Chair searches follow University policy (4.4) and the policy set forth by the College of Liberal and Applied Arts. Under those policies, although the Department of Anthropology, Geography and Sociology can propose someone as department chair, the final decision rests with the University Administration and requires the approval of the Board of Regents. The Department of Anthropology, Geography and Sociology will propose a person for the chair position every three or six years.

The Chair of the Department of Anthropology, Geography and Sociology serves for a term of three years that can be renewed once for a total tenure of six years. When the chair wishes to continue her/his tenure for a second term, faculty will vote on accepting her/his request. During a chair’s sixth year in office, a search for a new chair will be conducted. The sitting Chair has the option to apply for the position, but has to apply as any other candidate would do.

If the active chair does not wish to serve a second term, s/he must notify the Dean of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts by October 15 of her/his last year. The departmental faculty also can vote to end a chair’s tenure at the end of the chair’s first term.

Upon notification of chair’s resignation, a new Chair search will begin and follow University and College of Liberal and Applied Arts policies.

Voting for the Chair will follow the Department of Anthropology, Geography and Sociology’ Voting Procedure Policy.