The department chair is responsible for recommendations on the appointment of new faculty members of the department, promotions, reappointments, terminal appointments, post-retirement appointments, the granting of tenure, and decisions not to reappoint.

Procedures used in preparing recommendations shall be those established by the University, the college, and the department faculty. At a minimum, the procedures must include consultation with all tenured members of the department, with the directors of any multidisciplinary research centers, graduate centers or institutes with which the affected individuals are or will be associated, and with all full-time non-tenured faculty members (except for temporary faculty or those appointed in the research title series, clinical title series, or visiting series) with the actual or equivalent rank of assistant professor or higher who have been members of the department for two (2) years, except as noted below. Faculty members with appointments in the clinical title series, however, shall be consulted on a departmental or divisional basis as appropriate about appointment or promotion of individuals to academic ranks equal to or below their own in the clinical title series, but not be consulted on matters relating to appointment, retention, promotion, or tenure of faculty in the regular or special title series. All recommendations on matters listed above, excluding reappointments and post-retirement appointments, shall include the written judgment of each consulted member of the department and of each director of pertinent multidisciplinary research centers and institutes, along with the recommendation of the chair.

The following exceptions may be made: (1) faculty members on approved leave of absence or with a primary administrative, service, or other assignment outside the department may, but are not required to, provide written judgments on all recommendations; (2) faculty members need not be consulted on recommendations for promotion affecting members with equivalent or higher rank, except that all faculty members with tenure shall be consulted on recommendations for granting of tenure; (3) faculty members without tenure need not be consulted on recommendations for granting of tenure; (4) the right to make recommendations on temporary appointments and/or appointments at the assistant professor level or below may be delegated, with these appointments to be reviewed by the tenured faculty of the department during the second semester of the first year of appointment; and (5) in a large and diverse department, upon prior recommendation by the department faculty and approval of the dean and the Provost, consultation with faculty members may be restricted to those associated with the concerned, previously-defined academic division or program area in the department.

The department chair is responsible for the periodic evaluation of department members by procedures and criteria established by the University, the college, and the department faculty.

The department chair submits the budget request for the department and administers the budget after its approval. The chair also is responsible for making recommendations on salaries, salary changes, and distribution of effort.

In connection with the above major administrative functions, the chair shall seek the advice of members of the department, individually or as a group, or of advisory committees that the chair may appoint. Staff employees shall be consulted, when appropriate, by the chair, in the development of administrative policies and on decisions that directly affect staff employees.

