

During the months the executive planning committee was hearing reports from the multiple groups that studied the University, one thing became quite clear—every committee felt its area was worthy of a vice president to run it.

Until the past year the University had operated with only five vice presidents, and two of those had been recent additions. There was one for academics, one for finance, one for contract research, one for the medical center and one for graduate studies.

While Dr. Hollomon and the regents did not name vice presidents everywhere one was requested, the number was upped to nine.

The nine vice presidents represent nine clear-cut areas of the University. All those areas existed before, but not in so clearly defined a manner. In alphabetical order the vice presidents and their areas of concern are listed below.

David Burr, University Community—Burr's primary responsibility is to the students during their non-class hours. This means housing, counseling and guidance, health service, financial aid, sports, Sooner City nursery and kindergarten, and sundry activity programs including student government.

John O. Dean, University Relations—A past president of the Alumni Association, Dean came to the University a year ago to take charge of the University's relationships with the public. This includes the University's public information service, acting as a liaison with state officials and as a link between the University administration and the Alumni Association.

James L. Dennis, Medical Center Affairs—One of the original vice presidents, Dennis is in charge of the Oklahoma City campus and its multiple operations including the Schools of Medicine and Nursing and the various hospitals in the complex. Massive expansion is going on there, and he must coordinate that effort as



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Dean



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Katzenbach



Kennedy



McCarter



Nordby



Riggs



White

well as attempt to bring the main campus and the one in Oklahoma City closer.

Edward L. Katzenbach, Research and Public Service—An expansion of the old contract research title, this post brings together the University's scientific research areas at the Research Institute and Research Park with projects and events at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education and the University's extension centers.

Verne C. Kennedy, Jr., Operations—The smooth functioning at a multi-million dollar plant requires the full time attention of a lot of people. It is Kennedy who coordinates the allocation of office and classroom space and the re-modeling and upkeep of the University's many buildings.

Pete Kyle McCarter, Academic Affairs—Holding a better defined version of his former post, McCarter is the dean of deans on the campus. Where Burr is concerned primarily with students out of class, McCarter handles their classtime efforts, working closely with faculty, administrators and students.

Gene M. Nordby, Finance—Probably the most complex and perplexing of all University posts is the financial vice presidency because of the never ending need to make dollars stretch. University financing is a sore spot with almost everyone from the new student to the crustiest legislator.

Carl D. Riggs, Graduate Studies—A University's prestige is measured in large part by the number of highly qualified people it produces at the graduate level. Riggs, who until recently also had charge of the Biological Station, is in charge of developing and coordinating graduate programs.

Thurman White, University Projects—In a time when higher education is pinched for money worse every day, fund raising has become a way of life.

White, working closely with University Foundation, seeks to bring new money to the campus whether it be from private donations or from state and federal funds.

# The Vice Presidents