13 congressional districts. The Board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System.

The Board oversees [35 colleges and universities](#): four research universities, two regional universities, 13 state universities, eight state colleges, and eight two-year colleges. These institutions enroll approximately 302,000 students and employ over 40,000 faculty and staff to provide teaching and related services to students and the communities in which they are located.

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to continue studying the establishment in the immediate future of two junior colleges in the Northwest Section of the State of Georgia; that Chancellor Caldwell was authorized to obtain whatever assistance is necessary to expedite the final determination of the location of these two junior colleges in the Northwest section of Georgia that will best serve the interest of that section of the State; that this study should include a complete analysis of the effects of the establishment of these junior colleges on existing institutions of higher learning in that section of the State, including off-campus centers.

The Board of Regents also at this meeting authorized the making of an over-all study of Higher Education in the State of Georgia to be directed primarily at the determination of the types and location of the facilities that will be required to meet the educational needs of the State during the next ten years; and that Chancellor Caldwell was authorized to obtain whatever assistance is needed to make this study as expeditiously as possible.

Chancellor Caldwell reported that Dr. S. Walter Martin had been appointed Director of the State-Wide Study of Higher Education in Georgia; that Mr. T. W. Mahler had been appointed Associate Director; that a Steering Committee consisting of the following had been appointed:

1. Mr. J. Hubert Dewberry, Director of Plant and Business Operations
2. Mr. J. W. Fanning, Director of the Institute of Community and Area Development of the University of Georgia
3. President Thomas Y. Whitley of the Columbus College
4. President Zach S. Henderson of the Georgia Southern College
5. Vice President Judson C. Ward, Jr., of Emory University
6. President George W. Gambill of Andrew College
7. President Randall H. Minor of Shorter College

Chancellor Caldwell further reported that special Task Forces had been appointed to guide in evaluating the following: Social and Economic Data, Special Programs, Junior College Relationships, Institutional Development, Finance, and Junior College Organization and Administration.

The Committee pointed out that a report was received by the Committee on June 11, 1963, from the Steering Committee for the State-Wide Study on Higher Education in Georgia; that the report was incomplete and returned to the committee for final recommendations to be made to the Board as soon as

possible; that the purpose of this meeting of the Board of Regents was to receive the final report and the recommendation of the Steering Committee; and that the following recommendations were presented to the Board by the Steering Committee:

As a result of its study and deliberations the Steering Committee of the Regents Study Committee has reached the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. There is ample justification, provided additional funds are available without sacrificing existing commitments of the University System of Georgia, for the establishment of two additional community junior colleges in the northwestern section of the State.
2. The programs of community junior colleges shall include:
  - a. College parallel curricula offering the first two years of credit work suitable for transfer to senior institutions in pursuance of baccalaureate degrees.
  - b. Two-year terminal programs in fields selected as a result of study of the needs of the service area and the State, provided they do not duplicate or parallel programs already offered at reasonable cost by other post-high school programs of accredited and recognized educational institutions located in the same service area.
  - c. Programs of adult education to meet the needs of the service area.
3. As community junior colleges, it is recommended that such institutions serve those who reside within the commuting area and that no dormitory service be provided.
4. It is recommended that the vicinity of Dalton in Whitfield County be authorized for a community junior college.
5. Unquestionably there is a need for a second junior college in the southern part of the Seventh Congressional District. Since this area is tied so closely to metropolitan Atlanta, the specific decision as to the location of one or more junior colleges must be delayed until it can be studied in relation to the Atlanta metropolitan area. A recommendation concerning the location of this junior college will be made at a later date to the Board of Regents.
6. It is further recommended that other potential locations which are not recommended at the present time be reviewed periodically to determine if new developments justify an additional one or more junior colleges.
7. This report deals only with the northwest region of the State and the preferred locations for additional community junior colleges. Further decisions about the timing of their development, financial support and other important matters should await completion of the entire study so that establishment of these institutions can be coordinated with other developments on a system-wide, state-wide basis.

Chairman James A. Dunlap reported that a quorum of the Board was not present at this meeting, but that proxies had been received from Regents John A. Bell, Jr., James D. Gould, John I. Spooner, Allen Woodall, and Carey Williams approving the recommendations of the Study Committee; that these members would like to have these proxies recorded as indicated; that Chairman Dunlap recommended that the members of the Board present act on these recommen-

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dations and that they be ratified by the Board at the meeting to be held at Sea Island on July 29 and 30, 1963.

Therefore, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education, with motion properly made, variously seconded, and unanimously adopted, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall and it does hereby authorize the approval of the recommendations of the Study Committee of the Board of Regents for the Location of Junior Colleges in the Northwest Georgia Area.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board of Regents shall and it does hereby approve the application of the authorities of Dalton and Whitfield County for the establishment of a junior college in that community subject to the approval of the site by the Board of Regents and the ability of the local authorities to finance and carry out the proposal.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board of Regents shall and it does hereby request the Regents Study Committee on the Location of Junior Colleges in the Northwest Georgia Area to study further the need for a second junior college in the Southern section of the Northwest Area of the State of Georgia in relation to the Atlanta metropolitan area. Chancellor Caldwell is requested to report to the Board through the Committee on Education at the earliest possible date giving the recommendation of the Study Committee.

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Chairman James A. Dunlap reported that Chancellor Harmon W. Caldwell had informed him that there were several pressing items of business that should be considered at this meeting; that since a quorum was not present at this meeting and since these items were not included in the agenda of this meeting, Chancellor Caldwell had suggested that these items be acted upon at this meeting and that they be authorized and ratified at the meeting of the Board at Sea Island, Georgia, on July 29 and 30, 1963.

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Chancellor Harmon W. Caldwell reported that in a letter dated June 20, 1963, to the Regents of the University System of Georgia, Mr. C. A. Curtis, Right-of-Way Engineer of the State Highway Department, had requested

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Mr. R. F. Hamilton  
Mayor, City of Dalton  
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Mr. J. H. Broughton  
County School Superintendent  
Whitfield County  
Dalton, Georgia

Mr. LeRoy Taylor  
County Commissioner  
Whitfield County  
Dalton, Georgia

Conclusion:

At a meeting of the Board of Regents held on August 13, 1963, approval was given for the site for the Junior College to be located in Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia. The site approved is located on the West side of Interstate Highway I-75, beginning at a point 300' North of the intersection of I-75 right-of-way, and land Lot 23, and extends North along the I-75 right-of-way for a total of 2,640 linear feet. The West boundary on the North side will be 2,150' West of I-75 right-of-way. The Southern boundary is to be 2,000 linear feet West of the Southern boundary and 2,640 linear feet from North to South on the West side of the property. The general boundaries outlined are in keeping with and are taken from the preliminary study sketch of the Junior College Site, Whitfield County, Georgia, dated July 23, 1963, prepared by Peter L. Bahlan, Civil Engineer, Dalton, Georgia. This tract must contain a total of approximately 127 acres of land.

Of course, this site was approved contingent upon the Board of Regents receiving title of this property in the simplest and the earliest appropriate time, together with an agreement on the part of Whitfield County and other entities involved, to make soil investigations when requested by the Board of Regents, to insure the fact that the land will be adequate and proper for building sites without extra expense in preparing foundations, etc.

I shall appreciate hearing from you concerning the progress being made on this project as various developments take place. A schematic layout for

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the campus will be presented to you in the near future in order that the proper soil investigations may be made and reports submitted to the Regents.

We are looking forward to working with you in the development of this institution in your locality.

If there are any questions, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. H. Deberry, Director  
Plant and Business Operations

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cc: Mr. George Rice  
cc: Mr. Thmitt Leman  
cc: Dr. David Wells