3335-3 Administrative Titles, Deans and Chairs

WHEREAS the administrative titles in chapter 3335-3 were last revised in 2022, and the university has since created, renamed, and reorganized senior administrative positions, so that the titles in the rule no longer match the titles in use; and

WHEREAS the Office of Academic Affairs has established the position of senior vice provost, which did not exist when the chapter was last revised and appears nowhere in the current rules; and

WHEREAS some vice provosts now report to a senior vice provost and not directly to the executive vice president and provost, a reporting line the current rule does not permit; this revision provides for reporting to the provost “or their designee”; and

WHEREAS the title “Executive Vice President and Chancellor” is no longer in use and is replaced by “Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wexner Medical Center”; and

WHEREAS the title “senior vice president and director of athletics” is updated to “senior vice president and athletics director,” with no change to the duties or to the athletic council's role; and

WHEREAS the Senior Vice President and General Counsel, a position that exists in practice and in the Board of Trustees bylaws, has not previously been described in the Faculty Rules; and

WHEREAS the current chapter lists the senior vice presidents out of sequence and carries separate, overlapping rules for vice provosts; this revision groups like positions together and renumbers the chapter accordingly; and

WHEREAS the current language on dean appointments provides inconsistent information on the appointing authority for deans, and;

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees bylaws name the provost as chief academic officer, with the colleges reporting to that office, and the rules now consistently name the provost, in consultation with the president, as the nominating authority for deans; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Rules have long recognized that chairs and directors perform a dual function, and this revision extends that to deans of colleges, regional deans and directors, and the dean of libraries, each of whom “shall be an advocate for the interests” of their faculty; and

WHEREAS the “substantial weight” standard for faculty recommendations applied to deans and chairs but not to regional deans or the dean of libraries; this revision applies one standard; and

WHEREAS including an elected faculty governance representative on any dean search committee promotes representative faculty voice; and

WHEREAS the university’s shared values of Integrity and Respect call for building trust through honesty, transparency, and authentic engagement, and this revision gives those values concrete form; and

WHEREAS rule 3335-3-35(B) requires faculty consultation before a chair is removed, with no parallel for regional deans and directors; this revision supplies one; and

WHEREAS the current Faculty Rules require faculty approval of a college Pattern of Administration (POA) without stating how such approval is demonstrated; this revision requires a recorded vote, with eligibility and threshold stated in the POA; and

WHEREAS department and school POAs required only consultation, a lower standard than for colleges; this revision applies the same sequence of broad input followed by faculty approval to departments, schools, and regional campuses; and

WHEREAS the rules provided no means for faculty to initiate POA revisions or to raise a failure to follow the POA; this revision adds both and makes that record part of POA and chair review; and

WHEREAS the minimum content of unit POAs is aligned with that of college POAs; and

WHEREAS this revision advances the principles of shared governance in engaging the faculty in leadership decisions, and;

WHEREAS the Rules Committee voted on XXX….