

November 17-18, 2022

**ITEM 203-106-R1122**

**Request for Approval to Revise Board of Regents Policy 1300.1 – Security of Data and Information Technology Resources**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents approves revisions to BOR Policy 1300.1 – Security of Data and Information Technology Resources to further develop IT governance practices across the MUS.

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**EXPLANATION**

A recent Legislative Audit Division information systems audit made two recommendations to the Board of Regents:

- 1) We recommend that the Board of Regents and the universities review and enforce university system security policy that includes:
  - Clear direction within policy to manage a security program and mandate a consistent security framework, going above and beyond maintaining security policies.
  - Requirements for Board of Regents security policy to be reviewed continuously.
  
- 2) We recommend that the Board of Regents establish system-wide IT governance that ensures:
  - OCHE has an active role in improving security posture of the university system,
  - Security policy addresses the requirements of data security statute and other relevant federal requirements,
  - There is clear allocation of security responsibility, authority, and accountability, and,
  - Communication and reporting mechanisms are formalized between various entities that oversee or make decisions within the university system.

The revised policy addresses these recommendations by clarifying information security roles and responsibilities, strengthening language around NIST standards, formalizing communication to the BOR related to information security, and ensuring that internal/external assessments of MUS security programs are conducted.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment #1: Revised BOR Policy 1300.1
- Attachment #2: IT governance flowchart