Background & Purposes:

Section 27(2)(f) of the University Act, R.S.B.C. 1996 c. 468 empowers the Board of Governors, with the approval of the UBC Okanagan Senate and the UBC Vancouver Senate, to establish procedures for the recommendation and selection of candidates for the Registrar and Librarians.

For extensions and acting appointments, please refer to the Registrar/Librarians Extension Policy.

1. Definitions and Interpretation Rules

1.1 A schedule to this Policy establishes the definitions of terms used in this Policy and any unique rules of interpretation that apply to this Policy.

2. Scope

2.1 This Policy applies to all appointments of the Registrar, the University Librarian, and all other Librarians.

2.2 Librarians other than the University Librarian are appointed in accordance with the Collective Agreement between the University and the Faculty Association.

3. Selection of Candidates

3.1 For the selection of candidates for the Registrar and the University Librarian, the President shall convene an Advisory Committee as described in the Procedures and will consider the advice of the Advisory Committee in making a recommendation to the Board of Governors.

3.2 The President's recommendation, which may include recommended terms and conditions of any appointment, will be considered by the Board of Governors, which must approve such appointment and has the authority to establish the terms and conditions for any such appointment.
4. Procedures Not to Conflict

4.1 Provided that they are not in conflict with this Policy, the Procedures associated with this Policy may be created and amended in the same way as the Procedures associated with any other Policy passed by the Board of Governors.
Schedule to Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy

Definitions and Other Interpretation Rules

1. Definitions

In the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy, the following terms have the meaning defined below, and shall have the same meaning in any Procedures associated with that Policy:

a. “Advisory Committee” means an advisory committee to the President as defined in Article 2 in the Procedures associated with this Policy.

b. “Librarians” means the members of UBC’s professional librarian staff.

c. “Registrar” means the Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services and Registrar.

d. “University Librarian” means the person who is responsible for UBC’s overall library system across both UBC Okanagan and UBC Vancouver.

e. “Responsible Executive” means:

   1. individual(s) assigned by the President, from time to time, to be responsible for this Policy and any associated Procedures; and

   2. any sub-delegate of that assigned responsible individual(s) except to the extent that the power to delegate is specifically excluded in this Policy or in the appointment by the President.
PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
REGISTRAR/LIBRARIANS APPOINTMENT POLICY

Pursuant to the Regulatory Framework Policy, the President may approve Procedures or the amendment or repeal of Procedures. Such approvals must be reported to the UBC Board of Governors and the Okanagan Senate and the Vancouver Senate at their next regularly scheduled meetings or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Capitalized terms used in these Procedures that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the accompanying Policy, being the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy.

1. Assignment of Responsible Executive

1.1 The Responsible Executive will be the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver) in relation to matters regarding the University Librarian.

1.2 The Responsible Executive will be the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver) and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan) in relation to matters regarding the Registrar.

1.3 Sub-Delegation: The Responsible Executives are not limited in sub-delegation of the duties hereunder but remain responsible for oversight and answerable to the President.

2. Advisory Committee for the University Librarian

2.1 For the selection of the University Librarian, the President will convene an Advisory Committee with the following membership:

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<td>Chair</td>
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<td>Responsible Executive</td>
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<td>Secretary</td>
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<td>A member of the administrative staff of the Responsible Executive *(non-voting and not counted in quorum)</td>
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<td>Persons, at least two of whom must be faculty members</td>
<td>President</td>
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<td>Librarian elected by and from the Librarians associated with UBC Okanagan, other than the University Librarian</td>
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<td>Student elected by and from the students registered at UBC Okanagan</td>
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2.2 **Elections:** The Elections Committee of the Council of Senates (“Elections Committee”) or its delegate will determine the procedures and timelines for nominations and elections of members of Advisory Committees. For student members, the Elections Committee or its delegate may authorize a student society to conduct the nominations and elections processes set by the Elections Committee or its delegate on behalf of the Elections Committee or its delegate. If no individual is elected by the end of an election process, the Chair of the applicable Advisory Committee may appoint the requisite number of members from the applicable constituency.

2.3 **Senate Selections:** For a Senate selection, the selection process is to be conducted in accordance with procedures satisfactory to the relevant Senate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Senate may authorize a committee (such as, for example, the Nominating Committee) to conduct the process or to simply make the selection.

2.4 The Chair of the Advisory Committee must consult with the President before confirming the composition of the Advisory Committee.

2.5 **Appointment Term:** The University Librarian may be appointed for up to 5 years per term.

3. **Advisory Committee for the Registrar**

3.1 **Registrar:** For the selection of the Registrar, the President will convene an Advisory Committee with the following membership:
For the selection of the Registrar

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<td>Secretary</td>
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<td>A member of the administrative staff of the Co-Chairs, selected by mutual agreement between the Co-Chairs *(non-voting and not counted in quorum)</td>
<td>Co-Chairs</td>
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<td>Members</td>
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<td>Persons</td>
<td>President</td>
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<td>Members of the staff of the Registrar’s Office elected by and from the members of the staff of the Registrar’s Office, other than the Registrar</td>
<td>Staff</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Student elected by and from the students registered at UBC Okanagan</td>
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<td>Student elected by and from the students registered at UBC Vancouver</td>
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<td>Person selected by the UBC Okanagan Senate from the faculty members from UBC Okanagan</td>
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<td>Person selected by the UBC Vancouver Senate from the faculty members from UBC Vancouver</td>
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<td>Additional Members</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Such other person(s) as the President may choose to appoint</td>
<td>President</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>One member of the staff of the Registrar’s Office elected by and from the members of the staff of the Registrar’s Office, other than the Registrar, for each Additional Member appointed by the President</td>
<td>Staff</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>One student elected by and from the students registered at UBC Okanagan for every four Additional Members appointed by the President</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>One student elected by and from the students registered at UBC Vancouver for every four Additional Members appointed by the President</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>One person selected by the UBC Okanagan Senate from the faculty members from UBC Okanagan for every four Additional Members appointed by the President</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>One person selected by the UBC Vancouver Senate from the faculty members from UBC Vancouver for every four Additional Members appointed by the President</td>
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3.2 The Co-Chairs of the *Advisory Committee* must consult with the President before confirming the composition of the *Advisory Committee*.

3.3 **Elections**: For elected members, the nominations and the elections are to be conducted in accordance with procedures satisfactory to the Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs may authorize the incumbent *Registrar* or another person or entity to conduct the nominations and/or elections processes on their behalf notwithstanding the fact that the incumbent *Registrar* may be a candidate for appointment. If no individual is elected by the end of an election process, the Co-Chairs may appoint the requisite number of members from the applicable constituency.
3.4 **Senate Selections:** For a Senate selection, the selection process is to be conducted in accordance with procedures satisfactory to the relevant Senate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Senate may authorize a committee (such as, for example, the Nominating Committee) to conduct the process or to simply make the selection.

3.5 **Appointment Term:** The *Registrar* may be appointed for up to 5 years per term.

4. **Replacement of Advisory Committee Members**

4.1 **Vacancy or Inability to Participate:** If a member of an *Advisory Committee* becomes unwilling or unable to serve as a member of the *Advisory Committee* before it has completed its work, the Chair or Co-Chairs, as applicable, in consultation with the President, may appoint a replacement member. While the replacement member may be any person whose participation is expected to contribute significantly to the *Advisory Committee*’s activities, the usual practice is for the replacement member to be from the same stakeholder group as the person being replaced. For example, if the member being replaced is a faculty member of a specific Faculty, the replacement member will normally be selected from the faculty members of that Faculty.

4.2 **Student Status:** If a *student* member of an *Advisory Committee* ceases to be a student at the University but remains willing and able to continue to serve as a member of the *Advisory Committee*, the Chair or Co-Chairs, as applicable, in consultation with the President and the relevant student group, may permit the student to continue to serve or may appoint a replacement student member. Any such replacement must meet the same eligibility requirements as the student who is being replaced. For example, if the student being replaced is a student selected from the students registered at UBC Okanagan, the replacement student will be appointed from the students registered at UBC Okanagan.

4.3 If a replacement member is not appointed, the *Advisory Committee* may complete its work notwithstanding the vacancy.

5. **Customary Practices**

5.1 In making appointments to an *Advisory Committee*, including replacement appointments under Article 4 of these Procedures, the Chair or Co-Chairs, as applicable, will consider equity and will seek to include a diverse range of perspectives and experiences, such as from underrepresented stakeholder communities.

6. **Procedure for Advisory Committee**

6.1 The Chair or Co-Chairs of the *Advisory Committee* will be responsible for calling meetings.

6.2 Meetings may be held face-to-face, via telephone conference, video conference or any means determined by the Chair or Co-Chairs of the *Advisory Committee*, as applicable.

6.3 The quorum required to transact business at meetings will be a majority of the members of the *Advisory Committee* unless otherwise determined by the Chair or Co-Chairs, as applicable.
7. Remuneration

7.1 The form and amount of remuneration of the Registrar and the University Librarian must be established and documented in writing at or before the effective date of the appointment.

8. Administrative Leaves

8.1 As part of the terms of an appointment, the University Librarian and the Registrar may be granted an administrative leave, to be taken at the conclusion of the appointment, provided however that any such grant of administrative leave as well as any remuneration and/or benefits to be received by the University Librarian or the Registrar during any such administrative leave must be documented in writing at or before the effective date of the appointment. Recognizing that administrative leave is intended to provide for a reasonable period of time for senior administrators who are returning the academic ranks to focus on their scholarly and professional activities and to re-integrate with their disciplines before they resume their regular duties as faculty members or Librarians, administrative leave will only be granted to the University Librarian and the Registrar if he or she holds, in the case of the University Librarian, a confirmed appointment, and in the case of the Registrar, a tenured appointment, and they actually return to active duty as a faculty member or a Librarian for at least one year immediately after the period of the administrative leave.

8.2 If an administrative leave is granted, time served as a Registrar or University Librarian and time taken on administrative leave will not be included in years of service for the purpose of calculating study leave.

8.3 During the period of administrative leave, the faculty member continues to be a full-time employee of the University, and is required to comply with the University's policies and procedures.

8.4 Any arrangements with respect to administrative leave that that were established and documented in writing prior to February 1, 2008 will not be affected by these Procedures.

8.5 Any deviations from the provisions of these Procedures dealing with administrative leave may only be made with the written approval of the President.
EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING THE
REGISTRAR/LIBRARIANS APPOINTMENT POLICY AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES

Issued September 2021 by the Office of the University Counsel

The OUC has prepared these Explanatory Notes to provide context and background regarding the Registrar/Librarian Appointment Policy. These Explanatory Notes do not replace or supersede the content of the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy and its Procedures.

Policy Long Title: Appointment of Registrar and Librarians (Joint Senate and Board Policy)

Policy Short Title: Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy

Policy Number: AP11

Responsible Executive: Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver)
Provoest and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan)

Responsible Board Committee: Employee Relations Committee

Related Policies: GA2 - Regulatory Framework Policy
AP13 - Registrar/Librarians Extension Policy

History:

- The Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy and Procedures were first approved by the UBC Vancouver Senate and the UBC Okanagan Senate in January 2008, and by the Board of Governors in February 2008;
- The Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy was revised and approved by the UBC Okanagan Senate in January 2012, and by the Board of Governors and UBC Vancouver Senate in February 2012;
- The Procedures to the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy were revised in September 2018;
- The Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy was updated in July 2019 to reflect a new policy identification system; it is currently identified as the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy, its long title is Appointment of Registrar and Librarians (Joint Senate and Board Policy), and its number is AP11. The previous identification number for this policy was #17;
- Changes to the Policy and Procedures were approved by the Board of Governors in September 2019 and the Senates in November 2019 to reflect current position titles.
- A set of amendments to the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy and its Procedures were approved by
the Board of Governors in June 2021 and the Okanagan and the Vancouver Senates in September 2021. These amendments were approved following community consultation and review with the Responsible Executives, the Chair of the Board’s Employee Relations Committee, and the Chairs of the Okanagan Senate Nominating Committee and the Vancouver Senate Nominating Committee. The current version of the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy and its Procedures came into force in September 2021.

Related Legislation: University Act R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468