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A graduate center is an interdisciplinary educational unit that delivers graduate education degree programs, is equivalent to a department, and is located administratively in the Graduate School unless the administrative responsibility specifically has been delegated otherwise.

A multidisciplinary research center or institute is an educational unit established to provide multidisciplinary programs, which are primarily research in nature. Such an educational unit is administratively responsible to the Executive Vice President for Research unless the administrative responsibility specifically has been delegated otherwise.

The chief administrative officer of a major educational unit is a dean. The chief administrative officer of a graduate center, school or multidisciplinary research center or institute is a director. The chief administrative officer of a department or an interdisciplinary instructional program is a chair.

2. Academic Ranks

Academic ranks in the University consist of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or the equivalent to these recognized in the librarian title series of librarian IV, librarian III, librarian II and librarian I, respectively.

The President establishes academic title series, the ranks within each series, and a description of the qualifications for each after consultation with appropriate administrative and faculty groups, including the University Senate Council. Emeritus ranks for retired faculty members and the rights of holders of emeritus titles are established by the President after consultation with the University Senate Council.

The establishment of new academic title series or ranks and major changes in criteria for ranks shall have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

3. The Graduate Faculty

(a) Membership

The membership of the Graduate Faculty shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate School, associate and/or assistant deans of the Graduate School, and regular faculty and associate faculty members.

Graduate Faculty members must possess the following qualifications:

A doctoral degree or its equivalent in scholarly reputation;

The rank of assistant professor (or equivalent) or higher;