

# **UW REGULATION 1-1**

## **Organization of the University**

### **A. OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **1. DESIGNATION**

Officers of the University are: The President; Administrative Officers, to include the principal administrative officers of the University and the heads of their administrative subunits as set forth in section B of this regulation; and Academic Officers, to include Deans, Directors, Associate and Assistant Deans and Department and Division Heads, of the organized education units specified in section C of this regulation. Athletic coaches shall not be considered officers of the University but shall be contractual employees.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT**

The President of the University shall be appointed by the Trustees as provided in the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming. Nine affirmative votes of the Trustees shall be required for appointment. All other officers shall be appointed by the Trustees upon the recommendation of the President following consultation with the appropriate University officers and faculty. All appointments under this paragraph shall be on such terms with respect to salary, terms of employment and like matters as the Trustees may determine.

#### **3. REMOVAL**

Any person appointed to an office or position pursuant to this section may be removed by the Trustees whenever in their judgment the best interests of the University will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Likewise such removal shall be without prejudice to the rights, if any, of such person as a tenured member of the faculty.

### **B. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **1. PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Subject to control of the Trustees, the President of the University is the chief executive officer of the University and is vested with powers and duties as provided by laws of this State and the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming. In addition to such duties, the President shall enforce UW Regulations as adopted hereof, and the President is

hereby clothed with all authority requisite to these ends. Any authority or responsibility of the President may be delegated by him/her to any other member of academic personnel (faculty or academic professional) or staff of the University, but delegation of major areas of authority or responsibility shall have the prior consent of the Trustees.

In the event of the resignation, death or incapacity of the President, the Trustees may appoint an acting president who shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President during such time as the Trustees may direct. If no acting President has been appointed by the Trustees, the duties of the President shall be performed by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The President shall serve as the ordinary channel of communication between the Trustees and academic personnel and between the Trustees and all subordinate administrative officers and staff of the internal organization. This regulation shall not be interpreted to limit the right of communication between academic personnel or other officers of the University and the Trustees or to limit the manner in which the Trustees may gain information as to the work and operation of the University.

The President shall have as principal administrative officers a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, a Vice President for Student Affairs, a Vice President for Administration, a Vice President for Research and Economic Development, a Vice President for Institutional Advancement, a Vice President for Information Technology, a General Counsel, a Director for Governmental and Community Affairs and Special Assistant to the President. He also may have other assistants as are authorized from time to time and may also authorize the appointment of Associate Vice Presidents, or Associate Directors, for each of the principal administrative officers, who shall perform such duties as specified.

## **2. VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be responsible to the President for general administrative and coordination functions over the various instructional programs, on or off-campus, offered by the University. As the principal administrative officer for academic affairs, the Vice President shall maintain administrative supervision of the academic colleges, the University Studies Program, Graduate School, the Outreach School, including the University of Wyoming - Casper College Center, the Divisions of Military Science and Aerospace Studies, University Libraries, Honors Program/Summer High School Institute, International Programs, Wyoming GIScience Center, the Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning, the School of Environment and Natural Resources, the American Heritage Center and the Art Museum.

The Vice President shall initiate, organize, or direct such actions as are necessary and appropriate to assure that academic program needs and standards are established and implemented by appropriate units and officers of the University. The Vice President shall

consult with and advise the President with respect to the recommendations of the officers of the various academic units concerning organization, development of programs, academic personnel appointments, promotions, leaves of absence, and salaries, and shall conduct such special studies relating to curriculum, instruction, academic personnel and other matters as may be determined by the President.

Additional administrative units may be assigned to the Vice President by the President and the Vice President may be assisted by one or more Associate Vice Presidents, and such other assistants as are authorized from time to time.

### **3. VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION**

The Vice President for Administration shall be responsible to the President for the administration of all the business and financial affairs and the physical plant of the University, including institutional planning, preparation and administration of the University budget, development of long-term financing strategies to support implementation of the Capital Facilities Plan, and serves as the principal advisor to the President on the condition of the University budget. As the principal financial officer of the University, the Vice President for Administration shall perform such duties as are required by statute or by University regulations.

The Vice President for Administration shall execute such agreements, leases, and other instruments relating to the transfer of real property, as may be appropriate to the management, control, acquisition, or disposition of property of the University of Wyoming in accordance with programs and functions of the University authorized by regulations or other directions of the Trustees. The Vice President for Administration shall have administrative supervision over the following units: University Controller, Physical Plant, Human Resources, Campus Police, Service and Auxiliary Enterprises, Environmental Health and Safety Office, the Budget Office, Facilities Planning Office, the Office of Institutional Analysis, and such other units and personnel as may be designated by the President.

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Vice President for Administration shall serve as the Deputy Treasurer of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming, and shall exercise all duties and responsibilities incident to this position, to include the receipt, custody and recording of all monies or funds payable to the Trustees, the Treasurer, the University, or any of its colleges, divisions, or departments; and the disbursement or investment of such funds and monies as authorized by the Trustees, such disbursements to be upon vouchers authorized and approved by the Vice President for Administration or by other designee when authorized.

#### **4. GENERAL COUNSEL**

The General Counsel provides legal advice to the University, supervises the General Counsel's Office, and coordinates communications with the state's Attorney General. The General Counsel is responsible for administration of University regulations and procedures related to discrimination and employment practices and has administrative responsibility for the Diversity and Employment Practices Office.

#### **5. VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Vice President for Information Technology shall be responsible to the President for the general information technology functions of the University. As the chief information officer of the University, the Vice President shall manage the central elements of Information Technology, including administrative and academic computing, networking, telecommunications, computing laboratories and customer support services.

The Vice President shall advise the President and the University community on issues involving Information Technology; develop and manage computing standards, network architecture and security; determine information integration methodologies; work with internal and external constituents to support diverse technology needs and build consensus on information technology issues. The Vice President shall be an advocate for the development and use of technology in instruction, academic support and institutional support.

The Vice President shall evaluate and analyze beneficial emerging and advanced technologies and provide a stable, reliable technology infrastructure for the University.

#### **6. VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

The Vice President shall be responsible to the President for private fundraising and University relations with alumni and friends. His/her primary functions shall include seeking private financial support for the University, coordinating private development and fundraising activities, and communicating with the University of Wyoming Foundation. The Vice President shall also be responsible for organizing UW alumni participation in the life of the University through a variety of activities designed to promote alumni/friend support. He/she shall also undertake special projects that involve a variety of University units.

The Vice President shall maintain administrative supervision of the Office of Institutional Advancement.

The Vice President shall initiate, organize, or direct such actions as are necessary and appropriate to assure that development and alumni/friends relations are properly implemented and coordinated. He/she shall consult with and advise the President on all development and alumni/friends relations.

## **7. VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Vice President for Research and Economic Development shall be responsible to the President for the general administrative supervision and coordination of research programs conducted by units of the University, review and evaluation of proposed research and economic development programs, and continuing review of the status of existing contracts and grants to assure that they meet University objectives and comply with the terms and conditions of such contracts and grants.

The Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining an assessment of the available research capabilities of the University and shall interact with governmental agencies or other entities sponsoring or seeking research or investigatory studies.

The Vice President shall maintain general administrative supervision of Contracts and Grants Accounting, the Institute for Environment and Natural Resources, The Wyoming Small Business Development Center, the Mid-American Manufacturing Technology Center-Wyoming, the Small Business Innovation Research Initiative, the Research Products Center, the UW-National Park Service Research Center, the Office of Water Programs, EPSCoR and IDEA Projects, the Wyoming Natural Diversity Database and any such other units as may be designated by the President.

## **8. VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS**

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall be responsible to the President for the general administrative leadership and coordination of programs and services designed to support the learning and development of UW students so that they may be informed and engaged citizens and leaders in the communities of Wyoming, the nation, and the world.

In partnership with UW faculty, staff and students, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall orchestrate the enrollment management programs of the University to recruit and retain a student body of the size and diversity appropriate to the needs of the state, the demands of the world of work, and the resources of the institution. The Vice President shall develop and deliver services, programs and facilities that promote the intellectual, personal, cultural and civic development of students; coordinate efforts to create a caring community in which individuals are respected, encouraged to pursue excellence, and achieve their potential; and foster the celebration of diversity of individuals and cultures.

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall have administrative supervision of the following units: Admissions Office; Center for Advising and Career Services; Campus Recreation; Office of Student Life, which includes International Student Services and the Office of Multicultural Affairs; Office of the Registrar; Residence Life and Dining Services; Student Educational Opportunity, which includes University Disability Support Services; Student Financial Aid; Student Health Service; University Counseling Center,

which includes the AWARE program; Wyoming Union; and any other such units or responsibilities, such as that for the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) and the Associated Parents-University of Wyoming (APUW), as may be designated by the President. Each unit shall be headed by a director who shall be responsible for all matters relating to the administrative affairs of that unit.

## **9. DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics shall be responsible to the President for the conduct of the University's intercollegiate athletic program to include the staging of all intercollegiate athletic contests and for the enforcement of all applicable rules and regulations of associations governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics.

Athletic coaches shall not be considered officers of the University but shall be contractual employees. The President shall have the authority to appoint any athletic coach with a one-year contract and shall consult with the Executive Committee of the Trustees prior to appointing any coach with a multi-year contract.

## **10. DIRECTOR FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

The Director for Governmental and Community Affairs is responsible to the President for establishing and implementing the University's plans for relations with federal, state, and local government officials. The Director represents the University in its communications with elected officials at all levels, including all federal and state legislation. The Director provides advice, assistance, and information to the Trustees, the President, and other University units with respect to government relations.

The director has administrative responsibility for the Office of Institutional Communication and the Office of Institutional Marketing.

# **C. THE ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY**

## **1. ACADEMIC PERSONNEL**

The faculty consists of (a) all persons having professional ranks (professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor), (b) librarians of all ranks, and (c) archivists of all ranks. Persons having professorial ranks are either temporary or on the tenure track. Temporary faculty include clinical, visiting, temporary, and adjunct professors of all ranks. Tenure-track faculty include probationary and tenured faculty members. Persons having librarian or archivist ranks are either temporary or on the extended-term track. Extended-term-track librarians and archivists include individuals holding probationary or extended-term appointments.

Academic professionals include (a) lecturers of all ranks, except as noted below; (b) research scientists of all ranks; (c) extension educators of all ranks; and (d) postdoctoral associates. All postdoctoral associates are temporary employees. Academic professionals in the other categories may be temporary or on the extended-term track. The latter category includes academic professionals holding probationary or extended-term appointments.

Temporary, visiting, and adjunct faculty members and temporary academic professionals are non-voting academic personnel. Specific University regulations govern the voting rights of other academic personnel in such matters as reappointment, tenure, promotion, extended terms, representation in the Faculty Senate and its standing committees, and college- and university-level committees. Emeritus status reflects the Trustees' recognition for long and distinguished service by a retired faculty member or academic professional and carries no voting rights.

Current employees who have held the rank of lecturer since before the implementation of the academic professional category and who have not elected to convert to the academic professional category retain the title lecturer, along with the status formerly associated with that title. In particular, they retain faculty status, appointments subject to annual renewal, and any voting rights associated with the lecturer title before 1992.

The University Faculty, subject to approval by the President and the Trustees, shall formulate educational and academic policies for the University as a whole; shall promote the general welfare of the University, its students and the faculty; and shall establish bylaws for its organization pursuant to which it may adopt regulations in accordance with UW Regulation 1-101.

## **2. COLLEGES**

The University shall have the following colleges: Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering and Applied Science, Health Sciences, and Law.

Each college shall be headed by a dean who shall be responsible for all matters relating to the educational and administrative affairs of the college and who shall report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The dean shall preside at meetings of the college faculty, recommend the college budget in consultation with the heads of subunits within the college, transmit and recommend appointments and promotions with respect to academic personnel and staff of the college and exercise general administrative supervision over the educational programs and operations of the college.

The faculty of the college shall consist of the President of the University and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, ex officio without vote, the dean, and all members of the University faculty serving in the college.

The college faculty shall, subject to the authority of the President and the Trustees, have jurisdiction in all academic matters within the scope of the college, including the determination of curricula, the standards for admission to, continuation in, and graduation from the college, except as authority is otherwise limited by maintenance of general University educational policy and correct academic and administrative relations with other units of the University. Questions of autonomy and jurisdiction between a college faculty and the University faculty or between two college faculties shall be adjudicated by the President of the University, subject to appeal to the Trustees.

The college faculty, through the dean of the college, shall recommend candidates for diplomas and degrees in course to the President and the Trustees. Subject to the approval of the Trustees, each college may be organized into schools, departments, divisions or faculties under the general directions of an academic officer.

### **3. GRADUATE EDUCATION**

Graduate education at the University shall be the primary responsibility of the faculty, department head/chair and Deans of the academic colleges and interdisciplinary programs under the oversight of the Provost or designee. Policies pertaining to individual degrees and majors, graduate program admission and degree completion processes are outlined in the University Catalog. The Graduate Council, a standing committee of the Faculty Senate, shall be responsible to review proposals for new academic programs and make recommendations to the Provost, review policies for graduate education, provide an appellate body to review appeals of graduate students. The membership and charge of the Graduate Council is outlined in UW Regulation 6-702. Candidates for advanced degrees and diplomas shall be recommended to the President and the Trustees by the faculty of their respective academic through the college dean or interdisciplinary program director.

### **4. THE SCHOOL OF EXTENDED STUDIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

The School of Extended Studies and Public Service shall be headed by an Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs who shall be responsible for the recommendation of the School of Extended Studies and Public Service budget and for the administration of the programs and functions of the School. The Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs shall report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

### **5. THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

The University Library shall be headed by a Director who shall be responsible for the provision of library service, and for the recommendation of the Library budget. The Director shall report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Librarians at the University shall be appointed by the Trustees. Recommendations for such appointment shall be initiated by the Director of Libraries, and shall be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs who shall add his/her recommendations to the President of the University



for recommendation to the Trustees. The designation "Librarian" shall be an academic title, signifying faculty status, and shall apply only to those qualified to provide professional library services in support of the University's instructional, research and public service functions, including the following:

1. Selection and development of library collections and other informational resources;
2. Bibliographical control of collections and their organization for use;
3. Reference, bibliographic instruction and advisory services;
4. Development and application of specialized information systems;
5. Library administration and management; and,
6. Research where necessary or desirable in relation to the foregoing.

The Librarians shall be subject to a peer review, ranking, promotion and extended-term appointment system more specifically set forth in UW Regulations. Recruiting, appointments and salaries will be administered by the Director of Libraries, through the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The principles of academic freedom as defined in these Regulations shall apply to Librarians.

## **6. COMPUTER SERVICES**

Computer Services shall be headed by the Vice President for Information Technology who shall be responsible for the provision of computer services for the academic programs and administrative services of the University and for the recommendation of the Computer Services budget. The Vice President for Information Technology shall report to the President.

## **7. THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING/CASPER COLLEGE CENTER**

The University of Wyoming/Casper College Center shall be headed by a Dean who shall be responsible for the administration of the programs and functions of the University of Wyoming/Casper College Center. The Dean shall report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

## **8. DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

The Division of Student Affairs shall provide such services and programs as students need to assist them with their educational experience and to develop as individuals. The Division shall be headed by a Vice President for Student Affairs, who shall report to the President. The Division of Student Affairs shall consist of the following units: Admission Office,

Career Services Center, Center for Academic Advising, Housing and Residence Life, International Student Services, Office of Student Life, Recreation and Wellness, Registration and Records, Student Educational Opportunity, Student Financial Aid, Student Health Services, University Counseling Center, the Wyoming Union. Each unit shall be headed by a director who shall be responsible for all matters relating to the administrative affairs of that unit.

## **9. DIVISIONS OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND AEROSPACE STUDIES**

The Divisions of Military Science and Aerospace Studies shall offer such programs in the Reserve Officer Training Corps as may be authorized by the Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense through the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force, respectively, and as approved by the Trustees. The Divisions shall be headed by a Professor of Military Science and a Professor of Aerospace Studies, respectively, who shall report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The professors shall be nominated by the appropriate Armed Forces and appointed by the Trustees upon recommendation of the President of the University.

## **D. HONORARY DEGREES**

Nominees for honorary degrees may be submitted by members or former members of the Trustees, members of the faculty, and alumni. All recommendations shall be submitted in writing to the President of the University by a designated date each year. The President shall refer all nominations to a joint committee consisting of not more than four members of the Trustees appointed annually by the President of the Trustees, three members of the appropriate faculty committee chosen annually by that committee, and the President of the University who shall preside as chairperson without vote.

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