

# Updates to the 2025-26 Handbook of Academic Administration

## Overall Changes

The 2025-26 Handbook of Academic Administration has been reorganized and consolidated, which includes the renumbering of chapters. Documents, web pages, and other resources referring to specific chapters and sections may need to be changed to reflect this updated numbering. The updated chapter numbers are as follows:

Old chapter	New chapter
Chapter 1	Chapter 1
Chapter 2	Chapter 2
Chapter 3	Chapter 4
Chapter 4	Chapter 3
Chapters 5 & 6	Chapter 4
Chapter 7	Chapter 5
Chapter 8	Chapter 6
Chapter 9	Chapter 7
Chapter 10	Chapter 8
Chapter 11	Chapter 9
Chapter 12	Chapter 10
Chapter 13	Chapter 11
Chapter 14	Chapter 12
Chapters 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19	Removed
Chapter 20	Chapter 13
Chapter 21	Chapter 14
Chapter 22	Chapter 15
Appendices A, B, and C	Removed

References to regular Lecturer-track faculty members have been replaced with “Teaching Professor” and its associated ranks to align with changes to the *Faculty Rules and Regulations*.

## **Significant Changes by Chapter**

Some chapters have been changed more substantially, and those changes are noted below. This list is not intended to be an exhaustive one, but rather to provide an at-a-glance overview of significant content updates. Chapter numbers refer to the chapters in the 2025-26 Handbook.

### **Chapter 2**

- Responsibilities of the head of the academic unit have been updated to better reflect current practices, particularly regarding budgets and curricular planning.
- Some descriptions of relevant policies have been removed and replaced with links to the [university's policy website](#) to ensure they always reference the most up-to-date language.

### **Chapter 3**

- Titles and definitions of research-track faculty members across divisions have been updated and consolidated.
- Titles and definitions of postdoctoral positions have been updated.

### **Chapter 4**

- Policies and procedures related to faculty searches, originally spread across three chapters, have been consolidated and updated to reflect current practices.

### **Chapter 5**

- Policies related to course buy-outs have been streamlined and clarified.

### **Chapter 6**

- Procedures for the annual and mid-contract reviews of term faculty have been updated to include more detail.

### **Chapter 11**

- Policies related to parental leave have been updated with more detail.

- Policies related to time off for postdoctoral employees have been updated to align with the most recent contract changes.

## **Chapter 13**

- Information and resources regarding conducting research have been updated to more accurately reflect the university's current research infrastructure.

## **Chapter 15**

- Miscellaneous matters have been streamlined to include the most relevant policies, with additional policies available on the [university's policy website](#).