



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Executive Action Summary

**Committee Name:** Academic Affairs

**Date:** December 13, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Rescission of BOT 801, *Development Program - Centralized*

**Information**

**Review**

**Action**

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the rescission of BOT 801, *Development Program - Centralized*.

**Recommendation:**

The Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Board of Trustees rescinds BOT 801, *Development Program - Centralized Policy*.

**Prior Action by BOT:**

Board of Trustees Policy 801 was enacted September 26, 1980, and has not been subsequently amended.

**Responsible Officers:**

Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

**Summary:**

Board of Trustees Policy 801, *Development Program - Centralized* has not been revised since enactment on September 26, 1980.

This policy is being retired as the policy is obsolete and does not conform to contemporary expectations of a board policy. Additionally, the policy's provisions are already addressed within the Board of Trustees Bylaws. Specifically:

- Article 1 of the Bylaws notes the Board of Trustees the authority to oversee and make decisions related to University activities.
- Article 4 of the Bylaws delegates the responsibility for managing development efforts to the president.
- Article 7 of the Bylaws affirms the board's authority to approve the creation and abolition of basic educational and administrative units.

BOT 801 is an exercise of the board's Article 7 authority and the general management responsibilities over advancement activities given to the president in Article 4 of the board's bylaws. As these governing documents already provide the necessary authority and framework for development, a separate policy is not required. Rescinding this policy streamlines the University's overall governance structure by removing redundant policies.

**Background Information:**

Board of Trustees Policy 801, *Development Program - Centralized*, was established in September 1980. The policy was recommended by the then-Vice President of University Development to create a "centralized development program" regarding the formulation and development of gift and grant support. This policy gave final approval power over all "internal program, activities, and procedures" associated with the University for purposes of raising funds from nongovernmental sources to the president. At the time, there was no centralized program for development within the University. The current version of BOT 801 has been enclosed for reference.

**Source of Funds:**

Not applicable.

**Resource Impact:**

Not applicable.

# **BOT 801: Development Program-Centralized**

Michigan State University shall have a centralized development program which will have the primary responsibility for all programs and activities relating to private sector support for the University and its components.

As of this date, authority for the final approval of all internal programs, activities, and procedures which originate on the campus by any person, group, or organization associated with the University for purposes of raising funds from nongovernmental sources shall reside with the President.

Enacted: 9/26/80

*Retired Policy No. 02-13-01*