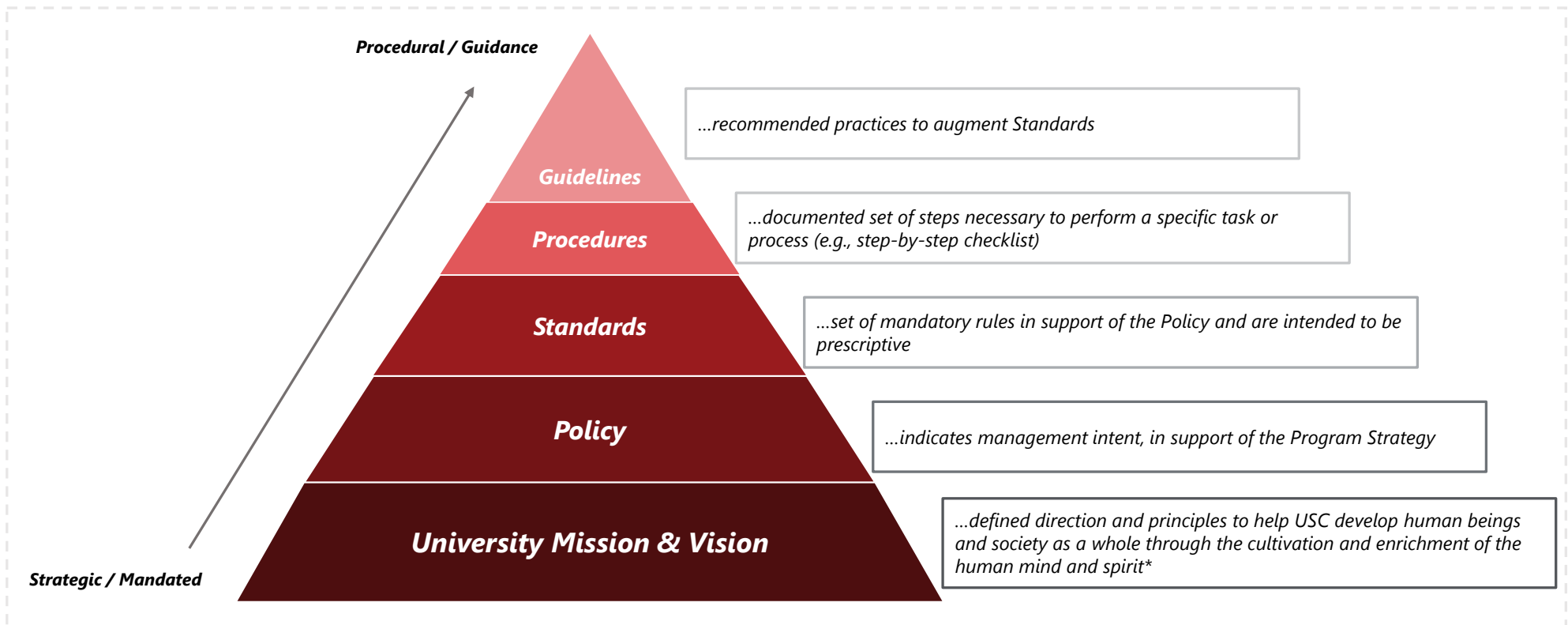# Policy Hierarchy

A successful policy management framework is built upon a clearly defined program strategy and supported by policy documents and tools designed for specific applications

Procedural / Guidance

Guidelines — *...recommended practices to augment Standards*

Procedures — *...documented set of steps necessary to perform a specific task or process (e.g., step-by-step checklist)*

Standards — *...set of mandatory rules in support of the Policy and are intended to be prescriptive*

Policy — *...indicates management intent, in support of the Program Strategy*

University Mission & Vision — *...defined direction and principles to help USC develop human beings and society as a whole through the cultivation and enrichment of the human mind and spirit**

Strategic / Mandated

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