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disciplinary educational needs, and other emerging problems and issues. Organizational entities of this type are encouraged in order to serve important University goals. Such entities are considered “Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service,” a generic designation which applies not only to “centers” but also to all such entities such as those characterized as “bureaus,” “institutes,” or designations other than colleges or schools.

“Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service” require approval by the Board of Regents as stated in section 2.11 of the *Bylaws* of the Board of Regents if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Interdisciplinary breadth encompassing commitment of funding and faculty time from more than one department.
- b. An identifiable budget.

A proposal for approval should include a detailed description of the multi-departmental center function, justification, relevance to the University’s strategic plans, participating departments and faculty, administration, funding, formal name, and evidence that the multi-departmental center will more effectively achieve stated academic objectives than traditional departmental, school, or college structures.

The President will conduct periodic reviews of all “Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service,” on a timetable appropriate to the nature of the center but not less frequently than every seven years, and report the results of periodic reviews to the Board of Regents.

**History:** Amended, 74 BRUN 18 (25 May 2016)  
Amended, 66 BRUN 2 (20 Jan. 2006)

- 2.12 **Provision for Faculty Government.** The faculties of each major administrative unit shall establish a governing agency for dealing with matters of interest to more than one college. Such agencies shall be democratic in structure and operation and shall determine rules concerning membership. They shall conduct business in open session, and minutes of meetings shall be public information. By no less than a majority vote of those present, an executive session may be authorized. An agency may include student participation under conditions and circumstances approved by the agency. All rules and regulations of such agency shall be adopted in accordance with Section 1.2 of these *Bylaws*.

**History:** Amended by the Corporation Secretary pursuant to the authority of Sec. 1.12 (b) of these *Bylaws* (27 April 2012)

- 2.12.1 **Responsibilities of Faculty Governing Agencies.** Each agency shall have the following general responsibilities:

- (a) Adopt its rules of procedure, in accordance with Section 1.2 of these *Bylaws*;
- (b) Act as the official voice of the faculty of which it is composed;
- (c) Act on academic matters that affect more than one college;
- (d) Advise and consult with student, staff, and administrative groups on matters of general concern, which include, but are not necessarily limited to, the budget, institutional planning, library and computer operation, student academic conduct in the classroom, and the selection of academic-administrative personnel;

- (e) Consider business specifically delegated to it by the Chancellor;
- (f) Recommend candidates for honorary degrees; and
- (g) Provide for the protection of academic freedom by adopting rules and regulations for consideration by the Board as provided in Paragraph 1.2 of these *Bylaws*:

- (1) Establish a code of academic rights and responsibilities, provided that such code shall not conflict with Chapter IV of these *Bylaws*;

- (2) Establish suggested penalties and sanctions for failure to adhere to the standards contained in such code; and

- (3) Establish a governmental structure and a system of procedure for handling alleged failure to adhere to the standards contained in such code, provided that nothing shall conflict with anything contained in these *Bylaws*.

**History:** Amended by the Corporation Secretary pursuant to the authority of Sec. 1.12 (b) of these *Bylaws* (10 June 2013)

**2.12.2 Appeal to the Board.** In matters of policy regarding academic freedom and faculty status, after exhausting normal administrative channels, the faculty governing agency of each major administrative unit by majority vote of the members of that faculty governing agency may appeal directly to the Board.

**2.13 Provision for Student Government.** The students of each major administrative unit may create democratic student governing agencies at the campus, college, school, department, or living unit level. One of said agencies of each major administrative unit shall be designated by a majority vote of the students voting as the official representative of the student body. Each administrative unit will develop its own criteria for student representation. The Constitution and *Bylaws* of all student governing agencies at the campus level shall be subject to approval by the cognizant Chancellor in compliance with § 1.2 of these *Bylaws* and shall become a part of the Rules of the Board. Following approval by the Chancellor, a report of any amendments to the student governing agency's Constitution and *Bylaws* shall be made to the Board at the next meeting of the Board. The representative student agencies shall have the opportunity to exercise the following privileges, if they so desire:

- (a) Select student representatives at their particular level of governance;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Board concerning the budgeting of all funds collected through fees designated for the use of student organizations;
- (c) Serve on those committees that directly affect the nonacademic aspects of student life; and
- (d) Participate in other appropriate committees.

**2.14 Student and Faculty Government.** Subject to approval of the Board, a major administrative unit may combine the student and faculty government into a single agency.

**2.15 Ombudsperson.** The Chancellor of each major administrative unit is authorized to appoint an Ombudsperson. Each Chancellor shall adopt procedures governing the selection of the Ombudsperson, which