

CHAPTER THREE

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

A. *Academic Units*

The principal academic units of the University are its Colleges. A College is an administrative unit of the University consisting of the Dean, the faculty and the students registered therein. The following Colleges are now established:

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business
College of ~~Graduate and Professional Studies~~ [Nursing and Health](#)
College of Music and Fine Arts
College of Law
University Library

Hereafter, the word College will be used in reference to the Colleges.

B. *Deans*

The principal administrator of a College is a Dean. The Dean exerts leadership in the pursuit of the objectives of the College and collaborates where appropriate with the faculty of the College and with student representatives.

The Dean of the College is appointed by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs after consultation with the faculty of the College. The approval of the President is needed for all decanal appointments. Each College shall have by-laws or procedures for identifying and nominating qualified persons for this office; the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall follow these procedures. Specifically, the Dean shall make recommendations and have responsibility for all matters of faculty status for faculty in the College, shall make faculty teaching assignments,¹ shall make determinations concerning the academic status of students, shall prepare the budget for the College and shall represent the College in consultations with administrators of the University.

¹ The definition of the term “teaching assignments” is given at Chapter VII, Section D of this handbook.

Within the framework of University policies and procedures the Dean has a primary responsibility, for the administration, well-being and development of the College, its faculty, courses of study and diverse activity. The Dean is responsible for the interpretation and implementation of the academic regulations of the College. The Dean of the College may be assisted in the duties of his office by Associate and Assistant Deans of colleges, appointed by the Dean, with the approval of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; they perform such duties and exercise such authority as may be delegated to them by the Dean.

C. College Administrative Structure

The specific organization and regulation for each College faculty and each department are determined by the by-laws of the respective College or Department as approved by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.