

PART III

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

The President is the chief executive officer of the University and has full authority and responsibility over the administration of the academic, administrative and financial operations of the University. It is the duty of the President to make recommendations relating to the general policies of the institution and to the maintenance of coordination among its several functions. It is also the President's duty, directly or through the various University officers, to supervise and administer all phases of the University's operations, both business and academic, including all departments, divisions, and colleges, and to perform all other administrative functions, whether expressly enumerated herein or not, necessary or appropriate for the effective operation of the University.

The President is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget for approval by the Board of Trustees and for the administration of the annual budget after approval by the Board of Trustees. In the administration of the annual budget, the President shall exercise authority delegated by the Board of Trustees for the transfer of funds within major fund groups, provided that all such transfers of funds shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

The President may delegate any of the President's assigned authorities or responsibilities to any faculty member or staff employee of the University. The President shall, however, have the prior consent of the Board of Trustees before delegating major areas of authority or responsibility.

All administrative officers, including but not limited to the Provost, vice presidents, deans, directors and other subordinate officers, shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the President.

Subject to the regulations of the Board of Trustees, the President officially speaks for the University before all international, federal, state, and local government offices, boards, and agencies and is the non-voting representative of the University on the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The President is Chair of the University Senate and an *ex officio* member of the Staff Senate and of the various college faculties. The President may call meetings of the University Senate, the Staff Senate, the University Assembly, or any college faculty. The President may be asked to address a meeting of the University Senate, the Staff Senate, or a college faculty.

The President is responsible for fostering and promoting instruction, research, and service as the primary functions of the University. In this connection the President may make policy recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the University Senate, which are recognized as

the primary educational policy-forming agencies of the University. The President must, of necessity, in the day-to-day direction of University affairs, interpret existing policies and, when necessary, establish new policy with respect to academic, administrative and financial matters. While responsible for the enforcement of the *Governing Regulations* of the Board of Trustees and the *University Senate Rules*, the President also shall provide for the application of these rules and regulations to individual cases. Under extraordinary circumstances, and with written justification to the University Senate through the University Senate Council, the President may suspend a rule of the University Senate in a particular case; however, under no circumstance may the President suspend rules concerning admission and the number of credits and quality points required for graduation.

The President shall serve as the official medium of communication between the Board of Trustees, on the one hand, and the University Senate, administrative officers, individual members of the faculty and staff employees, student organizations, and students on the other hand. In this connection it shall be the President's responsibility to transmit to the Board of Trustees all formal communications from the University Senate, the Staff Senate and the Student Government Association along with the viewpoints of the body submitting a communication, including any minority opinions, and the President's own recommendations for action.

The President may utilize subordinate administrative officers as appropriate. The President may appoint, or have appointed, temporary or standing advisory or administrative committees and, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may establish academic and/or administrative councils.

The Board of Trustees delegates to the President the responsibility for the development and enforcement of regulations for the control of motor vehicle traffic and parking on University property. University property is defined as all real property owned or occupied and exclusively operated by the University.

In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President or disability of the President, the Provost shall exercise the functions of the President in the absence of the appointment of an interim President by the Board of Trustees. If the Board of Trustees finds it desirable to appoint an interim President, it shall seek advice from a committee composed of representatives of Board of Trustees members, faculty members, staff employees, and students.