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(a) (1) The president of each public institution of higher education is responsible for developing a mission statement.

(2) The president shall submit the mission statement to the institution's governing board.

(3) Upon the direction of the governing board, the president shall update the mission statement every 4 years in the year immediately following the quadrennial review of the State Plan for Higher Education as set forth in § 11-105 of this title.

(b) (1) The governing board:

(i) Shall review the mission statement and may require the president to prepare a revised mission statement;

(ii) May adopt the mission statement as submitted or with amendments; and

(iii) Shall submit the statement to the Commission.

(2) (i) In the case of constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland shall review the statement prior to its consideration by the Board of Regents and make recommendations.

(ii) Before adopting the mission statements, the Board of Regents shall review the statements individually and on a systemwide basis to assure that:

1. They are consistent with the Charter and the systemwide plan; and

2. They will promote the efficient and effective use of the institution's and System's resources.

(iii) The Board shall consolidate the statements into an adopted systemwide statement.

(c) (1) Each regional higher education center shall:

(i) Develop a mission statement;

(ii) Submit the mission statement to the governing body of the center;
and

(iii) Upon direction of the governing body, update the mission statement every 4 years in the year immediately following the quadrennial review of the State Plan for Higher Education as set forth in § 11-105 of this title.

(2) The governing body of each regional higher education center:

(i) Shall review the mission statement and may require the preparation of a revised mission statement;

(ii) May adopt the mission statement as submitted or with amendment; and

(iii) Shall submit the statement to the Commission.

(d) (1) The Commission shall review the mission statement to determine whether the mission statement is consistent with the State Plan for Higher Education.

(2) The mission statement shall be deemed approved within 30 days of receipt unless the Commission finds the statement is not consistent with the State Plan for Higher Education.

(3) (i) If the Commission finds that the statement is not consistent with the State Plan for Higher Education, the Commission shall return the statement together with its objections that include the specific areas of inconsistency with the State Plan for Higher Education to the governing board.

(ii) The governing board and the institution president shall negotiate with the Commission and amend the statement or prepare a new statement.

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