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(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Board of Regents shall exercise with reference to the University of Maryland, and with reference to every department of same, all the powers, rights, and privileges that go with the responsibility of management, including the power to conduct or maintain such departments or schools in said university and in such localities as they from time to time may deem wise; and said board shall not be superseded in authority by any other State board, bureau, department or commission, in the management of the University's affairs, with the following exceptions:

(1) The right to appoint all employees of the University shall be vested in the University without being in any manner subject to or controlled by the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code, title "Merit System." After appointment, all employees in positions which are so designated by the University shall be regarded and treated as Classified Employees of the State, to have all the rights and privileges accorded to Classified Employees under the provisions of said Article 64A. Such Classified Employees shall have the right of appeal as provided by law in any case of alleged injustice; shall be paid salaries not less than are paid in similar classifications in other State bureaus and departments; shall retain their vacation privileges, their retirement status and benefits under the State Retirement System. All employment classifications which are included within the Classified Service of the State as of June 1, 1952, shall remain part of the Classified Service, and the University shall not designate them, or any of them, as anything other than part of the Classified Service. ALL EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATIONS INCLUDED WITHIN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE STATE AS OF JUNE 1, 1952, SHALL REMAIN IN AND BE A PART OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE, AND THE UNIVERSITY SHALL NOT DESIGNATE THEM, OR ANY OF THEM, AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN PART OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE. NO SUCH EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE AS OF JUNE 1, 1952, SHALL BE ABOLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE STATE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSIONER, NOR SHALL THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE STATUS OF ANY EMPLOYEE WHO MAY BE TRANSFERRED OR PROMOTED TO ANOTHER CLASSIFI-