

UW Colleges Constitution

Chapter 1 – UW Colleges Organization

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1.00 The Chancellor

The chancellor shall be the executive head of the UW Colleges and shall be vested with the responsibility of administering board policies under the coordinating direction of the president of the University of Wisconsin System and be accountable and report to the president and the board on the operation and administration of the UW Colleges.

Subject to board policies, the chancellor, in consultation with the faculty, shall be responsible for designing curricula and setting program and degree requirements; determining academic standards and establishing grading systems; defining and administering institutional standards for faculty peer evaluation and screening candidates for appointment, renewal, promotion, and tenure; establishing and effecting any changes in grievance procedures; recommending individual merit increases; administering associated auxiliary enterprises; and administering all funds, from whatever source, allocated or generated in the UW Colleges and its campuses.

The chancellor shall appoint search and screen committees for campus deans after consultation with the steering committees of the Senate and the affected center(s), and with other appropriate bodies.

1.01 Absence of the Chancellor

In those instances when the chancellor is unable to perform his/her duties and responsibilities, except as the chancellor designates otherwise, such duties and responsibilities shall be performed by the Provost.

1.02 Campus Executive Officer and Dean

The campus dean is the administrative and executive head of the campus. This officer is appointed by the board with the advice of the chancellor. Each campus dean serves at the pleasure of the board with periodic review of performance by the chancellor in consultation with the campus collegium. The campus dean shall be responsible to the chancellor for effective administration and implementation of the academic and fiscal program of the campus and for those responsibilities the chancellor delegates to the campus dean. Campus deans are responsible for recommending to the chancellor appointment, renewal, tenure or rolling horizon, and promotion of faculty and academic staff with the positive recommendation of the appropriate department and campus committees and consistent with the personnel rules established by the board.

1.03 Faculty

“Faculty” means persons who hold the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor in the UW Colleges. The faculty of the UW Colleges shall have the right to determine their own organizational structure and to select representatives to participate in UW Colleges governance.

1.04 Academic Staff

"Academic Staff" means professional and administrative personnel other than faculty and university staff. The academic staff of the UW Colleges shall have the right to determine their own organizational structure and to select representatives to participate in UW Colleges governance. For governance purposes, lecturers with 40% to 49.999% appointments will be considered half time.

1.05 University Staff

“University staff” are members of the University workforce, other than faculty and academic staff, who contribute in a broad array of positions in support of the University’s mission. The university staff of the UW Colleges shall have the right to determine their own organizational structure and to select representatives to participate in UW Colleges governance.

1.06 Students

The students of the UW Colleges, subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president, the chancellor, and the faculty, shall be active participants in the immediate governance of and policy development for the UW Colleges, with particular emphasis on matters relating to student life and interest. Students, in consultation with the chancellor or his/her designee and subject to the final confirmation of the board, shall have the responsibility for the disposition of those student fees which support campus student activities. The students of the UW Colleges shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in campus and UW Colleges governance.