

# University Policy Framework and Hierarchy<sup>1</sup>

### LEGAL AND REGULATORY REOUIREMENTS

(e.g., federal and state laws and regulations and applicable accreditation requirements)

# UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA POLICIES

Policies approved by the USG, usually concerning important matters of general university organization and policy, and delegate executive powers to the administration.

#### UNIVERSITY-WIDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

# **University Statutes**

The University of Georgia Statutes are expressly subject to the Policies of the USG/BOR. In cases of any divergence from or conflict with these Policies, USG policies shall prevail.

# **University Policies**

# University Council Bylaws & Policies

Policies that fall under the purview of University Council as defined in their bylaws.

# **Administrative Policies**

Policies that govern the University's administrative operations and are not subject to University Council oversight.

### NON-UNIVERSITY-WIDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Individual units (e.g., colleges, schools, centers, institutes, departments) may create, communicate, maintain, and enforce policies that are applicable to their respective authority and not preempted by University-Wide Policies and Procedures, as long as these are not in conflict with official University or USG policies, and/or applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

# School/College Policies or Handbooks

### Department Level Policies or Handbooks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is intended to provide a visual representation of the general relationships between different sources of the University's legal and policy obligations and does not have any authoritative capacity.