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BOARDS WHICH GOVERN HIGHER EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA

The organization of higher education is described in Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana. Section 5 creates the Louisiana Board of Regents and prescribes that it shall plan, coordinate and have budgetary responsibility for all of public higher education. Section 6 creates the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and vests within it powers of management over eight (8) state colleges and universities, one of which is the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

The Louisiana State University System and the Southern University System have separate management boards which are also responsible to the Board of Regents.

The Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides the state legislature with ample powers to assign authority and responsibility to the boards which govern UL Lafayette.

ORGANIZATION OF UL LAFAYETTE

The University administration consists of six major areas. These are: Academic Affairs, Research and Graduate Studies, Information Technology, Business Affairs, Student Affairs, and University Advancement. Organization charts at the end of this section show the relationship within and among these units (pp. II-7 through II-13).

The University Council

The University Council is composed of the President, Vice Presidents and others who represent areas of Vice Presidential responsibility. The chairman of the University Council is the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The President

The President is responsible for the execution of the administrative and educational policies of the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors. He is the chief executive officer of the University.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs

The office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs functions as a line position and as a staff position. As a line officer the Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible to the President and has authority over the several colleges, the Office of Academic Planning and Faculty Development, the Office of Enrollment Management, the Honors Program, University College, Special Services, and the University Art Museum.

Functioning as a staff officer, the Vice President for Academic Affairs is chairperson of the University Council and is the ranking administrator in the absence of the President.

The Vice President for Information Technology

The Vice President for Information Technology is responsible to the President for the technology related service areas of the University. This includes supervision for the following areas: University Libraries, University Computing Support Services, Information Networks, University Media and Printing Services, the Office of Information Systems, Institutional Research, Continuing Education, Electron Microscopy Center, Marine Survival Training Center, and KRVS Radio Station. This office serves as the Affirmative Action and Americans with Disabilities coordinator.

The Vice President for Business and Finance

The Vice President for Business and Finance is responsible to the President and has authority over the areas of budgeting, accounting and financial reporting, investments, auditing, cashiering, personnel, purchasing, farm operations, postal service and financial aspects of auxiliary enterprises such as the dormitories, the student union, married housing, vending operations, food services, and physical plant.

The Vice President for University Advancement

The Vice President for University Advancement is responsible to the President for support services not directly related to academic affairs, administrative affairs, business affairs, student affairs or research. This officer has authority over public relations, fund raising, publications, media relations, legislative relations and alumni programming.

The Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

The Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies is responsible to the President for the general areas of externally funded grants and contracts, graduate education, specialized research centers, relations with federal, state, and local agencies, technology transfer, and economic development. The Vice President oversees the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the Graduate School, the University Research Park, the New Iberia Research Center, the Center for Business and Information Technologies, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana, the Procurement Technical Assistance Center, the Louisiana Accelerator Center, the NASA Regional Applications Center, the Energy Institute, the Center for Ecology and Environmental Technology, and the Governor's Information Technology Initiative. He and his staff work closely with the deans and faculties of the academic colleges to support research, graduate programs, and outreach activities.

The Vice President for Student Affairs

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible to the President for coordination of various non-academic departments which relate directly to the well being of students enrolled at the University. This officer has authority in the following areas: Cajun card, career services, child development center, counseling and testing, dining services, Greek affairs, health services, housing, international students, intramurals, parking and transit, physical plant, UL Lafayette Student Union, and University Police.

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Deans and Directors of Administrative Units

The deans of the eight (8) undergraduate colleges, the Director of the Honors Program, the Director of Academic Planning and Faculty Development, and the Dean of Enrollment Management are responsible to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for the leadership and administration of academic programs within their area.

Directors of Schools, Department Heads and Coordinators

These officers are responsible to the deans of their respective colleges for the academic, personnel, financial and material needs of their academic units. They must function as a two-way communication channel, carrying their views and the views of the faculty convincingly to the administration and leading their faculty to understand and embrace the administration's institutional goals and procedures.

Departmental Governance

The directors of schools or department heads are the chief administrative officers of the schools or departments and should also be the leaders of their faculty. Administrative decisions at the school or departmental level are the responsibility of these officials; however, advice from other members of the department is essential in the formation of decisions. Matters directly concerning curricula and/or course descriptions and content should generally be decided in favor of recommendations of appropriate committees.

Administrative officers are urged to call frequent faculty meetings so that all members may be kept informed and may participate in the formulation of decisions.

Chain of Authority

The line of administrative authority is from the department head (to Director of the School, where appropriate), to the Dean of the College, to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and, finally, to the President. This sequence of official review should be respected in all cases of disagreement. Only when a resolution of differences proves impossible at any given level should the matter be taken to the next higher authority.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS

Organizational charts are fluid working documents. When efficiency can be improved by change in organization, change usually occurs. These charts are accurate as of the date listed under the section title. Organizational charts follow on pages II-7 through II-13.