

45 Hull College of Business; the Dental College of Georgia; the Medical College of Georgia; and
46 The Graduate School.

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48 SECTION 4. Components

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50 The Administration of the university is composed of the President and other persons duly
51 appointed by the President and by the Regents to serve primarily in executive and managerial
52 capacities. The faculty of the university is composed of Administrative Officers and the Corps of
53 Instruction who are full time and on an annual contract. As defined by the Board of Regents
54 Policy Manual 3.2.1.1, the Corps of Instruction includes professors, associate professors,
55 assistant professors, instructors, senior lecturers, lecturers, and teaching personnel with such
56 other titles as may be approved by the BOR. Research and extension personnel and duly certified
57 librarians will be included in the Corps of Instruction on the basis of comparable training.
58 Persons holding adjunct appointments or other honorary titles shall not be considered to be
59 members of the faculty.

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61 Students in the university are those persons who, through official matriculation, indicate their
62 intent to be recipients of the educational process and training available at the university. The
63 administration, the faculty and the students are the components of the university to which these
64 statutes relate. Undergraduate and graduate degree programs are established by official action of
65 the faculty and are subject to approval by the President and the Board of Regents. The university
66 shall confer degrees upon candidates who have satisfied the prescribed requirements and
67 regulations of these programs. A current official listing of degrees appears in the catalog. The
68 university may award suitable certificates to enrollees who successfully complete specialized
69 courses.

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71 ARTICLE II. THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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73 SECTION 1. The President

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75 A. Duties. The President is the chief executive officer of the university and is appointed
76 annually by the Board of Regents. The powers of the President are those ordinarily
77 implied by the office and those set forth in The Policy Manual of the Board of Regents.
78 The President is the chief spokesman of the university and has the responsibility for
79 defining goals, for taking administrative action, and for facilitating public understanding.
80 Directly reporting to the President are the Provost and other senior administrators as
81 deemed necessary. The President utilizes the judgments of the faculty and also seeks
82 outside evaluations by organizations and scholars of acknowledged competence. The
83 President will present through the Chancellor to the Board of Regents views of faculty
84 and students, including dissenting views, in those areas and on those issues where
85 responsibilities are shared. The President confers all degrees and presides at
86 commencement ceremonies. The President authorizes the issuance of all diplomas and
87 certificates. The President of the AU will serve as Head of the faculty and the Executive
88 Chair of the University Senate and is an ex-officio member of all committees and boards.

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90 The President has the authority to appoint, reappoint, promote and dismiss Administrative
91 Officers and the Corps of Instruction members. The President identifies and defines the

92 responsibilities of other members of the Administration who, serving at the President's
93 discretion, guide and direct other functions necessary to the complex academic
94 institution. Through memoranda and organizational charts, the President advises the
95 University of organizational changes and shifts in responsibilities of members of the
96 Administration. Hereafter in these Statutes, Administrative Officers will be referred to as
97 administrators.
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99 B. Advisory Bodies. To facilitate and enhance the means by which the President can obtain
100 information and advice on matters covering the policies and operational aspects of the
101 university, the President has established the President's Cabinet. Other standing or ad
102 hoc advisory committees may be established by the President.
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104 1. The President's Cabinet is composed of those members designated by the
105 President and also the Chair of the Executive Committee of the University Senate.
106 This body advises the President on matters pertaining to the university's missions
107 of research, instruction, and service.
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109 SECTION 2. The Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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111 The Provost is the chief operating officer of the academic enterprise of the institution and chief
112 academic officer. This officer serves as the President's chief advisor in matters relating to
113 academic, faculty, and student affairs and is administratively responsible for all of those
114 functions. The Deans report directly to the Provost. Others may also be assigned to report to the
115 Provost in research administration, student, and academic areas. The Provost serves in the
116 absence of the President, and has other duties as assigned by the President.
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118 SECTION 3. The Vice Presidents and other Administrative Officers

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120 The President may appoint Vice Presidents and other administrative officers to assist in the
121 administration of the institution. The President shall assign each officer's portfolio of
122 responsibilities. All Vice Presidents and other administrative officers serve at the pleasure of the
123 President.
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125 ARTICLE III. AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY FACULTY

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127 SECTION 1. Purpose and Structure

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129 The faculty of the Augusta University shall establish a representative body to act on its behalf to
130 exercise shared governance. The University Senate is a vehicle through which faculty share in
131 the operation and management of the university. The shared governance practice of collaborative
132 decision-making between the University Senate and the University Administration at every level
133 underscores the belief that faculty are at the heart of the academic mission of teaching, research,
134 and service. The University Assembly shall be the constituent body and electorate, and the
135 University Senate shall be the representative body. The University Senate promotes faculty
136 development, creates a culture of shared responsibility, and strengthens the tripartite mission of
137 the university.

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SECTION 2. University Assembly

- A. Membership The University Assembly shall consist of:
- (i) The full-time faculty who are members of the Corps of Instruction. These faculty must have an appointment in one of the 9 Colleges or the Library;
 - (ii) Administrative Officers consisting of: the Chancellor; the President; the Provost, the Vice Presidents; the Deans of the respective Colleges; the officers reporting directly to the President; the Associate and Assistant Deans of the respective Colleges who have greater than fifty percent of their responsibilities assigned to administration; and
 - (iii) Other persons in full-time administrative, academic and/or research positions as may be designated by the President in consultation with the University Senate. Throughout this document, the term "faculty" shall be used to designate individuals who qualify under subsection (i) and (ii) above.

B. Officers

- 1. President.
The President of the university shall be the ex officio Executive Chair.
- 2. Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
The Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the University Senate shall also serve as the Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the University Assembly. The Chair and Vice Chair shall also serve as Chair and Chair-elect of the Executive Committee of the University Senate, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the University Senate shall serve as the Secretary and as the Treasurer of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be members of the Corps of Instruction and shall be elected by and from the University Assembly. The immediate Past Chair of Executive Committee is a member of the Executive Committee. While the Provost, the Vice President(s) and other Administrative Officers, Deans, Associate Deans and Assistant Deans of each College may be members of the Corps of Instruction, they shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the University Assembly, as they have more than fifty percent of their responsibilities assigned to administration. Other faculty are eligible provided they qualify under Section 2.A.(i). The Policies and Procedures of the University Assembly may provide for additional officers of the University Senate.

C. Meetings

- 1. Regular meetings of the University Assembly shall be held as determined by the University Assembly and their bylaws. At least two such meetings shall be held annually, during the Fall and Spring semesters.

183 2. The Policies and Procedures of the University Assembly shall be subject to the
184 provisions of these Statutes and shall be prepared by the Executive Committee of
185 the University Senate subject to confirmation and amendment by the University
186 Assembly.
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188 D. Functions and Powers
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190 In addition to those functions specified in the policies of the Board of Regents, the
191 University Assembly shall:
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- 193 1. determine the bylaws by which the faculty is organized and governed;
- 194 2. initiate action on any matter of concern to the faculty for consideration by the
195 University Senate and to direct the Senate to report back to the University
196 Assembly;
- 197 3. recommend any action as may be appropriate to the proper discharge of its
198 functions as a faculty to the Office of the President;
- 199 4. review any action taken by the University Senate and take such action, including
200 a veto, on the basis thereof as the University Assembly may deem appropriate;
- 201 5. maintain a registry of membership and college constituency;
- 202 6. act as a referendum body on questions referred to it for that purpose by the
203 President or the University Senate;
- 204 7. receive information of general university interest from the President; and \
- 205 8. receive regular reports from the University Senate as to its programs and activities
206 and those of its Committees, as well as any proposed programs and agendas.
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208 SECTION 3. The University Senate
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210 A. Membership The University Senate shall consist of (i) representatives elected on the basis
211 of proportional representation, by and from the faculty of each College and the Library
212 and (ii) ex-officio members as designated by these Statutes.
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- 214 1. The faculty representatives to the University Senate shall be elected from those
215 members of the Corps of Instruction of the College.
- 216 2. The number of delegates elected to the University Senate from each college will
217 be based on the following numbers of faculty as defined in II, 3 and II,4 of the AU
218 University Senate Bylaws:
 - 219 1-20 faculty, one representative
 - 220 21-99 faculty, two representatives
 - 221 100-199 faculty, three representatives
 - 222 200-299 faculty, four representatives
 - 223 300-399 faculty, five representatives
 - 224 400 or more faculty, six representatives
- 225 3. There shall be four at-large senators elected by the faculty as a whole as defined
226 in II,3 and II,4 of the AU University Senate Bylaws.
- 227 4. The term of each elected representative shall be two years.

- 228 5. Elections shall be held annually in a manner determined by the faculty of the
229 College or Library according to procedures as outlined in the Statutes and the
230 University Senate Bylaws.
- 231 6. Reapportionment of the numbers of Senators from each college shall be made
232 annually in accordance with the standards set forth in the Bylaws by the
233 University Senate Administrative Assistant with the oversight of the Chair of the
234 Executive Committee.
- 235 7. Each College shall elect Alternates to fill unexpired terms of any of its elected
236 University Senate members who are no longer able to serve.
- 237 8. The ex-officio members of the University Senate shall consist of the Chancellor,
238 the President, and the Provost.

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240 B. Officers

241 The officers of the University Senate shall be the Executive Chair (President of AU), the
242 Chair, the Vice Chair, the Past Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer as detailed in the
243 University Senate Executive Committee section E 1.

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245 C. Meetings

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- 247 1. The University Senate shall meet regularly as determined by the Senate. Special
248 meetings shall be at the call of the President, by acting independently, or upon the
249 request of the Executive Committee of the University Senate or by resolution of
250 the Senate, or upon petition of senate members.
- 251 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, or required by the University Assembly, the
252 University Senate shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and the
253 University Senate Bylaws and may adopt such rules concerning its government
254 and procedures that are consistent with the Statutes and Bylaws.

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256 D. Powers, Jurisdictions, and Functions The University Senate, on behalf of the faculty,
257 shall with respect to matters which are of concern to the university, more than one
258 College, or to the faculty;

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- 260 1. Formulate principles and objectives and find facts, so as to recommend policies to
261 the President with regard to:
- 262 a. general educational policies. In its advisory role, the Senate may review
263 the recommendations made by any College that concerns the
264 establishment, major modification, or discontinuation of any degree or
265 program. If such a review is requested by the President, the Senate will
266 transmit to the President a letter of support or non-support regarding the
267 College's recommendation.
- 268 b. matters pertaining to faculty affairs as defined by the faculty organization;
- 269 c. matters pertaining to student affairs. The University Senate shall have the
270 power to make general recommendations concerning student conduct and
271 other aspects of student life in collaboration with the appropriate vice
272 president.

- 273 d. matters of public service activities by the faculty groups, particularly when
274 these involve several Colleges.
- 275 2. Establish such committees as may be needed to carry out the activities of the
276 University Senate.
- 277 3. Advise, by resolution, the President, or (through the President) the Chancellor or
278 the Board of Regents on any matters of concern to the university or the faculty.
- 279 4. Establish close cooperative relationships between (i) the several faculty
280 committees or other organized groups of the faculty, and (ii) appropriate
281 administrative officers.

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283 E. Committees The University Senate has two kinds of committees, an Executive
284 Committee and University Senate Committees. University Senate Committees,
285 subcommittees, ad hoc committees or Task Forces may be created by the Executive
286 Committee with approval by the University Senate.

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288 1. Executive Committee

289 a. Composition:

290 The University Senate Executive Committee consists of the President (ex-
291 officio and non-voting except in the case of a tie) or the President's proxy
292 (ex-officio and non-voting except in the case of a tie); the Executive Vice
293 President for Academic Affairs and Provost (non-voting); the Vice-
294 President for Academic and Faculty Affairs (non-voting); University
295 Senate Chair (voting); Vice-Chair (voting); immediate Past-Chair
296 (voting); Secretary (voting); and Treasurer (voting). The Administrative
297 Assistant will be in attendance and is non-voting.

298 b. Functions:

299 The Executive Committee shall:

- 300 • Arrange the agenda for University Senate meetings.
- 301 • Prepare and submit reports on the work of the University Senate to the
302 University Assembly and the Administration (President) of the
303 university, at the end of each academic year and at such other times as
304 the Committee or University Assembly may find desirable.
- 305 • Assist in carrying into effect the actions of the University Assembly
306 and the University Senate.
- 307 • Serve as a channel through which any member of the University
308 Assembly may introduce matters for consideration by the University
309 Senate.
- 310 • Receive and review reports submitted by any College or division of
311 the university that may be of concern or interest to any other College,
312 division, or the faculty at large, and arrange for appropriate
313 distribution.
- 314 • Perform such other functions as may be given the Committee under
315 the provisions of these Statutes.

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317 2. University Senate Committees

318 a. Composition:

319 Unless otherwise noted, each College, including Colleges without primary
320 appointment faculty, shall elect a primary voting member, and shall elect a
321 secondary member who can attend all meetings if the secondary wants, and attend
322 and vote when the primary member is absent from a meeting. Each year the
323 primary member will rotate off and the alternate will become the primary member
324 and the college will elect a new alternate. Each member serves for two years or
325 until a replacement is duly seated. Each member may be reelected to the same
326 Committee for up to three consecutive terms for a total of 6 years of service, at
327 which time the individual must sit out for a year. Colleges which are small enough
328 that they are represented by only one University Senator may, at their discretion,
329 decide not to provide a secondary member to any or all University committees. On
330 the committees where student involvement is appropriate (specifically, Athletics,
331 Budget Advisory, Information Technology, and University Resources
332 (BAITR), and Student Affairs), the Graduate and Undergraduate Student
333 Government Association Presidents will make recommendations for students to
334 serve on those committees.

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337 b. Functions

338 The University Senate Committees have the following exclusive rights
339 and shared responsibilities but are not necessarily limited to:

- 340 • The review of educational standards and support services; faculty
341 orientation, faculty development, and recognition; and the
342 integrity of research processes.
- 343 • Planning of strategic initiatives, accreditation, monitoring
344 legislation, grievance, and student activities.
- 345 • The election of faculty representatives; the regular review and
346 (re) approval of the AU Statutes; the activities of faculty
347 appointment, development, promotion, tenure, and post tenure
348 review; and the periodic evaluation of faculty and administrators.

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350 ARTICLE IV. DEANS OF COLLEGES AND DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

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352 SECTION 1. Appointment

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354 The Dean of each College within the university and the Director of Libraries shall be appointed
355 by the Provost and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Provost. The recommendation of the
356 Provost relating to each appointment shall be made after consultation with a representative
357 committee of faculty, which includes members of the academic unit (i.e., college or library)
358 involved.

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360 SECTION 2. Powers

362 The Dean shall be the chief executive officer of the College and the Director of Libraries shall be
363 the chief executive officer of the Library and these officers shall have the powers and duties to:
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- 365 • Coordinate the academic programs and instructional activities of the academic unit and to
366 supervise its research and service programs.
- 367 • Present to the University Senate those actions of the faculty that require approval of the
368 University Senate as specified elsewhere in these Statutes.
- 369 • Recommend to the President through the Provost, the appointment, reappointment,
370 promotion, dismissal and non-renewal of members of the faculty and its administrative
371 staff. Prior to action on recommendations regarding department heads, the Dean or
372 Director of Libraries shall consult with all full-time members of the faculty of the
373 department concerned. In recommending appointments to faculty positions within a
374 department, the Dean or Director of Libraries shall act on the recommendation of the
375 department head. In conformity with institutional policy and the Policies of the Board of
376 Regents, the Dean or Director of Libraries may recommend the dismissal of any member
377 of the faculty.
- 378 • Prepare annually a budget of the academic unit after consultation with the members of the
379 faculty and appropriate administrative assistants. Where departments exist, the Dean or
380 Director of Libraries shall ask each department head to recommend a departmental
381 budget.
- 382 • Be custodian of buildings and other university property occupied or used by the academic
383 unit, and be responsible for the proper use thereof subject to the general authority of the
384 President.
- 385 • Serve as the medium of communication for all official business of the academic unit with
386 other university authorities, the students, and the public.
- 387 • Submit to the President a report covering important phases of the work of the academic
388 unit at the close of each academic year.

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390 In addition, the Dean of each College (but not the Director of Libraries) shall:
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- 392 • Oversee the academic activity of the students of the College. The Dean shall be
393 responsible for the administration of regulations affecting student academic performance.
394 In accordance with the regulations of the university and consistent with requirements of
395 due process, it is the responsibility of the Dean of each College to reprove or dismiss
396 students for disciplinary or academic reasons.
- 397 • Certify to the compliance by individual students with the requirements for graduation on
398 the basis of the records and reports of the Registrar's Office and upon recommendation of
399 its faculty.
- 400 • Be responsible, jointly with the appropriate administrative officer of instructional,
401 research and public service units of the institution, for programs operated for or by the
402 College.

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404 ARTICLE V. FACULTY OF COLLEGES
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406 SECTION 1. Members

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408 The faculty of each College shall consist of the President, Provost, its Dean, Associate and
409 Assistant Deans, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, Senior
410 Lecturers and Lecturers and other persons in academic and/or research positions as may be
411 designated by the President. The faculty of the Library shall consist of the President, Provost,
412 Director of Libraries, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, and
413 other persons in academic and/or research positions, as may be designated by the President.

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415 SECTION 2. Organization

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417 The faculty of the respective Colleges of the University and the Library shall be organized on the
418 basis of the same principles of faculty participation that underlie the organization of the general
419 faculty of the university.

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421 The respective Colleges and the Library shall comply with the general institutional policies
422 adopted by the University Senate and approved by the President. In matters specific to a
423 particular academic unit, its faculty shall make its own provisions.

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425 The faculty of each College and the Library may have general faculty assemblies of the college's
426 faculty on an as-needed basis.

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428 The faculty of each College shall be responsible for developing and implementing the
429 educational policies, programs, and curricula, and shall recommend conferring of degrees in that
430 College. The faculty of the Library shall be responsible for developing and implementing the
431 educational policies and programs of the Library.

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433 In planning, developing, and implementing programs involving or of concern to more than one
434 College and/or the Library, the faculty of each affected group shall be consulted about services in
435 the area of its professional expertise.

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437 ARTICLE VI. DEPARTMENTS

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439 SECTION 1. Definitions and Functions

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441 A department is an administrative subdivision of a College organized for the purpose of
442 conducting programs in instruction, research and service consistent with the College and the
443 Board of Regents' Policies. Subject to the direction of the faculty of its College, the faculty of a
444 department shall be responsible for the program of studies offered by the department and shall
445 have power to determine such matters as do not affect relationships with other departments.

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447 SECTION 2. Chairs

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449 The Chair of a department shall be appointed by the Dean pursuant to the Policies of the Board
450 of Regents. The Chair shall hold office at the pleasure of the Dean and normally shall be
451 appointed after the Dean's consultation with the members of the department and other members

452 of the College's faculty. The Chair serves as chief executive officer of the Department, but is
453 entitled to full faculty privileges including eligibility to vote in all elections and serve as an
454 elected representative to the University Senate.

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456 The powers and duties of the Chair shall be:

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458 • General direction of the activity of the department; responsibility for the formation, in
459 consultation with the faculty, of departmental policies and responsibility for the execution
460 of departmental, College and university policies insofar as they affect the work of the
461 department.

462 • Representation of the department in all official communications with the President, the
463 Provost, the Vice Presidents, the Deans, and other officers of the university, and also in
464 all departmental communications with students.

465 • Responsibility for the quality of the instruction, research and service programs conducted
466 in the department.

467 • Assignment of teaching and other duties within the department and maintenance, insofar
468 as possible, of an equitable and mutually agreeable distribution of assignments.

469 • Recommendation of appointments, reappointments and promotions of members of the
470 faculty after consultation with faculty members of senior rank of service in the
471 department. These shall be consistent with the promotion and tenure policy. The Chair
472 shall forward to the Dean, in writing, the collective opinions of the departmental faculty
473 consulted along with any written recommendations by the Chair concerning any such
474 faculty changes. The record of every faculty member shall be reviewed annually for
475 promotion and tenure, if applicable. This evaluation will be discussed with the faculty
476 members.

477 • Responsibility for recommendation to the Dean for the dismissal, renewal, or non-renewal
478 of a member of the faculty in accordance with policies as stated in these Statutes.

479 • Review and consultation with members of the departmental faculty concerning the annual
480 budget request prior to preparation and submission to the Dean. After final approval, the
481 budget shall be reviewed with the departmental faculty.

482 • Responsibility for the expenditure of departmental funds and the care and use of
483 departmental property.

484 • Presentation of an annual report to the Dean of the College on the teaching, research, and
485 service work of the department.

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487 ARTICLE VII. FACULTY MEMBERS

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489 SECTION 1. Appointments and Promotions

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491 All appointments, reappointments, and promotions of members of the faculty shall ordinarily
492 originate with the Chair of a Department or the Director of Libraries and shall be presented
493 through appropriate administrative channels with recommendations to the President. Such
494 actions shall become final upon the approval of the President.

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496 Every appointment or promotion shall be made solely on the basis of merit and the special
497 abilities of the individual, as delineated in Policies of the Board of Regents.

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499 Specific criteria and procedures for appointment or promotion shall be developed by the
500 appropriate faculty committee of the university, each College, and the Library.

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502 Documented evidence of the structure, process and consultation relating to appointment,
503 promotion and tenure shall be routinely collected by Deans, Department Chairs, and Director of
504 Libraries. These materials will be appropriately safeguarded and will be available upon request
505 of the University Senate Committee dealing with faculty appointments, reappointments,
506 promotions and tenure.

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509 SECTION 2. Duties and Responsibilities

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511 The primary functions of the faculty are teaching, research, and service. In addition, acceptance
512 of appointment obligates faculty members to assume a share of faculty responsibilities for the
513 governance of the institution and discharge such other duties as may be assigned during the term
514 of appointment.

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516 A member of the faculty is entitled to full academic freedom of expression guaranteed by the
517 U.S. Constitution, federal, and state law. These rights are exercised subject to high standards of
518 professional ethics, accurate expression and respect for the rights, feelings, and opinions of
519 others.

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521 AU encourages open, respectful communications by and between faculty members and
522 administrative officials of the institution. If a faculty member seeks to file a grievance, the
523 member should do so in accordance with institutional policies.

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525 No part of these Statutes may be interpreted as abridging a faculty member's rights as a citizen,
526 free from institutional censorship; however, the member's position in the community imposes an
527 obligation of care for the interest of the university. Public signing of open letters, petitions,
528 political advertisements, etc. should show the person's name only. Caution is urged on university
529 members whose position in the university is such that private versus official views may be
530 difficult to distinguish by the public. A faculty member whose civic and political activities may
531 require a large allocation of time should consider requesting a full or partial leave of absence.

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534 SECTION 4. Tenure

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536 The decision to award tenure resides with the President. Tenure is intended to reward full-time,
537 tenure-track faculty members who meet all designated tenure requirements and who have
538 demonstrated exemplary teaching, scholarship and research accomplishments, and substantial
539 service and/or professional growth and development.

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541 SECTION 5. Dismissals

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543 To achieve excellence, the faculty must have first-hand concern with its own membership. This
544 is properly reflected both in appointments and in separation from the faculty body. The faculty
545 must be willing to recommend dismissal where necessary. By the same token, the reviewing
546 authorities should give full weight to faculty judgment concerning the faculty's recommended
547 dismissal of a colleague. A tenured or non-tenured faculty member before the end of his contract
548 term may be dismissed for cause (as defined in Policies of the Board of Regents) provided that
549 the university has complied with procedural due process requirements and the procedures for
550 removal of faculty members as set forth in the By-laws of the Board of Regents and the policies
551 of the institution.

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553 ARTICLE VIII. STUDENTS

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555 In keeping with the institutional purpose to educate and train students, the faculty is charged with
556 making rules and regulations regarding educational policy and other student activities and affairs.

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558 The university shall establish and maintain academic standards and exercise its authority to adopt
559 and implement standards of orderly conduct and programs that promise an environment
560 conducive to learning and meaningful individual development.

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562 SECTION 1. Admission and Acceptance

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564 No persons in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national
565 origin (except for the legitimate consideration of Georgia residents), sexual orientation, age, or
566 disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected
567 to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the Augusta University.

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569 SECTION 2. Academic Relationships

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571 Students should expect the educational process to be structured, stimulating, and relevant to their
572 needs, goals, and future professional service. Programs and courses should be described with
573 sufficient clarity that students and faculty have common objectives that serve as the basis for
574 evaluating the students in a course. The evaluation of a student's academic achievement by the
575 faculty will be on an academic basis. The faculty and administration may provide such policy
576 statements and guidelines to protect a student from capricious or prejudicial evaluation.

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578 SECTION 3. Involvement in Institutional Policy and Procedures

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580 The university recognizes that students may become involved constructively through the efforts
581 of individuals and organizations to improve the overall effectiveness of the university. These
582 efforts may include enhancing the academic, physical, and social environment so as to increase
583 the effectiveness of the learning process and the development of professionalism and personal
584 maturity. The university encourages self-government characterized by orderly democratic
585 procedures and the exercise of mature judgment. University regulations with respect to student
586 conduct shall be determined by the University Senate following the recommendations of the

587 appropriate committees of the University Senate. Students may initiate the process of change in
588 rules and regulations governing them, or initiate proceedings dealing with the infringement of
589 their rights, both individually and collectively. Procedural rules established by the student
590 judicial bodies of the university shall be subject to the approval of the University Senate.

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592 SECTION 4. Dismissal of Students

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594 Dismissal shall occur only in conformance with regulations and procedures established by the
595 university. Dismissal may be related to failure to achieve academic performance standards or
596 violation of codes of conduct.

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598 ARTICLE IX. INTERPRETING THESE STATUTES

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600 Within the university, the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the
601 University Senate, is the final authority for interpreting these Statutes.

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603 ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

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605 SECTION 1.

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607 Amendments to these Statutes may be proposed to the University Assembly by the President, the
608 University Senate, through petition to the President as Executive Chair of the University
609 Assembly, or by a faculty committee, as hereinafter provided. Proposed amendments, revisions,
610 or other changes to the Statutes shall be distributed to all faculty members electronically at least
611 four weeks in advance of the vote. The electronic distribution of proposed changes to the bylaws
612 and the subsequent vote should be coordinated and managed by the Governance and
613 Communication Committee of the University Senate.

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616 Voting on a proposed amendment by the University Assembly may be at a regular or special
617 meeting. Amendments, revisions, or other changes to the Statutes shall be approved by a 60%
618 majority electronic vote of a quorum of the total Faculty as defined in II, 3 and II, 4 of the
619 University Senate Bylaws.

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621 Amendments so adopted shall be submitted for approval to the President and shall become
622 effective when so approved. The university's statutes shall then be filed with the Chancellor of
623 the University System of Georgia.

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625 SECTION 2.

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627 These Statutes shall be reviewed and updated at least every two years by the Governance and
628 Communications Committee.

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630 SECTION 3.

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632 The Governance and Communications Committee shall prepare a written report for distribution

633 to every member of the University Assembly and shall have the authority and responsibility to
634 propose amendments to the Statutes.

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636 *Following review by the Statutes Review Subcommittee of the AU University Senate, the AU*
637 *Statutes were adopted as follows:*

638 AU Executive Committee, endorsement

639 AU University Senate, endorsement

640 AU University Assembly, approval

641 AU President, approval

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