When the President is absent, officials of the President’s Staff are empowered to act as necessary in their areas of responsibility. In matters that would demand the President’s action when he is absent, the Senior Vice Presidents shall act.

**Extended Absence.** When by virtue of absence, sickness, or other circumstance, the President is unable to perform the duties of the position, the Senior Vice Presidents shall assist by attending to the necessary business.

In the event of an expected inability of the President to perform the duties of the position for an extended period of time, the Board of Trustees shall determine the most appropriate course of action regarding the duties of the President.