

The Faculty

The general faculty consists of certain officers of the administration and all members of the active teaching staff. The teaching staff is organized as sub-faculties called divisions (see *Courses of Instruction*). The function of the divisional faculties is the consideration of divisional policies and the administration of the divisional curricula. The chair of each divisional faculty is the executive officer of that division, and is elected by vote of the respective faculties for a three-year term.

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