

**Article I**  
**THE GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY**

The University of Florida is a state educational institution of the State of Florida. The provisions of this Constitution are governed by and subordinate to Florida law, the policies and directives of the Florida Board of Governors, and the University of Florida Board of Trustees, University of Florida regulations and the Collective Bargaining Agreement for those faculty and staff in the bargaining unit.

Where, in this Constitution, power to act is recognized as vested in the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida, such power shall normally be exercised only after reasonable notice of such proposed action to the faculty, unit, department, school, or agency affected and an opportunity to be heard thereunto. Governance shall be shared between the administration of the University and the faculty as represented in the Faculty Senate.

Such shared governance is a system of dual authority and responsibility, constitutionally created, in which administrators and faculty participate in the decision and policy making process. The purpose of shared governance is to provide avenues to University improvement and productivity through the creation of a partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration. Faculty and administrators at all organizational levels of the university shall facilitate the implementation of shared governance.

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