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found. In fact, all of these organizational questions are of importance chiefly as they bear upon the freedom and competence of the board to govern the institution for which it is responsible. Boards, even those as mechanically encumbered as is the North Carolina board, function well if they enjoy a relatively secure, politically free position. The other matters of organization charted in the appendices have, it has been found, relatively little impact upon

the ability of the board to function effectively as a policy-making body.⁴⁰ The basic function of a state university—"the conservation, dissemination and advancement of the collective knowledge of society"—can only be discharged in an "atmosphere of freedom."⁴¹

⁴⁰ For a similar conclusion with respect to the role of the individual trustee see RAUH, *supra* note 32, at 65.

⁴¹ MOOS & ROURKE, *supra* note 8, at 3.