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Fifteen Tips for Success
Being a Department Chair
Chapter Twenty-Eight
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CONCLUSION

Having a department chair can be extremely rewarding. Here are some reasons why you should consider being a department chair:

1. Increased visibility: As a department chair, you will be more visible to your colleagues and your department's stakeholders. This will help you build your reputation and influence within the department.

2. Increased responsibility: Being a department chair involves more responsibility and decision-making, which can be challenging but also very rewarding. You will be able to impact the direction of the department and make important decisions that affect the department's success.

3. Increased influence: As a department chair, you will have more influence over the department's policies and procedures. You will be able to make changes that benefit the department and its members.

4. Increased networking opportunities: Being a department chair will give you more opportunities to network with other department chairs and leaders in the field. This can help you build your professional network and increase your influence within the academic community.

5. Increased professional development: As a department chair, you will have more opportunities to attend conferences and workshops, which can help you stay up-to-date on the latest developments in your field.

In conclusion, being a department chair can be a challenging but rewarding role. If you are looking for a new opportunity to make a difference in your department, consider taking on this role.

NOTE

Your experience:

Once you have the opportunity to serve as a department chair, you will find that it is a challenging but rewarding role. As you gain experience and develop new skills, you will find that you enjoy being a department chair and that it is a role that you will continue to thrive in. Being a department chair is not just about being a leader, it is about being a role model for others and inspiring others to do their best.