

**Law of the University of Puerto Rico**  
**Law Num. 1 of January 20, 1966, according to the amendment**

**Art 1. Purpose Declaration of the Law**

This law has as its purpose to reorganize the University of Puerto Rico, reaffirm and strengthen its autonomy and facilitate its continuous growth. The University of Puerto Rico will continue to be a public corporation.

**Art 2. Objectives of the University of Puerto Rico. (18 L.P.R.A. § 601)**

(a) The University, as an organ of higher education, because of its obligation to the Puerto Rican community, and because of its due fidelity to the ideals of a integrally democratic society, has as its essential mission to reach the following objectives, with which it is consubstantially the most ample liberty of chair and of scientific research:

(1) Transmit and increment knowledge through sciences and arts, putting it to the service of the community through the action of the professors, researchers, students and graduates.

(2) Contribute to the cultivation and enjoyment of the ethic and aesthetic values of the culture.

(b) In the loyal fulfillment of its mission, the University should:

(1) Cultivate the love of knowledge as a means to liberation throughout the search and discussion of the truth, in a respectful attitude towards the creating dialogue.

(2) Conserve, enrich, and diffuse the cultural values of the Puerto Rican community and enforce its unity's conscience in the common enterprise of democratically solving its problems.

(3) Procure the student's full development, in sight of his/her responsibility as server to the community.

(4) Develop the latent intellectual and spiritual enrichment of our society fully, with the purpose that the intellectual and spiritual values of exceptional personalities that surge from all its social sectors, especially from those less favored in terms of economical resources, will be put to the service of the Puerto Rican community.

(5) Collaborate with other organisms, within the spheres of action that form part of it, in the study of the problems of Puerto Rico.

(6) Keep in mind that because of its University nature and because of its identification with Puerto Rican life ideals, she is essentially related to the values and interests of all democratic society.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Notice: The Executive Secretary's Office of the Board of Directors prepared the following version of the organic law of the University of Puerto Rico of 1966 and used the official original texts of the 1966 Law and of the laws that emended it. We incorporate in this version all the amendments done to the Law in order to facilitate its consultation. For legal purposes refer to Title 18 of the Annotated Laws of Puerto Rico (L.P.R.A.) or to the official original texts of such laws.

The amendments to the Law of the University of Puerto Rico of 1966 are indicated at the end of each article that was subject to an amendment.

**Art.3. Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico. (18 L.P.R.A. § 602)**

(a) The University of Puerto Rico will be administered and governed by a Board of Directors which will be denominated as “Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico”.

(b) Composition of the Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico.

(1) The Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico will be composed of (13) members , that will include (1) one regular student from 2<sup>nd</sup> year on, two (2) professors that have permanent titles in the university system , and ten (10) members of society of which at least one (1) must be a graduate from the University of Puerto Rico. These last will be chosen by the Governor with the council and consent of the Senate of Puerto Rico.

All the members of the Board of Directors will develop their positions until their successors are named and take possession and will be older than eighteen years (18), American citizens, residents of Puerto Rico and will follow Law Num. 12 of July 24, 1985, as it was emended, known as Ethical Government Law of the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico [3 L.P.R.A. § 1801 y ss.] To the effect of creating the positions that correspond to the Board of Directors and without seeing it as a limitation to the inherent faculties of the position, the Governor will designate a committee to identify, evaluate and recommend candidates for the Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico.

The student and professors that will act as members of The Board of Directors will be chosen by them and among them, respectively through secret vote by the students and professors that serve as student and non-educational personnel representatives of the University Board. The non-educational personnel representative cannot be from the same institutional unity. The Secretary of the University Board will conduct the election in accordance to the university uses and customs and will certificate those elected to The Board of Directors. By assuming its functions in The Board of Directors, they will cease to act as representatives in the university Board and their positions will be taken over by the corresponding institutional unity as arranged by the law or regulation.

(2) The educational personnel representatives and the student body rightfully certificated by the University Junta Secretary will serve in The Board of Directors for one (1) year. The members that represent the different sectors of the academic community will serve one term and will cease as members of The Board of Directors if they “desiglan” of the institution during such period. The ten (10) members assigned by the Governor will serve for a term of six (6) years, except the first members of the Board who will serve their positions in accordance to the following distribution: five(5) for eight (8) years; three (3) for six (6) years, and two (2) for four (4) years. None of these members will be able to be chosen for more two (2) consecutive terms. The members of The Board of Directors will only be able to be dismissed after previous determination of just cause charge

formulation.

(3) No member of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico or any person that occupies a position or job in the government of Puerto Rico or any instrumentality or public corporation other than the University of Puerto Rico, might be named member of the Board by the Governor. A functionary from a private institution of higher education will not be named as well.

(4) Once constituted, the Board will be summoned by the Secretary of Education for its inauguration meeting, and in it a president and other officials will be chosen that are considered necessary in order to carry out its mission. The Board of Directors will make permanent by the means of a regulation the terms of these officials.

(5) All openings in The Board of Directors will be covered in the same established manner in the clause (1) of this interjection and will only be extended for the rest of the term that was assigned to his/her successor.

(c) Quorum, sessions, and diets.

(1) The Board's quorum will be of seven (7) members. The Board will meet in ordinary sessions in accordance with the annual calendar that will approve and publish opportunely. It will be able to celebrate extraordinary meetings or committee meetings, previous call by its president, *motu proprio* or by petition by 7 (7) of its members. The agreements and resolutions of the Board will be taken by majority of quorum of the present members, but no agreement or resolution will be adopted without the affirmative vote of no less than seven (7) of its members.

(2) All Board members will receive equivalent diets to the minimum diet established in the Political Code for members of the Legislative Assembly for assistance to session or meetings of commission, per each session, extraordinary or committee meeting or other organism or realization of amendment authorized by the President of the Board they attend, except the President of the Board, who will receive a diet equivalent to the one hundred thirty three percent (133%) of the diet that the other Board members receive.

(d) Board Faculties

(1) The Board will formulate the directives that will manage the orientation and development of the University, it will examine and approve the general functioning rules proposed by the legislating and administrative organisms of the Board, in accordance to the present law, and will supervise the general pace of the institution.

(e) Duties and non-transferable attributions of the Board

(1) Approve the integral development plan of the University and revise it annually.

(2) Authorize the creation, modification and reorganization of premises, centers and other institutional unities; of colleagues. Schools, faculties, departments and dependencies of the University, but it will not be able to abolish the autonomous institutional unities that by this law are created, nor the Regional existing Colleges, without previous authorization by law.

(3) Arrange the creation and elimination of auxiliary functionary positions of the President of the University.

(4) Authorize the creation and elimination of deanship position that do not preside faculties.

(5) Approve or amend the University's general regulation, the students' general regulation, the students' Regulation for every campus, The Retirement System

Regulation, and any other regulation of general application, subject to the dispositions of Law Num. 170 of August 12, 1988, according to its amendment, known as “Uniform Administrative Procedure” [3 L.P.R.A. § 2101 y ss.].

(6) Resolve the appeals that interposed against the President’s decision, against the University Board and against the Appeals Board of the technical administrative personnel in the university’s system.

(7) Designate with the advice of the Academic Senate and equivalent organisms of the respective unities, the President of the University; the chancellor pertinent to the Rio Piedras campus, Mayaguez campus, Medical Sciences campus, the Administration of Regional Colleges, the University Colleges of Cayey and Humacao, and any other autonomous unity created inside of the university system and that by its condition the Board of Directors decides that it should be directed by a Chancellor. Such officials will occupy their positions by the will of the Board. The Board of Directors will have to evaluate the work of each one of the officials mentioned before in each term no less than three (3) years, nor more than five (5) years of their responsibility. The referred evaluation will be written, discussed with each responsible one and will form part of the corresponding file belonging to the Board of Directors.

(8) Approve the Finance Director’s appointments and those of other auxiliary officials of the President of the University that require approval.

(9) Consider and approve the budget project of the university’s system that the president submits annually, approve and maintain a uniform system of audit and accounting for the use of University’s funds in accordance to the law and regulations. When at the termination of an economic year the budget pertinent to the corresponding university has not been approved in the following year in the manner arranged by this law, the budget that would prevail would be one that was in effect during the past year.

(10) Give an annual report on its procedures and of the state and finance of the University to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly.

(11) Adopt norms towards the rights and duties of the university personnel, and establish salaries and emoluments to the officials of the University chosen by the Board itself.

(12) Create and grant academic distinctions by their own initiative or to proposals by Academic Senates.

(13) Establish the procedure for the temporary substitution of university officials.

(14) Adopt a internal regulation.

(15) Maintain a medical insurance plan and a pensions system for all of the university’s personnel, which ill include a loan plan.

(16) Organize its office, name its personnel, and hire the experts’, consultants’, and technicians’ necessary services to enforce the faculties that are signaled by this law and do the necessary homework for such goals. The current Council’s personnel, except those forming part the Office of License and Orientation, will be transferred to the new Board of Directors and will conserve all the rights, privileges and acquired obligations.

(17) Establish general norms for the granting of scholarships and any other economical help in the public university system.

(18) Elaborate and remit the Legislative Assembly, within a term no longer than eighteen (18) months from the Board’s Constitution, a revision project of the University’s Law, and that in the elaboration of such revision, mechanisms that guarantee full participation of all the university sectors will be provided. The autonomy of the units of the university

and the respect for academic liberty should be essential in any revision proposal. The proposed plan should provide for the system decentralization and stimulate, at the same time, our commitments with scientific research, technology development and the modernization of university processes.

(19) Authorize the creation of subsidiary or affiliated corporations to offer services for the university's community and to the Puerto Rican people, including, but not limiting itself to, establishing a non-profit corporation to operate a hospital belonging to the University of Puerto Rico assigned to the Medical Sciences Campus, that will be the principal institution of medical education of the University.

(f) Use of the Council of Superior Education's regulation and certifications.

(1) All of the regulation, as well as all approved certifications by the Council of Superior Education related to the University of Puerto Rico that were in use at the moment in which the law was approved, will continue in use until the Board of Directors that is created here, modifies or revokes them. The labor agreements will continue to be unaltered until the parties agree on the contrary.

(g) Corporate Faculties of the University

(1) The University of Puerto Rico will have all the attributions, prerogatives, responsibilities and proper functions of a corporate entity in charge of public higher education, which will be enforced by the Board of Directors. It will have the authority to sew and be sewed, acquire and possess mobile or immobile goods, and mortgage, sell or in which ever way, alienate such mentioned; contract debts; hold contracts; invest their funds in a compatible manner with the goals and missions of this law; adopt and use an official seal; accept and administer donations, inheritances, and legacies. It will have the custody, the governing, and the administration of all its earnings of all kinds and all its funds.

(Amended by Law Num. 27 of July 11, 1978; 16 of June 16, 1993; 17 of June 16, 1993; 54 of August, 1994; 112 of September 4, 1997; 200 of December 26, 1997)

#### **Art 4. University of Puerto Rico Organization. (18 L.P.R.A. § 603)**

(a) The University of Puerto Rico will constitute an organic system of higher education, composed by the following institutional units and that in the future will be created, which will function with academic and administrative autonomy within the norms that this law establishes and those that will be set in the University regulation or resolutions of the Board of Directors, created through the Num. 17 Law of June 16, 1993 [19 L.P.R.A. § 602]:

(1) The University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, that will be integrated by all schools, colleges, faculties, departments, institutions, research centers and other dependencies that in the present compose the Rio Piedras Campus of the University of Puerto Rico;

(2) The Mayaguez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico that will be integrated by all schools, colleges, faculties, departments, institutions, research centers and other dependants that in the present function in the Agriculture College and Mechanical Arts of the University of Puerto Rico. The Experimental Agricultural Station and the Agricultural Extension Service continue to be integrated to this Campus in the administrative and programmatical sense and its qualified personnel will be incorporated into the cloister of conformity with what the Council accounts for, the purpose being that

the Campus, as beneficiary of the United States Congress Law, approved the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 1890, as amended and known as “Second Law Morrill”, and of all the Congress laws that complement it, it will foment and develop a university agricultural system that integrates teaching, experimentation and dissemination.;

(3) The Medical Sciences Campus which will be integrated by the Medicine School and Tropical Medicine, The Dentistry School, and the rest of the schools, services, institutions and teaching and research programs in the arts and sciences of health, that in the present compose the San Juan Campus of the University of Puerto Rico; and

(4) The Colleges under the Administration of Regional Colleges, to which the Board of Directors grants autonomy to regulate their affairs.

(Amended by the Law Num. 186 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998.)

**Art. 5. Of the President of The University of Puerto Rico (18 L.P.R.A. § 604)**

(a) The Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico will nominate the President of the University. The Board of Directors will establish a consultation system for appointing the President.

(b) The President will be the University System director. In such capacity, he/she will act in the name of the Board of Directors, and with the collaboration of the University Board he/she will coordinate and supervise the university tasks. He/she will also have to harmonize the initiatives of those organisms and officials, and take his/her own initiatives to promote the University’s development.

(c) In the completion of the functions above mentioned, the President will have the following duties and attributions:

(1) Fulfill the objectives, norms, regulations and budget and development plans of the University.

(2) Officially represent the University.

(3) Preside over the University Board.

(4) Formulate, with the advising of the University Board, and submit to the consideration of the Board of Directors, the Integral Development Plan of the University and its annual revisions, based on the projects and recommendations originated in the campuses, university colleges and other autonomous institutional units.

(5) Submit to the Board of Directors the general application regulations and all those University Board agreements that require his/her approval.

(6) Formulate the integrated budget project to the entire university System, based on the budget projects submitted by the respective chancellors, once approved by the campuses’ and university colleges’ Administrative Board, and submit it with the advise of the University Board for the consideration and approval of the Board of Directors.

(7) Submit to the Board of Directors, for its consideration, the appointing of the chancellors of the autonomous institutional unities, of the Finance Director and of those other officials that require the confirmation of that one. [*sic*].

(8) Name or hire the technical and administrative personnel of his/her office and the university dependencies personnel that are not under the administrative jurisdiction of any campus or college. In relation to these nominations and the hiring of personnel, the President will have the authority granted to the University’s Chancellor by virtue of the Law Num. 100 of June 27, 1956.

(9) Solve the appeals that interposed against the chancellors’ decisions.

(10) Establish and maintain relationships with universities and cultural centers of Puerto Rico and outside countries.

(11) Render an annual report to the Board of Directors about all the aspects of university life.

(d) The President will be an *ex officio* member of the Clusters, Academic Senates and Administrative Boards of the university system.

(Amended by Law Num. 186 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998.)

**Art. 6. Of the University Board. (18 L.P.R.A. § 605)**

(a) There will be a University Board composed by the President of the University, whom will preside it; the chancellors of the campuses and university colleges, by the Finance Director and three (3) additional officials named by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and by a representative chosen by each Academic Senate amongst its members that are not *ex officio* and a student representative of each institutional unity elected annually amongst them.

(b) The Board meetings will be summoned by its President *motu proprio* or by the petition of the majority of members that form part of it. A majority of the members of the Board will constitute quorum.

(c) By the authority of the Board of Directors and without prejudice of the faculties of such, the Board will have as its essential function to maintain the University System integrated, towards its ensemble planning and will advise the President in the coordination of the motion of the different institutional unities in their academic, administrative, and financial aspects. In the completion of this function, the Board, in its case, and the President in his/hers, will take all the development and coordination initiatives that the circumstances advice, without the diminishing of the faculties conferred to the institutional unities in acknowledgement of its autonomy.

(d) It will correspond to the Board especially:

(1) Formulate in or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1978 a project of General Regulation of the University that, submitted to the Academic Senates' exam, and with consideration of the reports that these emit, will be elevated by the President to the consideration of the Board of Directors.

(2) Formulate the university Students' General Regulation and submit it to the final consideration of the Board of Directors.

(3) Consider de development plan of the University submitted by the President, and formulate the recommendations that he/she will judge as pertinent about such mentioned, to the consideration by the board of Directors.

(4) Consider the integrated budget project for the University System according to how it was formulated by the President of the University to be submitted to the Board of Directors, and formulate the recommendations that he/she will judge as pertinent.

(5) Solve the appeals that went against the Administrative Boards and Academic Senates of each campus or university college.

(Amended by Laws Num.26 of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1978 and 186 of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998.)

**Art. 7. Of the Chancellors. (18 L.P.R.A. § 606)**

(a) Each university campus will be directed by a chancellor.

(b) The chancellor will execute the administrative and academic authority within the domain of his/her respective institutional unity, in accordance with what is presented in

this Law and with the university norms and regulations. The chancellors will be nominated by the President of the University, previous consultation to the respective Academic Senates, for their consideration by the Board of Directors.

(c) The following will be duties and attributions of the chancellors in their respective institutional unities:

(1) Guide and supervise the university personnel and the educational, technical, research and administrative functions.

(2) Formulate the budget project with the departments', faculties', and other dependencies' recommendations, which, after being approved by the Administrative Board will be submitted for the corresponding purposes, just as arranged before, to the President and the University Board.

(3) Represent the respective institutional unity in academic acts, ceremonies, and functions.

(4) To preside the Academic Senate, the Administrative Board, and the Cloister meetings.

(5) Name the Dean with previous consultation with the corresponding faculty, with simultaneous notification to the President and the Board of Directors. These nominations will be effective after a limited amount of time, that will be determined by regulation and that will not exceed sixty (60) days since the day of notification. The Board of Directors will cite and listen to the chancellors and the President to evaluate such nominations and will communicate their decision approving or disapproving such within that limit of time. The Deans will remain in their positions by the intention of the corresponding Chancellor. The nominations of other officials that, without presiding over faculties, have the Dean position, will be done with the advice of the Academic Senate. The Chancellor of the Mayaguez Campus, with the Board of Director's approval will name the directors of the Experimental Agricultural Station and of the Agricultural Extension Service, with previous consultation of the education personnel of these dependencies, and to the proposal of the directors and personnel of such.

(6) Name the department directors and of other dependencies appointed to some faculty, with the recommendation of the dean, with previous consultation of him/her to the department or corresponding dependency.

(7) Name or hire the university personnel of his/her institutional unity. The deans will propose the naming or the hiring of the education personnel in accordance with the recommendation of the department director or corresponding dependency, with previous consultation with him/her to the members of such department or dependency.

(8) Name visiting lecturers and, with the approval of the President, all other type of visiting personnel.

(9) Solve the appeals that interposed against the deans' decisions.

(10) Give an annual report of the activities of his/her institutional unity to the President and to the Board of Directors.

(11) Execute the authority granted to the Chancellor of the University in virtue of Law Num. 100 of June 27, 1956 in regards to his/her institutional unity.

(Amended by Law Num. 186 of August 7, 1998.)

#### **Art. 8. Of the Administrative Board. (18 L.P.R.A. § 607)**

(a) In each of the university campuses and colleges there will be an Administrative Board integrated by the Chancellor, who will be its President, the academic student and

administrative affairs dean, the faculty deans where there might be or where there might not be, four (4) academic department directors, two (2) senators selected between the members that are not *ex officio* of s Academic Senate and a student chosen annually by his/her peers. In the Administrative Board of the Mayaguez Campus The Experimental Agricultural Station and The Agricultural Extension Service will be represented by their respective directors. The Board of Directors will be able to eliminate or modify the structure pertinent to the Administrative Board of the Medical Sciences Campus in accordance with the special circumstances of such Campus within the term of one (1) year after the approval of this Law.

The Board of Directors will be able to modify or eliminate The Medical Sciences Campus's Administrative Board's structure in accordance to the special circumstances of such campus within one (1) year after the approval of this Law. In case the Board of Directors eliminates the Administrative Board, they will be able to designate such Board's duties and functions to some other organism within the Medical Sciences Campus.

(b) The General Regulation of the University will determine the constitution and organization of the respective Administrative Board in other autonomous institutional units possibly created in the future.

(c) The Administrative Board's duties will be as follows:

- (1) Advise the chancellor in the exercise of his duties.
- (2) Elaborate the development projects and plans of the institutional unity.
- (3) Consider the budget project of the institutional unity as submitted by the chancellor.
- (4) Grant, based on the chancellor's proposal, the licenses, the academic ranks, the permanence and the non-educational and technical personnel's promotions of the institutional unity, in accordance with the General Regulation of the University.

(Amended by Law Num. 186 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August of 1998.)

#### **Art. 9 of the Cloister. (18 L.P.R.A. § 608)**

(a) The Cloister of each institutional unity will be composed by the Chancellor that will precede it, the deans and the members of the non-educational personnel, and will be divided in colleges or faculties, in accordance to the organization approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) The General Regulation of the University will determine the relevant aspects towards the exercising of duties, attributions and prerogatives of the Cloister, as well as the duties and rights of the each cloister and will contain those dispositions, in terms of the exercising of such rights and the completion of such duties, which ensure the order, the security and the normality of the institutional tasks.

(c) The educational personnel of each code or faculty will constitute and organism in order to work for academic improvement and the cultural progress of the University. Its functions, attributions, and prerogatives will be determined by the General Regulation of the University.

(Amended by Law Num. 186 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998.)

#### **Art 10. Of the Students. (18 L.P.R.A. § 609)**

(a) As pupils and in terms of collaborators of the mission of culture and service of the University, the students are members of the academic community. They will therefore

enjoy the right to participate effectively in the life of that community and will have all the duties of moral and intellectual responsibility in which, the community by her nature, dictates.

(b) The Students' General Regulation, which will be approved by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the proposal established by the University Board, will signal the students' rights and duties and will contain those dispositions that will assure the order, security, and normality of the institutional tasks.

It will also provide for the establishment of a General Student Council in each Campus and university college, a Student Council in each faculty and of student committees that will advise the organisms in charge about help and services for the students.

The General Student Council will be composed of members of the Student Council's directives of each faculty in order to collect the opinion in regards with to the problems students are faced with and channel the distribution of ideas and initiatives for the successful march of the University. The Regulation will establish the attributions of these bodies and the Student Council's constitution of each faculty.

(c) The respective Student Dean, with the collaboration of a student committee, composed of a representative from each faculty, will elaborate a Student Regulation project of the corresponding campus or university college, that will directed to the Academic Senate for its consideration and later will be passed on to the University Board and the Board of Directors for the final approval.

(d) The Board of Directors will be able, to its discretion, to adopt, amend or abolish, regulation conceding student participation with voice and with voice and vote in all or all campuses, colleges and other institutions of the University, in the Department and Faculty meetings, in the Academic Senates and in the Administrative Board, as well as in the University Board, in the dates, manners, ways and extension that the Board of Directors believes to be more convenient. The Board of Directors will also be able to grant such student participation in Faculty, Department and Division committees, as well as Special Committees about discipline and other university activities.

(Amended by Laws Num. 10 of June, 1972 and 186 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998.)

#### **Art. 11. Of the Academic Senates. (18 L.P.R.A. § 610)**

(a) There will be an Academic Senate in each one of the campuses and university colleges. By dictating the laws for the establishment of the Academic Senate in the Medical Sciences Campus, the Board of Directors, will take into consideration the special circumstances of such mentioned.

(b) The Composition of the Academic Senates will be as follows:

(1) The Chancellor of the respective institutional unit, whom will be its President;

(2) the deans;

(3) the Director of the Library of the respective institutional unit;

(4) representatives chosen by the corresponding cloister, within its members who have permanency. The General Regulation of the University will determine the number, the manner of election, and the senates' term of office with no other limitation other than to provide in order for the number of senates be at least double the quantity of *ex officio* senators.

(c) The Senates will constitute the official forum of the academic community for the discussion of general problems that interest the University's march and the affairs in

which it has jurisdiction.

(d) The following will correspond specifically to the Academic Senates:

- (1) Determine the general orientation of the teaching and research programs in the institutional unit, coordinating the corresponding faculty and department's initiatives.
  - (2) Establish for its inclusion to the General Regulation of the University, the general rules of admission, permanency, rank promotion and license to members of the cloister.
  - (3) Establish the general requisites of admission, promotion and graduation of the students.
  - (4) Understand in the relative consultations to the choosing of chancellors and deans that do not preside faculties, in accordance to what is established by this Law.
  - (5) Choose their representatives for the University and Administrative board.
  - (6) Make suggestions to the Board of Directors about the creation or reorganization of faculties, colleges, schools or dependencies.
  - (7) Make suggestions to the University Board about the General Regulation project of the University that such proposes.
  - (8) Submit to the University Board, with their recommendations, the Student Regulation project.
  - (9) Make suggestions to the Board of Directors for the creation and granting of academic distinctions.
  - (10) Submit an annual report of their labor to the corresponding cloister.
  - (11) Establish general rules about all affairs involving the campus or college enumerated in this Article, but that involve institutional responsibilities in common.
- (Amended by Law Num. 186 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998.)

**Art. 12. Of the Goods and Resources of the University of Puerto. (18 L.P.R.A § 612)**

(a) The University will keep as its property and will enjoy all goods of whichever nature, rights, privileges and prerogatives acquired beforehand of this Law and that in the present possess, uses, or enjoys and those acquired in the future as determined by this Law or by any other way.

(b) The University will be able to approve, impose, revise from time to time and charge rights, fares, rents and other positions regarding the right of the use and occupation of whichever facilities, properties of or administered by the University or by any service, right or privilege provided by any of such facilities or by the University, including, but without making it a limitation, rights to registration, student rights and other rights, rents, positions, laboratory rights, of breakage, books, supplies, dorms, houses, and other housing facilities, restaurants and its facilities, parking for vehicles, facilities provided by student centers, events and activities, and other services.

(c) The University remains authorized to retain as its property, use, appoint, disburse, dispose of, pledge in guarantee of whichever bonuses, payments or other obligations issued from time to time by the University, invest, reinvest, and administer in which ever other way not inconsistent with the dispositions of this Law, and in the manner that the Board of Directors decides as appropriate for the best interest of the University, all product, income, revenues and other incomes derived or to be derived by or in the name of the University of

(i) the claim of rights, rents, fees, and other charges,

(ii) donations, legacies, funds, unwarranted contributions, private and public, and

investments,

(iii) the possession of farms and other properties and their facilities,

(iv) the sale or alienation of any property, real or personal, or any right or interest in such mentioned, and

(v) other operations, activities and programs of the University.

(d) The University remains authorized to receive gifts, donations, legacies and other aids disposed by laws of the United States of America or by another entity or person and can solicit and arrange agreements with the United States of America or with any agency or instrumentality of such or any other public or private entity, including foundation, corporations, government bodies or people, for loans, donations, legacies or other aids. The University remains authorized to arrange and fulfill with the requirements, obligations, terms and conditions imposed in relation to whichever of such loans, donations, legacies or any other aid.

(e) The University has authorization to take money as loan for whichever of its aims and activities and in evidence of such loans, the University is authorized to emit bonuses, payments and other obligations, including temporary bonuses and refinances (denominated here collectively as “bonuses”). The Board of Directors can from time to time provide for the emission of bonuses in accordance with the dispositions pertinent to Law num. 272, approved on May 15, 1945, [7 L.P.R.A. §§ 581-595], and through a resolution or resolutions to the effect establishing the purpose or purposes for the emission of the bonuses and terms, conditions and other details related to the emission of such bonuses and the guarantee offered for them. The bonuses will be guaranteed according to that disposed in the num. 50 Law, approved on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1958, just as it was amended or could be amended from time to time [18 L.P.R.A. §§ 821-830], just as it has been or will be amended from time to time, or in which ever other way the Board of Directors determines and will be able to be emitted in accordance with the dispositions of such sections or in accordance with those dispositions which are judged as advisable by the Board of Directors.

(f) The University of Puerto Rico, for carrying out a public service of the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico, is therefore free of any contribution, taxes, or rights of class, specially in terms of the any nature acquired in the future or in its operations, transactions, or activities or regarding the income received by concept of any of its operations, transactions, or activities. All the bonuses, payments, mortgage obligations or any other obligations of the University of Puerto Rico will be excused from payment of any contribution on income. The debts and obligations of the University will not be debts and obligations for the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico, or of any of the other municipalities or any other political subdivisions in Puerto Rico, and neither the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico, any municipality, or political subdivision will be held responsible will be responsible for such.

(g) Intramural Practice Plans of the University.

(1) The University of Puerto Rico is authorized to create within its unities, university intramural practice plans. Through these, the institution will be able to engage with people and public and private institutions, domestic or foreign, the services that these require and in which, the University of Puerto Rico personnel will be able to lend their services in a voluntary manner during their regular hours or outside of such,

without lessening their academic load and, also, receive pay in the means of compensation outside of regular hours or a bonus in educational and administrative function within regular hours in an addition to their regular salary as employee of the institution.

(2) The University Intramural Practice Plans that are authorized here will be self sufficient and the funds collected by the University for the university intramural practice plans will be considered public funds, subject to the corresponding authorities' scrutiny. Such incomes will be briefed in a special fund in the University of Puerto Rico's unities which generated them; it will be used in first place to support the payments of the participant personnel and the direct costs of such programs; in second place, to fortify other areas with less demand in the intramural program; and in the third place, to attend to other un-recurring, high priority costs within the Campus or unity inside of the Regional Colleges System and an annual aid to the General Fund of the University of Puerto Rico.

(3) The Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico will be able to delegate in the President of the University and the Chancellors the capacity to hire in an individual manner. Also, the Board will establish, through regulation, the rules and procedures that will govern the establishment and functioning of the intramural practice plans of different unities and the manner in which the education and support personnel participate and be compensated.

(4) The educational and support personnel's participation of the University of Puerto Rico in these intramural practice plans will not be subjected to the dispositions of Article 177 of the Political Code of Puerto Rico [3 L.P.R.A. § 551].

(Amended by Las Num. 174 of August 31, 1996 and 186 of August 7, 1998. This last one re-enumerated the article as Article 12 by abolishing the prior Art. 12 of the 1966 law.)

**Art. 13. Of the Administration of Personnel Regime (18 L.P.R.A. § 613)**

(a) In terms of the Num. 5 Law of October 14, 1975, known as "Law of Public Service Personnel of Puerto Rico", according to how it was amended, the university's personnel will have the following university loads: the President, Finance Director, the Auditor, The Chancellors of institutional unities, the Deans, the Director of Agricultural Extension Service, the Director Agricultural Experimental Station, the Director of University Corporations, Director of the Editorial, Land and Buildings Director, the assistants to these diverse officials, the Librarians and Library Auxiliaries; the members of the educational personnel of the University of Puerto Rico, including all its colleges, schools, faculties and dependencies; personnel dedicated to scientific, historical, of letters, artistic research tasks, and its dependencies; the technical personnel of the University; the professional and supervising personnel related to the different services for professors and students depending on their certification on the part of chancellors of the institutional unities; and the *bona fide* students of such institution that are employed part-time by the University or by any agency of the Government of Puerto Rico. The university personnel of the University of Puerto Rico will also include the personnel not included in the mentioned categories depending on how it was decided or will be specified by the President and chancellors, depending to whom it corresponds to.

(b) The university personnel named before the validity of this law will acquire permanence, when he/she by other means has the right to acquire it, in agreement to time

and service terms as disposed in the 16<sup>th</sup> section of Law Num. 135 of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1942, as it was amended or according to the General Regulation of the University that will be adopted with agreement to the terms of this law, whichever of said dispositions that he/she considers more beneficial.

(c) The dismissal of a member of the university personnel whose nomination is of permanent nature, will not be able to be executed without the previous formulation of positions and opportunity of defense. Regardless, the President of the University and the chancellor of each institutional unity will be able to, if required by the university's interests, suspend the employment and salary to any member university personnel of the President's office or of any institutional unit, respectively, until the charges against him/her dissolve, without damage of the appeal resources granted by this Law.

(Amended by Law. Num. 186 of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998, that re-enumerated it as Article 13)  
(The 1966 Law, as amended, does not contain Article 14.)

**Art. 15. Definitions. (18 L.P.R.A. § 614)**

(a) The following words and phrases as used in this law will have the definition that is established further on, except where the context clearly indicates the contrary:

(1) "University" will refer to University of Puerto Rico.

(2) "Council" will refer to the Superior Education Council established by this Chapter. [By disposition of the § 2 of the Law Num. 16 of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 1993, "all laws, regulations, resolutions and other documents in whose text the Superior Education Council is mentioned of (the 1966 Law,) in its function as chancellor body of the University of Puerto Rico, it should be understood that it means the Board of Directors of the University of Puerto Rico...]

(3) "University Personnel" will refer to the education, technical, and administrative personnel of the University.

(4) "Education Personnel" will refer to those dedicated to teaching, to scientific research, and the technical dissemination or to the three and to professional librarians. Arranging that the social workers, psychologists and professional counselors will be considered education personnel. Except in regards of the Agricultural Extension Service personnel and those of the Experimental Station, in which case will be considered as educational whatever the Board of Directors arranges in agreement with paragraph (2) of interjection (a) of Article 4.

(5) "Administrative Technical Personnel" will refer to university member not included under the education personnel definition.

(6) "Institutional Unity" will refer to each of the autonomous academic and administrative units of the university system, constituted by colleges, faculties, schools, services and other dependencies.

(7) "Faculty" will refer to the dean and the education personnel assigned to a college or to a school that is not part of the college.

(8) "Department" will refer to a academic and administrative division within a college or faculty.

(9) "Consultation" will refer to a reciprocal communication between the official or organism called to it and the consultant, carried out in the manner determined by the Board of Directors, and without involving voting.

The 2 § de la Law Num. 128 of the 12th of August, 1996 stipulates that for the means of this definition "It

will be understood that the following terms: 'Social Worker', 'Psychologist' and 'Professional Counselor' refer to those who have obtained a Master's or Doctoral degree in their professional specialization of a credited recognized university institution and that such professional fulfills the requirements to execute as teacher of a credited and recognized university institution."

(10) "University Intramural Practice Plans" will refer to those programs established by institutional units, in accordance with the regulation approved by the Board of Directors, to offer services through contracts with people and public and private institutions using education and support personnel that participate voluntarily, generating resources for the institution and the participating personnel.

(Amended by Laws Num. 128 of the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 1996 and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1996.)

### **Art. 16. General and Transitory Dispositions**

(1) The University officials, nominated or hired in agreement with the dispositions of the Num. 135 Law of the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 1942 [abolished], according to its amendment, will continue in the fulfillment of their functions in agreement with the terms of their respective positions or contracts and until their successors are named and take possession of their positions in harmony with the dispositions of this law.

"(2) The continuation of all the rights acquired by all the university personnel is guaranteed in virtue of that disposed in the valid legislation in the date of approval of this law.

"(3) The continuation of the contractual obligations incurred by the Chancellor of the University or the actual university administration with the workers and employees of the physical plant in voluntary collective agreements with the organizations of such workers and employees is guaranteed.

"(4) Whichever duties, attributions, prerogatives or functions assigned to the Superior Education Council, to the Chancellor or to the University of Puerto Rico by laws of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico promulgated with time to the present law [this Chapter] and that are not incompatible with their dispositions, will continue to manage and obligate the Superior Education Council, the President of the University of Puerto Rico, respectively.

"(5) All prerogatives, attributions and responsibilities taken by any organism or official of the University of Puerto Rico under laws that are still in effect before the approval of such mentioned or to the virtue of any federal law, concession or contract whose transfer is not specifically established by the dispositions of this law [this Chapter], are recognized by this one and continue to be in effect.

"(6) The acceptance of all legislation approved by the United States Congress extended to Puerto Rico for the benefit of the University is ratified.

"(7) Law num. 221 of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1938 [18 L.P.R.A. §§ 643 and 752], is also ratified in all regarding the purpose of organizing and developing extension, agricultural research and experimentation tasks and the Superior Education Council is authorized to assume the functions and duties that in agreement of such law and with the Num. 135 Law of the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 1942 [abolished], according to its amendment, corresponded to the Superior Teaching Council,

"(8) The Superior Teaching Council will be the government board of the University until the Superior Education Council begins its functions.

"(9) Once the council created by this law is appropriately constituted and organized, it

will proceed to put in action the dispositions of this law according to the principals that inform it and through the organisms and procedures that in its virtue are established.  
“(10) The council will be authorized to adopt those transitory measures and make the necessary decisions to avoid the interruption of administrative and educational processes of the University.

**Art. 17. Derogatory Clause**

Law Num. 135 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 1942, as it was amended, and Law Num. 88 of the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 1949, were abolished.

**Art. 18. Short Title**

This law can be quoted or referred to as the short title: “Law of the University of Puerto Rico”.

**Art. 19. Validity**

This law will begin to regulate immediately after its approval.