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Regulations on Administrative Separation and/or Retreat to a Faculty Position

1. **Retreat to a faculty position.** An administrator who holds a concurrent tenured faculty appointment may return to that appointment with all the rights and responsibilities of faculty in the home department, unless a proceeding is initiated to discharge or demote the administrator from the faculty position. If there has been an administrative stipend during the appointment, that stipend should be removed. The salary will be adjusted from a 12-month administrative salary to a 9-month or 12-month faculty salary that is commensurate with the salaries of comparable faculty members. At the chancellor's discretion, the chancellor may provide for a reasonable period of time with full administrative salary to provide an opportunity for the employee to prepare for teaching and research responsibilities. The reasonable period of time should be related to the time spent in administrative duties. If the chancellor proposes to pay the administrator full or partial administrative pay after the termination of the administrator's administrative duties for longer than one year, the agreement must be approved by the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution.
2. **Reappointment of an administrator without faculty retreat rights.** An administrator leaving a position that is categorized as "at will" has no claim to a position at the university; however, there may be circumstances in which assignment to another administrative or teaching position would be beneficial for both the institution and the employee. In these cases, the new salary should be appropriate to the assignment. If a chancellor or the president proposes to pay the administrator his or her full administrative salary after moving the administrator to a position that would normally be lower paying, or if paid leave is to be granted, the agreement with the administrator must be approved by the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution or by the Board of Governors for employees of the Office of the President or the General Administration. This Guideline does not supersede any notice or severance pay required by Board of Governors' policy.
3. **Separation from the University.** In some cases, it may be in the best interests of the institution to negotiate a severance agreement with an administrator. UNC policy addresses timely notice for termination of Senior Administrative Academic Officers hired pursuant to *Policy 300.1.1, I.B.* In accordance with The University of North Carolina *Policy 300.1.1, III.B*, in certain circumstances these employees are entitled to notice of the discontinuation of their employment with full pay for up to 90 days or severance pay, depending on their length of service. A chancellor or the president may, at his or her discretion, determine that the circumstances justify continuing full pay for employees subject to Policy 300.1.1.A for up to 90 days. Any agreement that results in a longer period of compensation must be approved by the appropriate Board of Trustees or the Board of Governors for employees of the Office of the President or General Administration.
4. **Retirement.** Nothing in these guidelines shall prevent an administrator from retiring or an administrator who holds a faculty appointment from participating in phased retirement consistent with existing University of North Carolina policies.