

3359-2-02 Organization of instruction.

(A) University organization.

(1) The university of Akron is a state university operating under the laws of the state of Ohio. It comprises the following degree granting colleges and schools of instruction:

(a) Buchtel college of arts and sciences.

(b) College of engineering and polymer science.

~~(c) (c) "The LeBron James Family Foundation School of Education."~~

~~(d) (c) College of business.~~

~~(e) (d) School of law.~~

~~(f) (f) Graduate school.~~

~~(g) (g) "The Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honors College."~~

~~(h) (e) College of health and human sciences.~~

(2) ~~Additional colleges, Colleges and~~ schools, or departments. From time to time, temporary units of instruction may be created, altered, or abolished by the board upon recommendation of the president. The operations of such units and employment of persons employed in such units shall be temporary, with primary funding therefore provided by the university, including without limitation the salaries and benefits of such persons, the costs of equipment, services and supplies, and other expenses. In addition to funding from external sources, the university may provide, with "in-kind" support in the form of space and other resources, the funding recommended by the president and approved by the board.

Such units and employees shall be subject to all applicable university rules and all university rules as set forth in 3359 of the Revised Code in the same manner as regular university units and employees. The university shall apply applicable provisions of Ohio's ethics laws affecting such units and employees.

Subject to the prior approval of the president, the university may engage volunteers or others in activities on behalf of the university in Akron. In addition to the volunteer protection provided in 2305.381, 5502.30, 2305.234, 2305.23, and 2305.24 of the Revised Code, the university may also provide insurance coverage against liability that is claimed to have arisen from acts or omissions of such persons.

employment or official responsibilities or while engaged in activities at the request or direction, or for the benefit of the university of Akron or said unit.

(B) University faculty, ~~contract professionals~~.

(1) The university faculty shall consist of the president of the university, who shall be its presiding officer, the vice presidents, the deans, all persons giving instruction for college credit in the university, librarians, and such members of the administrative staff ~~and contract professionals~~ as may be appointed thereto by the board or the board's designee(s) upon recommendation of the president. Voting power within the academic units shall be defined by the rules and bylaws of those units except when defined by university-wide rules and bylaws.

~~(2) (2) Contract professionals, designated as either instructional professional staff, or administrative professional staff, are full-time professional personnel of the university to whom the board, on recommendation of the administration, grants recognition and benefits.~~

(C) College faculties.

(1) Each degree-granting college shall be governed, subject to the rules of the board and the facul

- (2) The graduate faculty shall meet at regular or special meetings on call of the president or vice president for research and dean of the graduate school ~~or on petition of at least ten members.~~
- (3) The graduate faculty shall encourage and contribute to the advancement of knowledge through instruction and research of highest quality, and foster a spirit of inquiry and a high value on scholarship throughout the university. Among its duties are to: develop curricula leading to appropriate graduate degrees; participate in research, publication, and professional societies; recruit, encourage, and supervise superior students in their graduate education; conduct graduate classes and seminars that stimulate creativity, independent thought, and scholarly attitudes and performance; serve on supporting committees, as needed; supervise student research, and direct theses and dissertations; provide advice to the dean of libraries regarding graduate program needs; ~~help develop a graduate library appropriate to a sound graduate program; elect the~~ appoint members of the graduate council (the executive committee of the graduate faculty), and if ~~elected~~ appointed to the council serve in the best interests of the graduate faculty and the graduate school; advise in the selection of the dean of the graduate school.

(E) Departmental\school staff.

The departmental\school staff is composed of all faculty members teaching subjects of instruction allocated to the department\school. The chair/director of the department\school who is appointed by the board or the board's designee(s) upon recommendation of the dean of the college, executive vice president and provost, and president, and holds office at the discretion of the president, shall be the administrative head of the department\school. The functions of the departmental\school staff shall be to prepare and recommend to the college or department\school curricula for the department\school, any changes in the curricula or courses, requirements for admission, and standards of academic achievement for graduation from the college or department\school; to prepare an annual strategic planning update; and to encourage the improvement of teaching and scholarship within the department\school in accordance with the rules of the board of trustees.

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