

3359-2-02 Organization of instruction.

(A) University organization.

(1) The university of Akron is a state university operating under the laws of the state of Ohio. It comprises the following colleges and schools of instruction:

- (a) University college.
- (b) Summit college.
- (c) Buchtel college of arts and sciences.
- (d) College of engineering.
- (e) College of education.
- (f) College of business administration.
- (g) College of fine and applied arts.
- (h) College of nursing.
- (i) School of law.
- (j) College of polymer science and polymer engineering.
- (k) Graduate school.
- (l) Wayne college.
- (m) Honors college.

(2) Additional colleges, schools, or departments may be established, altered, or abolished by the board upon recommendation of the president.

(B) University faculty, contract professionals.

(1) The university faculty shall consist of the president of the

university, who shall be its presiding officer, the vice presidents, the deans, all persons giving instruction for college credit in the university, librarians, and such members of the administrative staff and contract professionals as may be appointed thereto by the board upon recommendation of the president. Voting power within the academic units shall be defined by the rules and bylaws of those units except when defined by university wide rules and bylaws.

- (2) Contract professionals, designated as either instructional professional staff, or administrative professional staff, are full-time professional personnel of the university to whom the board, on recommendation of the administration, grants recognition and benefits.

(C) College faculties.

- (1) Each degree-granting college shall be governed, subject to the rules of the board and the faculty senate, by a faculty consisting of the president of the university, the senior vice president and provost and chief operating officer, its dean, and its full-time distinguished professors, professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors, and college lecturers.
- (2) The functions of the faculty of a college shall be to prepare and recommend to the faculty senate curricula and courses for the college, changes in departmental or school organization, requirements for admission to and graduation from the college, and candidates for degrees and certificates. The faculty shall encourage the improvement of teaching and scholarship. The faculty shall meet at stated times or upon the call of the president or dean.
- (3) Colleges may from time to time retain auxiliary faculty as part-time faculty members with the rank of assistant lecturer, associate lecturer, senior lecturer, or special lecturer. Further, they may also retain auxiliary faculty with the titles of adjunct faculty or visiting faculty.

(D) Graduate faculty.

- (1) The graduate faculty shall consist of the president of the university, the senior vice president and provost and chief operating officer, the vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, and the assistant/associate dean of the graduate school, deans of colleges offering graduate programs, the chairs of departments or schools offering graduate programs, distinguished professors, and other faculty members holding graduate faculty status as determined according to the bylaws of the graduate faculty.
 - (2) The graduate faculty shall meet at regular or special meetings on call of the president or vice president for research and dean of the graduate school or on petition of at least ten members.
 - (3) The graduate faculty shall encourage and contribute to the advancement of knowledge through instruction and research of highest quality, and foster a spirit of inquiry and a high value on scholarship throughout the university. Among its duties are to: develop curricula leading to appropriate graduate degrees; participate in research, publication, and professional societies; recruit, encourage, and supervise superior students in their graduate education; conduct graduate classes and seminars that stimulate creativity, independent thought, and scholarly attitudes and performance; serve on supporting committees, as needed; supervise student research, and direct theses and dissertations; help develop a graduate library appropriate to a sound graduate program; elect the members of the graduate council (the executive committee of the graduate faculty), and if elected to the council serve in the best interests of the graduate faculty and the graduate school; advise in the selection of the dean of the graduate school.
- (E) Departmental staff (school staff, where appropriate, in the college of fine and applied arts and business administration).

The departmental staff is composed of all faculty members teaching subjects of instruction allocated to the department. The chair of the department who is appointed by the board upon recommendation of the dean of the college, senior vice president and provost and chief operating officer, and president, and holds office at the discretion of the president, shall be the administrative head of the department. The functions of the departmental staff shall be to prepare and recommend to the college or school curricula for the department, any changes in the curricula or

courses, requirements for admission, and standards of academic achievement for graduation from the college or school; to prepare an annual strategic planning update; and to encourage the improvement of teaching and scholarship within the department or school in accordance with the rules of the board of trustees.

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