

Effective October 1, 2012, Athens State University becomes an autonomous institution, governed by a Board of Trustees. In our effort to transition as easily as possible into our new status, the University will continue operating under the existing State Board Policies.

These existing State Board Policies will be adopted as Athens State University policies. This will allow the University to continue to operate in a manner consistent with current practices and provide a base for a more extensive policy review to be conducted over the next 12-18 months. Committees have been appointed and are currently working on this task!

As outlined in the introductory, bridging document, the policies that will be in effect on October 1st are, in essence, the same as the policies set forth by the State Board of Education in its series 100-900 policies. Only those policies which do not apply to the University have been eliminated. It is the expectation that the Board will support policy guidelines at the Board meeting on October 12, 2012.

Please note that current local Academic, Administrative, Operational and Faculty Governance policies will continue to apply as guidelines and procedures. This correspondence serves as authorization for the University to continue to operate under existing State Board policies.

Thank you for your patience during this time of transition. It is an exciting time to be a part of the Athens State family! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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