7. In all cases of alleged academic misconduct or academic grievance concerning the Department Chair, the Vice-President (Academic & Research) shall appoint an individual to act as Department Chair under these procedures.

# E. Withdrawal From University

Students who choose to withdraw officially from University should contact the Registrar's Office. The student will be assisted in notifying the various offices of the University, including Residence, Financial Services, and the professors. The effective date of withdrawal is the date on which the Registrar accepts the withdrawal. A student who withdraws may be entitled to a partial refund of tuition fees.

# F. Academic Appeal Procedures

In any academic appeal procedure, the University is committed to the principles of natural justice. The officers and committees of the University will hear the appeal in a fair and impartial manner, with due respect for the parties' rights and sensitivities. There are two Senate committees that deal with student appeals: the Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee and the Senate Student Academic Grievance Committee. The Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee decides appeals related to admissions; academic standing; and academic regulations of the University. The Senate Student Academic Grievance Committee decides appeals related to academic misconduct; final grades; and all other academic matters. Students who wish to appeal may do so by submitting a written appeal care of the Admissions Office (for appeals related to admission) or the Registrar's Office (for all other academic appeals) to the appropriate committee. Appeal procedures are described below.

#### **Appeal of Admission Decisions**

The evaluation of the various documents and the decision concerning the acceptance of an applicant for admission rests with the Admissions Office. An appeal of that decision may be submitted care of the Admissions Office to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee. For more detailed information about the appeal procedure, students may contact the University Admissions Office.

### **Appeal of Academic Dismissal**

Students who wish to appeal their academic dismissal from the University may do so by submitting a written appeal care of the Registrar to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee. Appeals should be based on substantial medical or compassionate reasons with supporting documentation, if applicable. For more detailed information about the appeal procedure, students may contact the Registrar's Office.

#### Appeal to be Re-admitted to the University after Academic Dismissal

Students who seek readmission after having been asked to withdraw must apply in writing to the Admissions Office. Such applications are subject to the guidelines of the Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee. In cases of readmission, special conditions for entry, course load and GPA performance may be required. Students who have been required to withdraw from the University will not be granted credit for any courses taken while required to be away from the University. For more detailed information about the appeal procedure, students may contact the Admissions Office.