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Presidents
University System of Georgia
sent via email

Dear Presidents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of revisions made to Board Policy **8.2.18.2 *Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Commitment*** at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG).

Awareness of and compliance with this policy is important to our efforts to maintain an ethical culture. One incident of ethical violations is too many, and at too many campuses recently we have had multiple incidents due to lax management and deliberate acts. I expect you as president to model the appropriate behavior regarding ethical management and to hold all members of your campus to the highest standards of ethical conduct. Deliberate violations should be sanctioned, including termination. We will be discussing ethical management at the retreat and I expect each of you to play a prominent part in Ethics Awareness Week. Keeping the public trust is our top priority. Losing it makes it nearly impossible to carry out our core functions.

The enclosed summary provides additional detail and guidance. However, the key changes are:

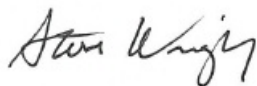
- 1) USG employees involved with vendor selection, oversight, etc. may not also be employed or otherwise compensated by a USG vendor.
- 2) Outside activities for USG presidents and USO employees are approved by the Chancellor and institutional employee outside activities are approved by the respective president. Institutional presidents must first provide proposed outside activity approvals to USG legal and USG compliance and ethics for employees that either report directly to the president or have the rank of vice president or higher.
- 3) Full-time USG employees, to include 12-month faculty with administrative duties, must take annual leave if participating in compensated outside activities consistent with USG procedures governing annual leave.

Our priorities of degree attainment, affordability and efficiency are predicated upon preserving the public's trust and being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Attached as an Exhibit is a document that shows the policy revisions made, the effective, date and helpful information regarding this revised policy.

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Please share widely with the appropriate offices on your campus to include academic affairs, student affairs, human resources, legal affairs, and internal audit.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steve Wrigley
Chancellor

Enclosure

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