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**Subject** Appointment of Interim or Acting Deans for the Florida A&M University College of Law

**Authority** ABA Standard 203c; University Regulation 4.002

**Applicability** Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs, Florida A&M University College of Law

**I. POLICY PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish appropriate guidelines and procedures to ensure that Florida A&M University (University) complies with American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation requirements that govern the appointment of interim and acting deans at the University College of Law (Law School). ABA Standard 203c states *“The dean shall be selected by the university or the governing board of the law school, as appropriate, which shall have and follow a procedure for decanal appointment or reappointment that assures meaningful involvement by the faculty or a representative body of the faculty in the selection of a dean.”* Interpretation 203-2 provides further clarity with respect to the appointment of interim and acting deans: *“In the appointment of an interim or acting dean, the university or the governing board of the law school as appropriate, should follow a procedure that assures meaningful consultation with the faculty or a representative body of the faculty.”*

**II. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

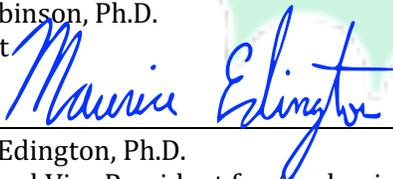
In order to ensure that the University complies with the ABA requirement that an interim or acting dean shall be selected by a procedure that assures meaningful consultation with the faculty or a representative body of the faculty, the University will adhere to the procedures outlined below when appointing interim or acting deans for the College of Law.

1. An ad-hoc committee of at least seven (7) members (with majority Law School faculty membership) will be established by the University Provost to help identify suitable candidates and provide feedback on the suitability of any candidates under consideration for appointment as interim or acting dean. This committee will be expected to review the qualifications and credentials of each candidate. Feedback from this committee will be reviewed and considered by the University Provost prior to making any interim or acting dean appointments.
2. The Law School faculty will be allowed an opportunity to vote on the suitability of each candidate under consideration for appointment as interim or acting dean. This process will be carried out using procedures similar to those currently used in the appointment of a permanent dean at the Law School. The results of the Law School faculty vote will be reviewed and considered by the University Provost prior to making any interim or acting dean appointments. Except for good cause or in exigent circumstances as determined by University President, an interim or acting dean will not be appointed over the stated objection of a substantial majority of the faculty.



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