

PART VII  
UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION

For the purpose of administering the various programs of the University, there shall be established educational and administrative units within the University. All units of the University shall be established, altered, or abolished only on vote of the Board of Trustees. For matters having to do with the organization of the University as it affects academic policies, the Board relies upon the advice of the University Senate along with that of the President. It relies upon the advice of the President concerning administrative organization and powers and responsibilities of the officers of the University. Any existing or proposed unit that has as its primary mission the performance of educational activities in instruction, research, and service shall be defined as an educational unit if at least one full-time (tenured or tenurable) faculty appointment or its time equivalent is assigned to perform instruction, research, and service in that unit. This assignment provision excludes solely administrative assignments such as the chief administrative officer of the unit. An educational unit is subject to the University Senate review and the periodic review processes.

Any unit not meeting the definition of an educational unit is defined as an administrative unit.

The educational and administrative organization of the University shall be such as to minimize duplication of effort and to enable the University to operate as a single, closely integrated institution.

A. Educational Unit

1. Definitions of Educational Units and Their Chief Administrative Officers

Departments, schools, colleges, graduate centers, multidisciplinary research centers and institutes, and interdisciplinary instructional programs are the basic educational units of the University that deliver instruction, research, and service including extension activities.

Major educational units of the University are the colleges, the Libraries, and the Graduate School. For purposes of these *Governing Regulations*, the Libraries is equivalent to a college.

Schools are administratively responsible to a college, and departments are directly responsible to a college or sometimes directly to a school within their college.

Some instructional programs draw faculty exclusively from one department, school, or college whereas interdisciplinary instructional programs, such as the Honors Program, draw faculty from different departments, schools, and colleges.

A graduate center is an interdisciplinary educational unit that delivers graduate education degree programs, is equivalent to a department, and is located administratively in the Graduate School unless the administrative responsibility specifically has been delegated otherwise.

A multidisciplinary research center or institute is an educational unit established to provide multidisciplinary programs, which are primarily research in nature. Such an educational unit is administratively responsible to the Executive Vice President for Research unless the administrative responsibility specifically has been delegated otherwise.

The chief administrative officer of a major educational unit is a dean. The chief administrative officer of a graduate center, school or multidisciplinary research center or institute is a director.

The chief administrative officer of a department or an interdisciplinary instructional program is a chair.

## 2. Academic Ranks

Academic ranks in the University consist of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or the equivalent to these recognized in the librarian title series of librarian IV, librarian III, librarian II and librarian I, respectively.

The President establishes academic title series, the ranks within each series, and a description of the qualifications for each after consultation with appropriate administrative and faculty groups, including the University Senate Council. Emeritus ranks for retired faculty members and the rights of holders of emeritus titles are established by the President after consultation with the University Senate Council.

The establishment of new academic title series or ranks and major changes in criteria for ranks shall have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

## 3. The Graduate Faculty

### (a) Membership

The membership of the Graduate Faculty shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate School, associate and/or assistant deans of the Graduate School, and regular faculty and associate faculty members.

Graduate Faculty members must possess the following qualifications:

A doctoral degree or its equivalent in scholarly reputation;

The rank of assistant professor (or equivalent) or higher;

Scholarly maturity and professional productivity as demonstrated by publications, editorial services, research surveys, creative work, patents, and research in progress at the time of appointment; and

Definite interest in graduate work and the willingness to participate in the graduate program.

The Dean of the Graduate School confers membership in the Graduate Faculty. The appointments are made following review by the Graduate Council of the qualifications of the persons proposed for membership by the college deans, department chairpersons, and directors of graduate study, upon the recommendation of the Graduate Faculty of the respective graduate program.

Associate and other classes of members in the Graduate Faculty may be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School, with appropriate duties and privileges, as provided by the *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* and approved by the University Senate.

(b) Officers, Committees and Councils

The Graduate Faculty may perform its functions directly, through the Graduate Council, or through standing or special committees which it may appoint or authorize for appointment, or through delegation to college, school, departmental or center graduate program faculties. Councils of the Graduate School may be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School or elected, as prescribed by the *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* and approved by the University Senate. Copies of minutes of Graduate Faculty meetings and of meetings of Graduate Faculty committees and councils shall be made available to all members of the Graduate Faculty.

(c) Graduate Faculty Functions

Within the limits established by the *Governing Regulations* and the *University Senate Rules*, the Graduate Faculty shall have jurisdiction over all programs leading to graduate degrees and within those limits shall establish *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* necessary for the performance of its educational policymaking functions. Copies of these rules shall be made available to Graduate Faculty members and filed with the Graduate Faculty Dean, the Provost, and the University Senate Council. It is the responsibility of the Graduate Faculty to safeguard, promote, and assist in the development of research in all fields. The Graduate Faculty shall make recommendations to the University Senate on academic matters that require University Senate approval. The Graduate Faculty may

make recommendations on other matters to the University Senate, to college or department faculties, to the President or other administrative officers.

The Graduate Council shall have the authority and responsibilities delegated to it by the Dean of the Graduate School, the Graduate Faculty, and the University Senate.

#### 4. Faculties of Colleges

##### (a) Membership

The membership of the faculty of a college shall consist of its dean, associate and/or assistant deans, and regular full-time faculty having the rank of assistant professor, associate professor or professor in the regular, special title, or extension series or librarian III, II or I in the librarian title series. Membership, with or without voting privileges, also may be extended or withdrawn by the above college faculty to any other person assigned to the college for administrative, instruction, research, extension, clinical or librarian work. An individual may be assigned to more than one college; in this instance, one assignment shall be designated primary by the Provost (Part X.B.1).

##### (b) Officers, Committees and Councils

The faculty shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at which the dean shall preside except as the dean may delegate that function. In addition, it shall meet in special session on the call of the President, the Provost, the dean of the college, or at the request of a prescribed number of its voting membership. Each college faculty shall establish the quorum for the transaction of business. Copies of minutes of college faculty meetings and of meetings of college faculty committees and councils shall be made available to all members of the faculty of the college.

The faculty of each college shall establish its own rules, including a committee or council structure, necessary for the performance of the faculty's functions in educational policy-making. After approval of these rules by the Provost for consistency with these *Governing Regulations*, the *Administrative Regulations*, *University Senate Rules* and *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, copies of the rules and a description of the committee or council structure shall be made available to members and filed with the dean of the college, the Provost and the University Senate Council.

##### (c) College Faculty Functions

Within the limits established by these *Governing Regulations*, *Administrative Regulations*, *Rules of the University Senate*, and *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* of the University, the faculty of a college shall determine the educational policies of that college, including primary responsibility for the development of policies on such matters as academic requirements, curricula, course offerings, undergraduate, graduate and

research programs, professional programs, and service functions, to the extent that the responsibility has not been delegated to a school or department faculty.

In consultation with the college faculty, the Dean shall establish procedures used at the level of the college concerning: (1) recommendations on faculty appointments, promotions, reappointments, terminal appointments, post-retirement appointments, the granting of tenure, and decisions not to reappoint; (2) the faculty performance evaluations; and (3) faculty input in the evaluation of the performance of school directors and department chairs during the interval between periodic reviews. It shall make recommendations to the University Senate or Graduate Faculty on such matters as require the final approval of those bodies, and it may make recommendations on other matters to the University Senate, the Graduate Faculty, school/department faculties within the college, the President, or to other administrative officials. The academic or scholastic requirements of a college may exceed, but not be lower than, those established by the University Senate or the Graduate Faculty. The University Senate must approve any such differences in standards.

The faculty of a college may delegate by rule a defined part of the determination of its educational policies to an assembly of the college, which consists of the faculty and designated student representatives. The number of students voting and the method of selecting these students is determined by the rules of the college.

In addition to the functions and responsibilities described above, the faculty of a college without departments shall have any other functions and responsibilities which are delegated to a departmental faculty as set forth in Part VII.A.6.

5. Faculties of Schools

(a) Membership

The membership of a faculty of a school shall consist of the dean of its college of which it is an administrative unit, the director who is the chief administrative officer of the school, and the members of the faculty of the college who have been assigned regular, full-time duties in the school. (The faculty of a college is defined in Part VII.A.4 of these regulations.) Membership, with or without voting privileges, also may be extended or withdrawn by the above faculty of the school to any other person assigned to the school for administrative, instruction, research, extension, clinical or librarian work. An individual may be assigned to more than one school; in this instance, one assignment shall be designated primary by the Provost. (Part X.B.1)

(b) Officers, Committees and Councils

The faculty of a school shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at which the school director shall preside, except as the director may delegate this function. In addition, it shall hold special meetings on the call of the dean of the college, the director of the

school, or by a prescribed number of its voting faculty. The school director shall preside over school faculty meetings, except as the director may delegate this function. Copies of the minutes of school faculty meetings and meetings of committees and councils of the school faculty shall be made available to all members of the faculty of the school.

The faculty shall establish its own rules and determine its own committee structure that are necessary for its functions in educational policy making and shall prescribe the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. After approval of these rules by the dean of the college and by the Provost for consistency with University regulations and with these *Governing Regulations*, the *Administrative Regulations*, *University Senate Rules*, *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, and college faculty rules, copies of the school faculty's rules and a description of its committee structure shall be made available to its members, and a copy shall be filed with the director of the school, the dean of the college of which it is a unit, with the Provost, and with the University Senate Council.

(c) School Faculty Functions

Within the limits established by these *Governing Regulations*, the *University Senate Rules*, *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, and the rules of the faculty of the college of which it is a unit, the faculty of a school shall determine the educational policies of the school, including primary responsibility for the development of policies on such matters as academic requirements, curricula, course offerings, undergraduate, graduate and research programs, professional programs, and service functions, to the extent that this responsibility has not been delegated to a department faculty. It shall be responsible for functions and duties assigned to it by the faculty of the college. For these purposes, it shall make recommendations to the faculty of the college on matters that require the approval of that body. It may make recommendations on other matters to the University Senate, the Graduate Faculty, the college faculty, and the faculties within the school, and the dean or other administrative officers. The academic or scholastic requirements of a school may exceed, but not be lower than, those established by the college faculty. The University Senate must approve any such differences in standards.

In addition to the functions and responsibilities described above, the faculty of a school without departments shall have any other functions and responsibilities which are delegated to a department faculty as set forth in Part VII.A.6.

6. Faculties of Departments

(a) Membership

The membership of a faculty of a department shall consist of a chair and the regular, full-time members of the department who are members of the faculty of the school and/or college of which the department is a part. (The faculties of a college and a school are defined in Parts VII.A.4 and VII.A.5, respectively.) Membership, with or without voting privileges, also may be extended or withdrawn by the above department faculty to any

person assigned to the department for administrative, instruction, research, extension, clinical or librarian work. An individual may be assigned to more than one department; in this instance, one assignment shall be designated as primary by the Provost (Part X.B.1).

(b) Officers and Committees

The department faculty shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, at which the department chair shall preside except as the chair may delegate this function. In addition, it shall hold special meetings on the call of the dean of the college, the chair of the department, or by a prescribed number of its voting faculty. The department chair shall be an *ex officio* member of all departmental committees. Copies of minutes of departmental faculty meetings and of meetings of department committees shall be made available to all members of the faculty of the department.

The department faculty shall establish rules, procedures and a committee structure concerning educational policy matters over which it has jurisdiction and responsibility, and shall establish its quorum for the transaction of business. These proposed rules, procedures and committee structure shall be submitted to the director of the school (if appropriate), the dean of the college, and the Provost for approval for consistency with these *Governing Regulations*, the *Administrative Regulations*, *University Senate Rules*, *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, rules of the college and (if appropriate) rules of the school faculty. Copies of the approved rules, procedures and committee structure shall be made available to the members of the departmental faculty and shall be filed with the director of the school, (if appropriate) the dean of the college of which the department is a unit, the Provost, and the University Senate Council.

(c) Department Faculty Functions

Within the limits established by these *Governing Regulations*, the *Administrative Regulations*, *University Senate Rules*, *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, or the rules of the faculties of the school or college of which the department is a part, the department faculty has jurisdiction over matters concerning its educational policies.

The department faculty has primary responsibility for the development of policies on such matters as academic requirements, courses of study, course offerings, graduate and research programs, and service functions. Jointly with the department chair, the department faculty shall establish procedures to be used within the department concerning (1) recommendations on faculty appointments, promotions, reappointments, terminal appointments, post-retirement appointments, and the granting of tenure and decisions not to reappoint; (2) the faculty performance evaluations and (3) preparation of budget requests. The procedures in (1) and (2) above shall include consultation with directors of multidisciplinary research centers and institutes for those faculty members who are or shall be associated with such centers or institutes. The department faculty may develop statements describing the evidences of activity in instruction, research and service that are appropriate to their field(s) for use in guiding evaluations for promotion

and tenure. If developed and approved by the department faculty, those statements must be submitted by the chair of the department to the dean for review and final approval before the statements are made operative in the department. Revisions to a department's statements, upon approval of the department faculty, must also be submitted by the department chair to the dean for review and final approval.

The academic or scholastic requirements of a department may exceed, but not be lower than, those of the school and/or college of which the department is a part. The University Senate must approve any such differences in standards.

7. Faculty of Multidisciplinary Research Centers and Institutes

(a) Faculty Membership and Functions

The faculty of a multidisciplinary research center or institute that is responsible for establishing the educational policies of the unit shall consist of: (1) a director who also shall be a faculty member of a department, school, or college; (2) faculty members with recurring, formally assigned instructional, research, and/or service duties in the unit. In addition, membership, with or without voting privileges, may be extended and withdrawn by the above center or institute faculty to any other person assigned to the unit for administrative, instructional, research, extension, clinical or librarian work.

Academic rank shall not be conferred by a multidisciplinary research center or institute nor tenure acquired solely through activities performed in such a unit.

(b) Officers and Committees

A multidisciplinary research center or institute shall be administratively responsible to the Executive Vice President for Research unless specifically designated to another chief academic officer. A faculty advisory committee shall be appointed for each research center or institute by the officer to whom the unit is administratively responsible.

8. Student Participation

Rules of procedure in educational units of the University shall provide, when appropriate, for participation of students in the development of educational policies.

B. Administrative Organization of Educational Units

1. Definition

The administrative organization of the University is determined by the educational organization of the University and the instruction, research, service, and other functions of the University. Each administrative officer, other than the President, is responsible to the President, directly or through one or more superior officers, for the efficient operation

of the organizational unit or functions for which the administrative officer is responsible. The duties of administrative officers reporting directly to the President shall be those delegated by the President and described in the *Administrative Regulations*. Each administrative officer is expected to recommend to the appropriate next superior officer the administrative organization necessary to carry out assigned duties. The positions of deans, directors, and chairs of educational units, with descriptions of major duties assigned, are described in these *Governing Regulations*. The Board of Trustees must approve major changes in administrative organization.

Each administrative officer is authorized to establish and enforce such policies and procedures as are attendant to delegated administrative duties and to establish administrative and/or advisory committees to aid in the performance of assigned functions.

2. Dean of the Graduate School

The Dean of the Graduate School is chair of the Graduate Faculty and of the Graduate Council and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Graduate School. Under the broad direction of the President and the Provost, the Dean provides general planning, guidance, review, and coordination for all of the University's endeavors in graduate education. The Dean appoints regular and associate members of the Graduate Faculty. The Dean recommends to the Provost on the following actions affecting faculty members who are or may be involved in research or graduate programs: initial appointments of associate professors and professors; promotions of assistant professors and associate professors; and granting of tenure. The Dean also recommends on budgets as these may affect graduate education and shall have the same authority and responsibilities as those of a dean of a college in the administration of educational units that might be transferred to or developed under the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School.

The Dean shall speak for the Graduate Faculty. In the event that the Dean believes it necessary to depart from the recommendations of the Graduate Faculty, the Dean shall communicate the Graduate Faculty's recommendation as well as the Dean's recommendation, stating the reasons for differing from the Graduate Faculty's opinion, and notify the Graduate Faculty of such action.

3. Deans of the Colleges

A dean is the chief administrative officer of a college and is responsible for the enforcement of these *Governing Regulations*, the *Administrative Regulations*, *University Senate Rules*, *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, and the rules of the college faculty. The dean is authorized to establish and enforce such policies and procedures as are attendant to the administrative management of the operations of the college.

The dean is the chair of the college faculty and an *ex officio* member of all college committees. The dean is charged with overseeing the educational work of the college and its efficient conduct and management in all matters not specifically charged elsewhere. The dean is responsible for the implementation of the curricula of the college, for ensuring through the faculty the quality of instruction given therein, for the assignment of duties to all personnel, and for the service provided by the faculty of the college, individually and as a whole. The dean shall review faculty performance evaluations submitted by the department chairs and shall be responsible for recommendations on salaries, salary changes, appointments, reappointments, terminal appointments, post-retirement appointments, promotions, and granting of tenure and decisions not to reappoint for members of the college or for ultimate action thereon when such authority has been delegated by the President or the Provost.

The dean shall submit the budget request for the college and administer the budget when it is approved. The President or Provost may delegate further administrative responsibilities to the dean. These responsibilities may vary from college to college.

In connection with the above administrative functions, the dean shall seek the advice of the faculty of the college: 1) individually, 2) as a whole, 3) through the elected college faculty council, or 4) through the faculty advisory committees. In addition to the roles and responsibilities described above, the dean of a college without departments shall have any other roles and responsibilities which are delegated to a department chair as set forth in Part VII.B.6. Staff employees shall be consulted, when appropriate, in the development of administrative policies and decisions that directly affect staff employees.

The dean shall speak for the college. In the event that the dean believes it necessary to depart from recommendations of the college faculty, the dean shall communicate the college faculty's recommendation as well as the dean's recommendation, stating reasons for differing from the college faculty's opinion, and notify the college faculty of such action.

#### 4. Directors of Schools

The director of a school serves as chair of the faculty of the school in the performance of its assigned functions and is an *ex officio* member of all committees of the school.

The director's administrative responsibilities shall be those delegated by the dean of the college of which the school is a part.

In connection with the above administrative functions, the director shall seek the advice of the faculty of the school: (1) individually, (2) as a whole, (3) through the elected school faculty council, or (4) through faculty advisory committees. In addition to the roles and responsibilities described above, the director of a school without departments shall have any other roles and responsibilities which are delegated to a department chair as set forth in Part VII.B.5. Staff employees shall be consulted by the school director (or

associate director), when appropriate, in the development of administrative policies and decisions that directly affect staff employees.

The director shall speak for the school. In the event that the director believes it necessary to depart from the recommendations of the school faculty, the director shall communicate the school faculty's recommendation as well as the director's recommendation, stating reasons for differing from the school faculty's opinion, and notify the school faculty of such action.

#### 5. Chairs of Departments

The department chair leads the department faculty in its development of policies on such matters as academic requirements, courses of study, class schedules, graduate and research programs, and service functions. The chair presides at all department meetings, except as the chair may delegate this function, and is an *ex officio* member of all department committees. The chair has administrative responsibility for implementing the department's policies and programs within the limits established by these *Governing Regulations*, the *Administrative Regulations*, *University Senate Rules*, *Rules of the Graduate Faculty*, the rules of the college, and the rules of any school of which it is a part.

The department chair is responsible for recommendations on the appointment of new faculty members of the department, promotions, reappointments, terminal appointments, post-retirement appointments, the granting of tenure, and decisions not to reappoint.

Procedures used in preparing recommendations shall be those established by the University, the college, and the department faculty. At a minimum, the procedures must include consultation with all tenured members of the department, with the directors of any multidisciplinary research centers, graduate centers or institutes with which the affected individuals are or will be associated, and with all full-time non-tenured faculty members (except for temporary faculty or those appointed in the research title series, clinical title series, or visiting series) with the actual or equivalent rank of assistant professor or higher who have been members of the department for two (2) years, except as noted below. Faculty members with appointments in the clinical title series, however, shall be consulted on a departmental or divisional basis as appropriate about appointment or promotion of individuals to academic ranks equal to or below their own in the clinical title series, but not be consulted on matters relating to appointment, retention, promotion, or tenure of faculty in the regular or special title series. All recommendations on matters listed above, excluding reappointments and post-retirement appointments, shall include the written judgment of each consulted member of the department and of each director of pertinent multidisciplinary research centers and institutes, along with the recommendation of the chair.

The following exceptions may be made: (1) faculty members on approved leave of absence or with a primary administrative, service, or other assignment outside the department may, but are not required to, provide written judgments on all

recommendations; (2) faculty members need not be consulted on recommendations for promotion affecting members with equivalent or higher rank, except that all faculty members with tenure shall be consulted on recommendations for granting of tenure; (3) faculty members without tenure need not be consulted on recommendations for granting of tenure; (4) the right to make recommendations on temporary appointments and/or appointments at the assistant professor level or below may be delegated, with these appointments to be reviewed by the tenured faculty of the department during the second semester of the first year of appointment; and (5) in a large and diverse department, upon prior recommendation by the department faculty and approval of the dean and the Provost, consultation with faculty members may be restricted to those associated with the concerned, previously-defined academic division or program area in the department.

The department chair is responsible for the periodic evaluation of department members by procedures and criteria established by the University, the college, and the department faculty.

The department chair submits the budget request for the department and administers the budget after its approval. The chair also is responsible for making recommendations on salaries, salary changes, and distribution of effort.

In connection with the above major administrative functions, the chair shall seek the advice of members of the department, individually or as a group, or of advisory committees that the chair may appoint. Staff employees shall be consulted, when appropriate, by the chair, in the development of administrative policies and on decisions that directly affect staff employees.

The chair shall speak for the department. In the event that the chair believes it necessary to depart from the opinion of the department faculty, the chair shall communicate the department faculty's opinion as well as the chair's recommendation, stating reasons for differing from the department faculty's opinion, and notify the department faculty of such action.

#### 6. Directors of Multidisciplinary Research Centers and Institutes

The administrative officer of a multidisciplinary research center or institute is a director, who also shall be a faculty member in a department, school, or college. The director of a multidisciplinary research center or institute is charged with the planning, implementation, coordination, and efficient management of the program and activities of the center or institute. The director shall have the same responsibilities as those of a department chair relative to faculty members and staff employees with assigned duties in the center or institute. The director shall provide recommendations and advice to appropriate educational unit administrators concerning space, financial, and other resources, as well as the identification of faculty members for assignment of duties in the center or institute. The director shall submit the core budget request for the center or institute and administer this budget after its approval. In addition, the director may have

other responsibilities delegated by the Executive Vice President for Research or other academic administrator to whom the center or institute is administratively responsible. In connection with the above major administrative functions, the director shall seek the advice of the faculty members of the center or institute, individually or as a group, or of advisory committees that may be appointed by the director of the center or institute or by the administrator to whom the center or institute is administratively responsible. The director shall speak for the center or institute and be an *ex officio* member of all of its committees and shall transmit the recommendations of the consulted faculty along with the director's recommendation, if these recommendations are different. Staff employees shall be consulted, when appropriate, by the director, in the development of administrative policies and on decisions that directly affect staff employees.

7. Director/Chair of Interdisciplinary Instructional Programs

The director/chair of an interdisciplinary instructional program shall be a member of one of the academic departments participating in the program.

The director/chair shall be responsible to the dean(s) of the college(s) in which the program is located and advise the dean(s) on personnel and other needs of the program in connection with budget planning. For these administrative purposes, the director/chair shall rely upon the advice of a committee drawn from faculty members participating in the courses composing the curriculum and shall transmit the recommendations of the consulted faculty along with the director/chair's recommendation, if these recommendations are different. Staff employees shall be consulted by the director/chair, when appropriate, in the development of administrative policies and on decisions that directly affect staff employees.