

3.2.12 The institution's chief executive officer controls the institution's fund-raising activities (**Fund-raising activities**)

Judgment of Compliance

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Narrative

The President of Albany State University (ASU) has ultimate control over the institution's fund-raising activities. The Board of Regents has clearly authorized the president of each institution in the University system to serve as "executive head of the institution" and to "promote the efficient operation of the institution" [1]. To promote the well-being, fiscal health and continued growth of the institution, ASU's organizational structure includes an Office of Institutional Advancement, an administrative division headed by a Vice President for Institutional Advancement who reports directly to the University President [2]. The Vice President of Institutional Advancement is a member of the President's Cabinet and, in conjunction with the President, coordinates the University's fund-raising.

The Vice President for Institutional Advancement is also the Executive Director of the Albany State University Foundation, a non-profit, tax exempt "cooperative organization" organized under the laws of the State of Georgia and recognized as a 501 (c)(3) organization by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

As a member of the University System of Georgia, ASU organizes all of its fund-raising activities through "cooperative organizations," specifically approved and regulated by the Board of Regents [3]. Section 1905 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual authorizes the President of Albany State University to enter into cooperative agreements with certain entities and to follow the guiding principles of the Board of Regents as described in board minutes [4].

The ASU Foundation is organized and operated primarily for the purpose of fund-raising and providing support to the programs and interests of the University [5]. As a "cooperative organization" the ASU Foundation is a separate legal entity which maintains substantial independence from the University and the Board of Regents. Despite its separate corporate existence, the Foundation must be maintained only if it supports the interests of the University "as determined by the Board of Regents and the president of the institution in consultation with the Chancellor" [3].

The Memorandum of Understanding between Albany State University and the Albany State Foundation [6] evidences the Foundation's commitment to the interests and programs of the University and the supportive and cooperative relationship between the University and the Foundation.

The President exercises ultimate control over the institution's fund-raising activities by effectively coordination of the University's fund-raising efforts with the support of the ASU Foundation.

Supporting Documentation

- [1] [Authorization of the President to Control Fundraising, Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 204](#)
- [2] [VP for Institutional Advancement, ASU Organizational Chart of the Office for Institutional Advancement.](#)
- [3] [Board of Regents Policy on Corporate Organizations, Policy Manual, Section 1905](#)
- [4] [Guiding Principles Regarding Corporate Organizations, Minutes of the Board of Regents, May 25, 2004](#)
- [5] [Bylaws of the ASU Foundation](#)
- [6] [Memorandum of Understanding between Albany State University and the Albany State Foundation](#)