



**MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
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## **OP 01.09: PRINCIPLES FOR UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to promote an understanding of the Principles for University Governance.

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

All members of the university community must be accountable for their roles and responsibilities. Adhering to policies and procedures is essential to achieving the mission and goals of the university.

Mississippi State recognizes the value of diverse opinions in decision making and pursues its mission in an atmosphere of shared governance and open communication. Faculty and staff are involved in policy formulation and in implementing the learning, research, and service missions of the university. Faculty and staff also recognize their shared accountability for the performance of the university in carrying out its mission. The Principles for University Governance are published in the Faculty Handbook on the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President's website (<https://www.provost.msstate.edu/faculty-handbook>).

### **REVIEW:**

The Office of the President is responsible for the review of this OP every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

**REVIEWED:**

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**APPROVED:**

/s/ Mark E. Keenum 3/31/2023  
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