

## **RP 12.202 - Principal Investigator**

*Language describing who can be a principal investigator under RP 12.202 III.A. was updated to recognize that persons in non-compensated board appointments can serve as principal investigator. Language was also added to emphasize that the role of principal investigator is associated with externally funded contracts and grants.*

Original language: Only university board appointees may serve as a principal investigator.

Proposed language: Only university board appointees may serve as principal investigator for an externally funded contract or grant. In the context of this policy, adjunct faculty, research affiliates, and emeriti faculty in non-compensated university appointments may serve as principal investigators.

*New language is added to describe the conditions for serving as principal investigator, which were located in RP 12.203. However, the original language did not make the connection clear. In addition, language was added to clarify that an external sponsor's process for changing principal investigators shall be followed.*

Proposed language:

12.202 III.B. The privilege to serve as a principal investigator is conditioned on the following criteria: the proposed program or activity is desirable and compatible with the mission of the respective academic or research unit; those university officials responsible for committing the use of facilities and other resources of the University agree to accept the commitment involved; the investigator has accepted the terms and conditions of the contract or grant; and the investigator has disclosed all potential conflicts of interest.

12.202 III.C. Changes in principal investigator shall be done in accordance with awarding agency policies and procedures such as the National Institutes of Health Grants Policy Statement or National Science Foundation Award and Administration Guide.