Policy on Board-Approved Policies

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Scheduled Review Date: September 2025 (Board Governance Committee)

A. General Rule

In deciding whether a particular Southwestern Law School policy should be approved by or reviewed for information with the Board of Trustees (“Board”) or a committee of the Board, the President and Dean should consider the factors set forth in this Policy. These factors are not binding, but each refers to a situation where review or approval by the Board or a Board committee may be appropriate.

B. Factors

1. The Board approved an earlier version of the policy. Policy updates made for clarity, consistency, or compliance reasons typically may be approved by the President and Dean without Board involvement.

2. The policy relates to the Board’s fiduciary duties.

3. The policy relates to a subject addressed in the Board’s bylaws, reserved by those bylaws to the Board, or relates to a subject addressed in a Board committee’s charter.

4. The policy relates to granting or removing tenure or a tenure-like status.

5. The policy deals with issues of important reputational significance to Southwestern.

6. It is important to demonstrate to external or internal constituencies that Southwestern has approved the policy at the highest level.