Regulation for New Campuses, Branch Campuses, and Other Off-Site Educational Use of Facilities

1. In the matter of a proposed new campus, the president will make a preliminary determination of whether to recommend to the Board that a study be done.

2. If the Board directs that a study be done of a proposal for a new campus, the president shall initiate and oversee the study and upon its conclusion make recommendations to the Board.

3. In the matter of a proposed branch campus, the president will make a preliminary determination of whether to recommend to the Board that a study be done.

4. The University will use as its definition of a branch campus the one adopted by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools: A branch campus is defined as a location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. A location is independent of the main campus if the location is (1) permanent in nature, (2) offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential, (3) has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization, and (4) has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

5. If the Board directs that a study be done of a proposal for a branch campus, the President shall initiate and oversee the study and upon its conclusion make recommendations to the Board.

6. Proposals for constructing, acquiring, leasing, or otherwise using off-site facilities shall provide assurance that all University requirements are to be met.

7. The President will consult with the North Carolina Community College System in the process of assessing the need for a new campus, a branch campus, or other new facilities for off-site educational delivery.

8. Templates will be developed which contain the components that must be included in agreements for constructing, leasing, or otherwise using off-site facilities for academic program delivery.

9. In proposing or reviewing proposals for off-site facilities, all options for delivery of instruction shall be considered including online options.