



UNIVERSITY POLICY

SUBJECT: URBAN AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

TITLE: COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

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I. PURPOSE

The establishment of Community Advisory Boards at UMDNJ campus locations to represent Piscataway, New Brunswick, Camden and Stratford, which will serve in advisory capacities to the University Board of Trustees. Furthermore, this policy recognizes and confirms the unique nature of the Board of Concerned Citizens in Newark, which was established by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 1971, and represents the official community group created by the Newark Agreements.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

Under the direction of the President, the Vice President for Urban and Community Development shall ensure compliance with this policy.

III. POLICY

A. Requirements:

1. Recognizing the University's need for advice from the communities surrounding its campuses, the UMDNJ-Board of Trustees shall empower community advisory boards which will be composed primarily of residents of the environs of each UMDNJ campus. The Board of Trustees shall take this action pursuant to its powers "to appoint and regulate such advisory boards as it may deem necessary or conducive to the efficient management and operation of the University, consistent with the applicable statutes of New Jersey."
2. Each community advisory board will adopt its own set of bylaws, cognizant of local environs and issues, which will be approved by the UMDNJ-Board of Trustees. The bylaws of each community advisory board shall meet the requirements set forth by any applicable federal and state regulations. Any authority delegated by the Board of Trustees to community advisory boards shall be subject to the Board's right to rescind any such delegation of authority at any time.
3. The President of the University will designate himself/herself or a Vice President or a Dean to be the community board liaison(s) for each campus location (Newark, Piscataway, New Brunswick, Camden and Stratford). These senior officers will host, or otherwise provide for community meetings to be held at least quarterly, and provide a report addressing University/community concerns to their respective community advisory boards.
4. At his/her discretion, the President of the University may appoint UMDNJ representatives to attend meetings of the community advisory boards.

5. Each community advisory board shall fill membership vacancies and elect its chair and other officers according to its own bylaws.
6. The community advisory boards will advise the designated community board liaison(s) and will offer advice and counsel to the trustees through the President as provided in each community board's bylaws.
7. The chairpersons of the community advisory boards reserve the right to meet exclusive of University staff to discuss areas of mutual concern.
8. The community advisory boards and their committees will provide advice, as it relates to the community perspective of their environs, to the schools or healthcare facilities at the campuses in question. Areas in which community advisory boards advise the University's schools and healthcare facilities may include policy and operational areas in accordance to each board's bylaws. These areas may include: the health care needs of the community it serves; the educational needs of the community; University facilities and resources necessary to fulfill its mission; and long-range planning needs of University facility and program development. Other areas in which community advisory boards may provide advice include those:
 - a. mandated by any applicable governmental regulations or law;
 - b. mandated by UMDNJ or UMDNJ-unit bylaws, such as those sections which direct that the community be represented on search committees, or those which establish a community advisory committee at a school or healthcare facility;
 - c. mandated by any rules which the Board of Trustees itself may adopt regarding community participation on its own committees or subcommittees, or in its own activities; or
 - d. otherwise requested, through the Board of Trustees and with its approval by the President or the administrative head of a UMDNJ unit at the campus in question.

By Direction of the President:

Vice President for Urban and Community Development