

## 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, business, and fiscal 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 biennial budget request and the annual budget for approval by the Board of Trustees and for the administration of the annual budget after approval by the Board. In the administration of the annual budget, the President shall exercise authority delegated by the Board for the transfer of funds within major fund groups, provided that all such transfers of funds shall be reported to the Board.

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

The Provost, vice presidents, deans, directors, and all other subordinate administrative 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 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 chairperson of the University Senate and an ex officio member of the various college faculties and may call meetings of the University Senate, the University Assembly, and any 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-by-day direction of University affairs, interpret existing policies and, in

some degree, establish new policy with respect to both educational and business and financial matters. Such policy determination shall be within the scope of the President's authority.

While responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees and the University Senate, 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 Senate through the 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, student organizations, and students on the other hand. In this connection it shall be the President's responsibility to transmit to the Board all formal communications from the University 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.

Incident to the administration of the University, 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.

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 finds it desirable to appoint an Interim President, it shall seek advice from a joint Board-Faculty committee if such has been constituted to recommend the appointment of a President or, if the committee has not been constituted, from the University Senate Council.