

1 Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure  
2 Criteria and Procedures

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1 **1. PREAMBLE.**

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3 This document is a supplement to Chapter 6 and 7 of the [Rules of the University Faculty](#); the Office of  
4 Academic Affairs annually updated procedural guidelines for promotion and tenure reviews in Chapter 3  
5 of the [Policies and Procedures Handbook](#) ; and other policies and procedures of the college and  
6 University to which the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and its faculty are  
7 subject.

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9 Should those rules and policies change, the Department will follow the new rules and policies until such  
10 time as it can update this document to reflect the changes. In addition, this document must be reviewed,  
11 and either reaffirmed or revised, at least every four years on the appointment or reappointment of the  
12 Department Chair.

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14 This document must be approved by the Dean of the College of Engineering and the Office of Academic  
15 Affairs before it may be implemented. It sets forth the Department's mission and, in the context of that  
16 mission and the missions of the College and University, its criteria and procedures for faculty  
17 appointments and for faculty promotion, tenure and rewards, including salary increases. In approving  
18 this document, the Dean and the Office of Academic Affairs accept the mission and criteria of the  
19 Department and delegate to it the responsibility to apply high standards in evaluating current faculty and  
20 faculty candidates in relation to departmental mission and criteria.

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22 The faculty and the administration are bound by the principles articulated in Faculty Rule [3335-6-01](#) of  
23 the Administrative Code. In particular all faculty members accept the responsibility to participate fully  
24 and knowledgeably in review processes; to exercise the standards established in Faculty Rule [3335-6-02](#)  
25 and other standards specific to this Department and College; and to make negative recommendations  
26 when these are warranted in order to maintain and improve the quality of the faculty.

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28 Decisions considering appointment, reappointment, and promotion and tenure will be free of  
29 discrimination in accordance with the University's [policy on affirmative action and equal opportunity](#).

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31 **2. DEPARTMENT MISSION.**

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33 The Mission of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering is:

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35 To educate undergraduate and graduate students in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and  
36 foster cross-fertilization with other disciplines.

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38 To advance the state-of-the-art knowledge of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and allied  
39 fields through novel and sustained research.

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41 To serve the public, academic and industrial communities through consultation, collaborative  
42 efforts, dissemination of research results, entrepreneurship and participation in conferences and  
43 professional societies.

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45 To value diversity and inclusivity as defined broadly in scholarship, approaches to teaching and in  
46 student, faculty and staff make-up.

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2 **3. DEFINITIONS.**  
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4 It is understood that the statements below are to be considered within the general framework  
5 provided by the Rules of the University Faculty, and are subject to the provisions of that  
6 document.  
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8 There are seven types of faculty in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering:  
9 tenure-track, professional practice, research, associated, courtesy, joint, and emeritus. Untenured  
10 faculty, as well as professional practice faculty or research faculty during their initial appointment  
11 period, are considered probationary.  
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13 **3.A. Eligible Faculty.**  
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15 The eligible faculty for all appointment (hiring), reappointment, promotion, or promotion and  
16 tenure reviews must have their tenure home or primary appointment in the Department.  
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18 The Department Chair, the Dean and Assistant and Associate deans of the College, the Executive  
19 Vice President and Provost, and the President may not participate as eligible faculty members in  
20 reviews for appointment, reappointment, promotion, or promotion and tenure.  
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22 **3.A.1. Tenure-track Faculty.**  
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24 **Appointment Reviews**  
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- 26
- 27 • Initial Appointment Review. For an appointment (hiring) review of an assistant professor,  
28 associate professor, or professor, the eligible faculty consists of all tenure-track faculty in  
29 the department.
  - 30 • Rank Review. A vote on the appropriateness of the proposed rank must be cast by all  
31 tenured faculty of equal or higher rank than the position requested

32 **Reappointment, Promotion, or Promotion and Tenure Reviews**  
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- 35 • For the reappointment and promotion and tenure reviews of assistant professors and the  
36 tenure reviews of untenured associate professors, the eligible faculty consists of all tenured  
37 associate professors and professors.
  - 38 • For the promotion reviews of associate professors, the eligible faculty consists of all  
39 tenured professors.  
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41 **3.A.2. Professional Practice Faculty.**  
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43 **Appointment Reviews**  
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- 46 • Initial Appointment Review. For an appointment (hiring or appointment change from  
another faculty type) review of a professional practice assistant professor, professional

1 practice associate professor, or a professional practice professor, the eligible faculty  
2 consists of all tenure-track faculty and all professional practice faculty in the department.

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- 4 • Rank Review. A vote on the appropriateness of the proposed rank must be cast by all  
5 tenured faculty of equal or higher rank than the position requested, and all nonprobationary  
6 professional practice faculty of equal or higher rank than the position requested.
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### 8 **Reappointment and Promotion Reviews**

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- 10 • For the reappointment and promotion reviews of professional practice assistant professors,  
11 the eligible faculty consists of all tenured associate professors and professors, and all  
12 nonprobationary professional practice associate professors and professors.
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- 14 • For the reappointment and promotion reviews of professional practice associate professors,  
15 and the reappointment reviews of professional practice professors, the eligible faculty  
16 consists of all tenured professors, and all nonprobationary professional practice professors.
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### 18 **3.A.3. Research Faculty.**

#### 19 **Appointment Reviews**

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- 22 • Initial Appointment Review. For an appointment (hiring or appointment change from  
23 another faculty type) review of a research assistant professor, research associate professor,  
24 or research professor, the eligible faculty consists of all tenure-track faculty and all  
25 research faculty in the department.
- 26
- 27 • Rank Review. For appointment (hiring or appointment change from another faculty type)  
28 at senior rank (research associate professor or research professor), a review is performed  
29 and a vote cast by all tenured faculty of equal or higher rank than the position requested  
30 and all nonprobationary research faculty of equal or higher rank than the position  
31 requested.
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### 33 **Reappointment and Promotion Reviews**

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- 35 • For the reappointment and promotion reviews of research assistant professors, the eligible  
36 faculty consists of all tenured associate professors and professors and all nonprobationary  
37 research associate professors and professors.
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- 39 • For the reappointment and promotion reviews of research associate professors and the  
40 reappointment reviews of research professors, the eligible faculty consists of all tenured  
41 professors and all nonprobationary research professors.
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### 43 **3.A.4. Associated Faculty.**

#### 44 **Initial Appointment and Reappointment**

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- For the initial appointment (hiring or appointment change from another faculty type) of compensated associated faculty members, the eligible faculty consists of all tenure-track faculty, all professional practice faculty, and all research faculty in the department.

5 Initial appointments at senior rank require a vote by the eligible faculty (all tenured  
6 faculty of equal or higher rank than the position requested and all non-probationary  
7 professional practice and research faculty of equal or higher rank than the position  
8 requested) and prior approval of the college dean.

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- For reappointments, the eligible faculty are all tenured faculty members of equal or higher rank than the candidate and all non-probationary professional practice faculty and research faculty of equal or higher rank than the candidate.

14 **Promotion Reviews**

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- Associated faculty are eligible for promotion but not tenure if they have adjunct titles, tenure-track titles with service at 49% FTE or below, and lecturer titles.

19 For the promotion reviews of associated faculty with adjunct titles, the eligible faculty  
20 shall be the same as for tenure-track, professional practice, or research faculty, as  
21 appropriate to the appointment, as described in Sections III.A.1, 2 or 3 above.

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23 For the promotion reviews of associated faculty with tenure-track titles, the eligible faculty  
24 shall be the same as for tenure-track faculty as described in Section III.A.1.

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26 The promotion of a lecturer to senior lecturer is decided by the department chair in  
27 consultation with the Associate Chair.

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29 **3.A.5. Conflict of Interest.**

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- **Search Committee Conflict of Interest**

33 A member of a search committee must disclose to the committee and refrain from participation  
34 in any of the interviews, meetings, or votes that comprise the search process if the member:

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- decides to apply for the position;
  - is related to or has a close interpersonal relationship with a candidate;
  - has substantive financial ties with the candidate;
  - is dependent in some way on the candidate's services;
  - has a close professional relationship with the candidate (e.g., dissertation advisor); or
  - has collaborated extensively with the candidate or is currently collaborating with the candidate.

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- **Eligible Faculty Conflict of Interest**

1 A member of the eligible faculty has a conflict of interest when he/she/they are or have been to  
2 the candidate:

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- 4 ○ a thesis, dissertation, or postdoctoral advisee/advisor;
- 5 ○ a co-author on more than 50% of the candidate's publications since appointment or last  
6 promotion, including pending publications and submissions;
- 7 ○ a collaborator on more than 25% of projects since appointment or last promotion,  
8 including current and planned collaborations;
- 9 ○ in a consulting/financial arrangement with the candidate since appointment or last  
10 promotion, including receiving compensation of any type (e.g., money, goods, or services)  
11 or is dependent in some way on the candidate's services; or
- 12 ○ in a family relationship such as a spouse, child, sibling, or parent, or other relationship,  
13 such as a close personal friendship, that might affect one's judgment or be seen as doing so  
14 by a reasonable person familiar with the relationship.
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16 Such faculty members will be expected to withdraw from a promotion review of that  
17 candidate.

### 18 **3.A.6. Minimum Composition.**

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21 In the event that the Department does not have at least three eligible faculty members who  
22 can undertake a review, the Dean, after consulting with the Department Chair, will appoint a  
23 faculty member from another Department within the College.

### 24 **3.B. Promotion and Tenure Committee.**

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27 The Promotion and Tenure Committee consists of all Eligible faculty for voting. The Department  
28 chair appoints a chair (or two co-chairs) to manage the process. A Procedures Oversight  
29 Designee (POD) is also chosen by the Eligible faculty to oversee the process.

### 30 **3.C. Quorum.**

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33 The quorum required to discuss and vote on all personnel decisions is two thirds of the eligible  
34 faculty not on an approved leave of absence. Faculty on approved leave of absences or serving as  
35 Associate Dean in the College may not participate in personnel decisions including promotion  
36 and tenure reviews. A member of the eligible faculty on Special Assignment may be excluded  
37 from the count for the purposes of determining quorum only if the Department Chair has  
38 approved an off-campus assignment.

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40 Faculty members who recuse themselves because of a conflict of interest are not counted when  
41 determining quorum.

### 42 **3.D. Recommendation from the Committee of the Eligible Faculty.**

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45 In all votes taken on personnel matters only "yes" and "no" votes are counted. Abstentions are  
46 not votes. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to consider whether they are participating  
47 fully in the review process when abstaining from a vote on a personnel matter.



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2 Absentee ballots and proxy votes are not permitted, but participating fully in discussions and  
3 voting via remote two-way electronic connection are allowed.  
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### 5 **3.D.1. Appointment.**

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7 A positive recommendation from the eligible faculty for appointment is secured when two-  
8 thirds of the votes cast are positive.  
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### 10 **3.D.2. Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure, and Promotion.**

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12 A positive recommendation from the eligible faculty for reappointment, promotion and  
13 tenure, and promotion is secured when a simple majority of the votes cast are positive.  
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## 15 **4. APPOINTMENTS.**

16  
17 Tenure-track, professional practice, research, associated, and emeritus faculty positions require the  
18 approval of the Dean. In addition to complying with all University and College rules with respect to the  
19 total number of professional practice professors and research faculty, under no circumstance will the  
20 combined number of professional practice professors practice and research faculty exceed 30% of the  
21 total number of tenure-track faculty. Following is the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular  
22 Engineering's criteria for each of the types of faculty.  
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### 24 **4.A. CRITERIA.**

25  
26 The department is committed to making only faculty appointments that enhance or have strong potential  
27 to enhance its quality. Important considerations include the individual's record to date in teaching,  
28 scholarship and service; the potential for professional growth in each of these areas; and the potential for  
29 interacting with colleagues and students in a way that will enhance their academic work and attract other  
30 outstanding faculty and students to the department. No offer will be extended in the event that the search  
31 process does not yield one or more candidates who would enhance the quality of the department. The  
32 search is either cancelled or continued, as appropriate to the circumstances.  
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34 The appointment of all compensated tenure-track, professional practice, research, and associated faculty,  
35 irrespective of rank, must be based on a formal search process following the [SHIFT](#) Framework for  
36 faculty recruitment.  
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38 All faculty positions must be posted in [Workday](#), the university's system of record for faculty and staff. A  
39 formal review and selection process, including interviews using pre-designed evaluation rubrics, is  
40 required for all positions. Appropriate disposition codes for applicants not selected for a position must be  
41 entered in [Workday](#) to enable the university to explain why a candidate was not selected and what stage  
42 they progressed to before being removed.  
43

#### 44 **4.A.1. General Criteria for Tenure-track Faculty.**

45 The candidate offered a position will:

- have demonstrated through clear and convincing evidence that for the particular appointment the criteria have been met or exceeded in the following areas: teaching, scholarship and service.
- enhance or have strong potential to enhance the quality of the Department.
- have support for the appointment, demonstrated by a strong consensus within the Department as evidenced by an appropriate faculty review and a 66 percent positive vote. Only positive and negative votes of the currently eligible voting faculty are valid and a faculty may remove themselves from the vote if they were not present for a majority of the evaluation/deliberation of the candidate.

#### **4.A.1.1. Criteria: Tenure-track Instructor or Assistant Professor.**

The candidate offered a position will:

- have an earned doctorate or other terminal degree in the relevant field of study or possession of equivalent experience.
- have a potential for excellence in teaching, as demonstrated by a record of teaching and/or excellence in verbal and written communication.
- have a potential for excellence in scholarship as demonstrated by having produced a body of research, scholarship and creative work.
- have a potential to perform effective service.
- have a strong potential to attain tenure and advance through the faculty ranks.

Appointment at the rank of instructor is made only when the offered appointment is that of assistant professor, but requirements for the terminal degree have not been completed by the candidate at the time of appointment. Procedures for appointment are identical to those for an assistant professor. The department will make every effort to avoid such appointments. An appointment at the instructor level is limited to three years. Promotion to assistant professor occurs without review the semester following completion of the required credentialing. An instructor must be approved for promotion to assistant professor by the beginning of the third year, or the appointment will not be renewed and the third year is the terminal year of employment.

Upon promotion to assistant professor, the faculty member may request prior service credit for time spent as an instructor. This request must be approved by the department's eligible faculty, the department chair, the dean, and the Office of Academic Affairs. Faculty members should carefully consider whether prior service credit is appropriate since prior service credit cannot be revoked once granted except through an approved request to extend the probationary period. In addition, all probationary faculty members have the option to be considered for early promotion.

Appointment at the rank of assistant professor is always probationary, with mandatory tenure review occurring in the sixth year of service. For individuals not recommended for promotion and tenure after the mandatory review, the 7<sup>th</sup> year will be the final year of employment.

Review for tenure prior to the mandatory review year is possible when the Promotion and Tenure Committee determines such a review to be appropriate. The granting of prior service credit, which requires approval of the Office of Academic Affairs, may reduce the length of

1 the probationary period, but is strongly discouraged as it cannot be revoked once granted  
2 except through an approved request to extend the probationary period.

#### 3 4 **4.A.1.2. Criteria: Associate Professor with Tenure.**

5 The candidate offered a position will:

- 6 • Meet or exceed the Department criteria for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure  
7 (outlined in Section 6).
- 8 • Candidates who have not held a faculty position must demonstrate strong research  
9 achievements and recognition, an aptitude and strong interest in teaching and a record of  
10 service to the profession.

#### 11 12 **4.A.1.3. Criteria: Professor with Tenure.**

13 The candidate offered a position will:

- 14 • Meet or exceed the Department criteria for promotion to Professor with tenure (outlined  
15 in Section 6).
- 16 • Candidates who have not held a faculty position must demonstrate international  
17 recognition for their research, an aptitude and strong interest in teaching and significant  
18 service to the profession.

19  
20 Appointments at the rank of professor without tenure are not possible.

#### 21 22 **4.A.1.4. Criteria: Associate Professor without Tenure.**

23 Appointment to Associate Professor generally includes tenure. However, in special cases, a  
24 probationary period may be granted, in accordance with Faculty Rule [3335-6-03](#), for a  
25 period not to exceed four years on approval of the Office of Academic Affairs. Review for  
26 tenure occurs in the final year of the probationary appointment. If tenure is not granted, an  
27 additional (terminal) year of employment is offered.

#### 28 29 **4.A.1.5. Prior Approval**

30 Appointment offers of prior service credit require prior approval of the Office of Academic  
31 Affairs.

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33 Offers to foreign nationals require prior consultation with the Office of International Affairs.

#### 34 35 **4.A.2. Criteria for Professional Practice Faculty.**

36 Professional practice faculty positions exist in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular  
37 Engineering and will be referred to as “Professional Practice Assistant, Associate, or  
38 Professor.” Distinctions among ranks are based on the level of distinction attained by the  
39 candidate. Reappointment is based on the candidate’s performance and on the continued  
40 needs of the Department.

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42 There must be clear and convincing evidence that the offeree of an appointment as  
43 professional practice assistant, associate, or professor has, at a minimum, (i) exemplary  
44 capability in the offeree’s areas of specialization, (ii) significant experience in the practice of  
45 the discipline, (iii) demonstrated exceptional professional accomplishment, and (iv) potential  
46 to support student and program development in the offeree’s areas of expertise. Furthermore,

1 the offeree is required to have either (a) earned master’s degree, with a doctoral degree being  
2 preferred, or (b) have appropriate professional accomplishments demonstrating expertise in  
3 their areas of specialization, a minimum of five years of experience in the workplace, and the  
4 required licensure/certification in their areas of specialization. Professional publications or  
5 actual teaching experience are not required, but either or both would strengthen the offeree’s  
6 qualifications.

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8 Professional practice faculty appointments are for three to eight years with the possibility of  
9 renewal. The length of the contract depends on rank and probationary status. Except for those  
10 appointed at the rank of instructor, for whom a contract is limited to three years, the initial  
11 contract for all other professional practice faculty members must be for a period of five years  
12 and is probationary, with reappointment considered annually. Second and subsequent contracts  
13 for assistant and associate professional practice faculty are non-probationary and entail a three-to-five-  
14 year contract. Second and subsequent contracts for professional practice professors may entail a three-  
15 to-eight-year contract. Tenure is not granted to professional practice faculty. There is also no  
16 presumption that subsequent contracts will be offered, regardless of performance. If the  
17 department wishes to consider contract renewal, a formal review of the faculty member is  
18 required in the penultimate year of the current contract period. For more information see  
19 Faculty Rule [3335-7](#).

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21 Appointments at the rank of Professional Practice Associate Professor or Professional  
22 Practice Professor require evaluation by the Promotion and Tenure Committee and a  
23 discussion and vote by the eligible faculty. The Department Chair and/or the Promotion and  
24 Tenure Committee Chair may request external evaluation letters.

#### 25 **4.A.3. Criteria for Research Faculty.**

26  
27 Research faculty in the College of Engineering will be referred to as “Research Assistant  
28 Professor, Research Associate Professor, or Research Professor.” Distinctions among ranks  
29 are based on the level of distinction attained by the candidate as described below.  
30 Reappointment is based on the candidate’s performance and on the continued needs of the  
31 department.

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33 Appointment of research faculty entails one- to five-year contracts. The initial contract is  
34 probationary, with reappointment considered annually. Tenure is not granted to research  
35 faculty. There is also no presumption that subsequent contracts will be offered, regardless of  
36 performance. If the department wishes to consider contract renewal, a formal review of the  
37 faculty member is required in the penultimate year of the current contract period. For more  
38 information see Faculty Rule [3335-7](#).

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40 Appointments at the rank of Research Associate Professor or Research Professor require  
41 evaluation by the Promotion and Tenure Committee and a discussion and vote by the eligible  
42 faculty. The Department Chair and/or the Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair may  
43 request external evaluation letters.

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45 **Research Assistant Professor.** Appointment at the rank of research assistant professor  
46 requires that the individual have a doctorate and a record of high-quality publications that  
47 strongly indicate the ability to sustain an independent, externally funded research program.

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2 **Research Associate Professor and Research Professor.** Appointment at the rank of  
3 research associate professor or research professor requires that the individual have a  
4 doctorate and meet, at a minimum, the department's criteria for promotion to these ranks  
5 (outlined in Section 6).  
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7 Research faculty may participate in matters of governance and committee service in the  
8 Department and at the College level, except that they cannot participate as voting members  
9 of the department promotion and tenure committee when voting on tenure-track faculty or  
10 faculty of practice.  
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#### 12 **4.A.4. Associated Faculty.**

13 Associated faculty include: lecturers, senior lecturers, faculty with tenure-track titles having  
14 appointments less than 50%, and adjunct and visiting faculty. Associated appointments are  
15 made for up to three years at a time, and can be renewed. Associated faculty are not eligible  
16 for tenure in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.  
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18 An associated faculty member should hold a Ph.D. or, alternatively, have had significant,  
19 industrial and or practical experience comparable to a terminal degree. Visiting faculty may  
20 not be appointed for more than three consecutive years at 100% FTE.  
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22 **Adjunct Assistant Professor, Adjunct Associate Professor, Adjunct Professor.** Adjunct  
23 titles are used to confer faculty status on individuals who have credentials comparable to  
24 tenure-track, professional practice, or research faculty of equivalent rank. The adjunct faculty  
25 rank is determined by applying the criteria for appointment of tenure-track, professional  
26 practice, or research faculty, as appropriate to the appointment. Adjunct appointments may  
27 be compensated or uncompensated. Adjunct faculty appointments are given to individuals  
28 who give academic service to the department, such as teaching a course or serving on  
29 graduate student committees, for which a faculty title is appropriate. Adjunct faculty  
30 members are eligible for promotion (but not tenure) and the relevant criteria are those for  
31 promotion of tenure-track, professional practice, or research faculty, as appropriate to the  
32 appointment.  
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34 **Lecturer.** Evidence of ability to provide high-quality instruction is required. Lecturers are  
35 not eligible for tenure, but may be promoted to senior lecturer if they meet the criteria for  
36 appointment at that rank. The initial appointment for a lecturer cannot exceed one year.  
37 Second and subsequent contracts for lecturers cannot exceed three years.  
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39 **Senior Lecturer.** Appointment as senior lecturer requires that the individual have, at a  
40 minimum, a doctorate in a field appropriate to the subject matter to be taught, along with  
41 evidence of ability to provide high-quality instruction; or a Master's degree and at least five  
42 years of teaching experience with documentation of high-quality teaching. Senior lecturers  
43 are not eligible for tenure or promotion. The initial appointment for a senior lecturer cannot  
44 exceed one year. Second and subsequent contracts for senior lecturers cannot exceed three  
45 years.  
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1 **Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor with FTE below 50%.** Appointment  
2 at tenure-track titles is for individuals at 49% FTE or below, either compensated (1 – 49%  
3 FTE) or uncompensated (0% FTE). The rank of associated faculty with tenure-track titles is  
4 determined by applying the criteria for appointment of tenure-track faculty. Associated  
5 faculty members with tenure-track titles are eligible for promotion (but not tenure) and the  
6 relevant criteria are those for promotion of tenure-track faculty.

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8 **Visiting Instructor, Visiting Assistant Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, Visiting  
9 Professor.** Visiting faculty appointments may either be compensated or not compensated.  
10 Visiting faculty members on leave from an academic appointment at another institution are  
11 appointed at the rank held in that position. The rank at which other (non-faculty) individuals  
12 are appointed is determined by applying the criteria for appointment of tenure-track faculty.  
13 Visiting faculty members are not eligible for tenure or promotion. They may not be  
14 reappointed for more than three consecutive years.

#### 15 **4.A.5. Courtesy Appointments for Faculty.**

16 A no-salary appointment for tenure-track faculty, professional practice, or research faculty  
17 from another TIU is a courtesy appointment. Appropriate active involvement in the  
18 department by such faculty includes research collaboration, graduate student advising,  
19 teaching some or all of a course from time to time, or a combination of these. A courtesy  
20 appointment is made at the individual's current Ohio State rank, with promotion in rank  
21 recognized for a term not exceeding five years.

#### 22 **4.A.6. Joint Appointments**

23  
24 Joint appointments are created to leverage a faculty member's unique expertise to advance the  
25 mission areas of the academic units involved and promote cross-disciplinary collaboration. To  
26 establish a joint faculty appointment, a [memorandum of understanding \(MOU\)](#) is developed by  
27 all affected TIUs, centers, and/or institutes. The MOU will clearly define the distribution of the  
28 faculty member's time commitment to the different units. The MOU will also state the sources  
29 of compensation directed to the faculty member, distribution of resources, the planned  
30 acknowledgement of the academic units in publications, the manner in which credit for any  
31 grant funding will be attributed to the different units, and the distribution of grant funds among  
32 the appointing units. Unless other arrangements are specified in the MOU, the TIU in which  
33 the faculty member's FTE is greater than 50% will be considered that faculty member's TIU.  
34 Joint-appointed faculty may vote on promotion and tenure cases only in their TIU.

#### 35 **4.A.7. Emeritus Faculty**

36  
37 Emeritus faculty status is an honor given in recognition of sustained academic contributions  
38 to the university as described in Faculty Rule [3335-5-36](#). Full-time tenure track, professional  
39 practice, research, or associated faculty may request emeritus status upon retirement or  
40 resignation at the age of sixty or older with ten or more years of service or at any age with  
41 twenty-five or more years of service.

42  
43 Faculty will send a request for emeritus faculty status to the Department Chair outlining  
44 academic performance and citizenship. The faculty eligible to conduct promotion reviews  
45 within the requestor's appointment type (see Section 3.A.1-4) will review the application  
46 and make a recommendation to the Department Chair. The Department Chair will decide

1 upon the request, and if appropriate submit it to the Dean. If the faculty member requesting  
2 emeritus status has in the 10 years prior to the application engaged in serious dishonorable  
3 conduct in violation of law, rule, or policy and/or caused harm to the university's reputation  
4 or is retiring pending a procedure according to Faculty Rule [3335-5-04](#), emeritus status will  
5 not be considered.

6 Emeritus faculty may not vote at any level of governance and may not participate in  
7 promotion and tenure matters.

#### 8 9 **4.B. Procedures (Recruitment).**

10 The appointment of all compensated tenure-track, professional practice, research, and associated  
11 faculty, irrespective of rank, must be based on a formal search process following the [SHIFT](#)  
12 Framework for faculty recruitment. All faculty positions must be posted in [Workday](#), the  
13 university's system of record for faculty and staff. A formal review and selection process,  
14 including interviews using pre-designed evaluation rubrics, is required for all positions.  
15 Appropriate disposition codes for applicants not selected for a position must be entered in  
16 [Workday](#) to enable the university to explain why a candidate was not selected and what stage  
17 they progressed to before being removed.  
18

19 See the [Policy on Faculty Recruitment and Selection](#) and the [Policy on Faculty Appointments](#) for  
20 information on the following topics:  
21

22  
23 Recruitment of Tenure-track Faculty, Professional Practice Faculty, Research Faculty, and  
24 Associated Faculty  
25 Appointments at Senior Rank or with Prior Service Credit  
26 Hiring Faculty From Other Institutions After April 30  
27 Appointment of Foreign Nationals  
28 Letters of Offer  
29

30 The dean of the college provides approval for the department to commence a search process. This  
31 approval may or may not be accompanied by constraints with regard to track, salary, rank, and  
32 field of expertise, and may or may not include guidance on faculty with the potential for  
33 appointments to more than one TIU.  
34

#### 35 **4.B.1. Tenure-track Faculty.**

36 A national search is required to ensure a diverse pool of highly qualified candidates for all  
37 tenure-track positions. This includes all external candidates for all faculty positions. The only  
38 exception is for dual career partners, as described in Chapter 5, section 4.1 of the [Policies  
39 and Procedures Handbook](#). Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Dean of the  
40 College and the Office of Academic Affairs in advance. Search procedures must entail  
41 substantial faculty involvement and be consistent with the OAA [Policy on Faculty  
42 Recruitment and Selection](#).  
43  
44

1 The department chair appoints a search committee consisting of three or more faculty who  
2 reflect the field of expertise that is the focus of the search (if relevant) as well as other fields  
3 within the department.  
4

5 Prior to any search, members of all search committees must undergo the trainings identified in  
6 the [SHIFT](#) Framework for faculty recruitment. In addition, all employees/faculty involved in  
7 the hiring and selection process must review and acknowledge the AA/EEO Recruitment and  
8 Selection Guidelines in the BuckeyeLearn system.  
9

10 The [SHIFT](#) Framework serves as a centrally coordinated guideline and toolkit to support the  
11 entire process of faculty recruitment with clear engagement from all participating stakeholders  
12 involved in the faculty hiring process. This framework is intended to provide faculty engaged  
13 in search committees and staff providing support services with the tools and support needed to  
14 attract excellent and diverse applicant pools, conduct consistent and equitable evaluations, and  
15 successfully hire and properly onboard new faculty members who will continue our tradition  
16 of academic excellence. This framework consists of six phases, each targeting a specific stage  
17 of the recruitment process:  
18

- 19 • “Phase 1 | Search Preparation & Proactive Recruitment” is the earliest stage in the search  
20 process. Key steps during this phase include determining faculty needs for the unit,  
21 creating a search strategy (including timeline), establishing a budget, and identifying  
22 additional partners to include in the process. The steps in this phase provide guidance on  
23 forming committees, detail training requirements for search committee members, and  
24 innovative approaches to advertising and outreach. This section also includes ideas and  
25 resources for developing qualified, diverse talent pools to ensure alignment with the  
26 university’s commitment to AA/EEO principles and advance the eminence of the  
27 institution.
- 28 • “Phase 2 | Preliminary Review of Applicants” focuses on best practices for the application  
29 review and candidate screening processes. The guidelines and resources in this section  
30 support consistency, fairness, and equity in the review, assessment, and selection of  
31 candidates moving forward in the recruitment process. This section also outlines how to  
32 select a list of candidates for on-campus interviews.
- 33 • “Phase 3 | Finalists Interviews & Evaluations” provides guidance and tools for conducting  
34 interviews and campus visits, requesting reference letters (if not requested earlier in the  
35 application stage), and collecting feedback from everyone who interacted with the  
36 candidates. Adherence to the guidelines outlined in this section has a direct impact on  
37 enhancing the candidate experience and ensuring a consistent evaluation process. This  
38 phase concludes with the submission of a letter from the search committee to the TIU  
39 chair/director.
- 40 • “Phase 4 | Extend Offer” provides guidance and resources related to effectively selecting  
41 the most qualified candidate(s) for the position(s) and successfully negotiating to result in  
42 an accepted offer.
- 43 • “Phase 5 | Preboard and Onboard” offers resources to help prepare and support new faculty  
44 as they transition to Ohio State. The suggestions in this phase focus on creating a seamless  
45 transition for incoming faculty and their partners/families, if applicable.



- 1 • “Phase 6 | Reflect and Assess the Search” is a process supported by OAA to reflect on the  
2 hiring cycle each year and evaluate areas that may need improvement and additional  
3 support.  
4

5 Following completion of on-campus interviews, the eligible voting faculty meet to discuss  
6 perceptions and preferences, and to vote on each candidate.  
7

8 If the offer involves senior rank, the eligible voting faculty vote also on the appropriateness  
9 of the proposed rank. If the offer involves prior service credit, the eligible faculty vote on the  
10 appropriateness of such credit. The eligible faculty reports a recommendation on the  
11 appropriateness of the proposed rank or the appropriateness of prior service credit to the  
12 department chair. Appointment offers at the rank of associate professor, with or without  
13 tenure, or professor with tenure, and/or offers of prior service credit require prior approval of  
14 the Office of Academic Affairs.  
15

16 In the event that more than one candidate achieves the level of support required to extend an  
17 offer, the Department Chair decides which candidate to approach first. The details of the  
18 offer, including compensation, are determined by the Department Chair.  
19

20 The department will discuss potential appointment of a candidate requiring sponsorship for  
21 permanent residence or nonimmigrant work-authorized status with the Office of International  
22 Affairs. An [MOU](#) must be signed by faculty eligible for tenured positions who are not U.S.  
23 citizens or nationals, permanent residents, asylees, or refugees.  
24

#### 25 **4.B.2. Professional Practice Faculty.** 26

27 Searches for professional practice faculty generally proceed identically as for tenure-track  
28 faculty, with the exception that the candidate's presentation during the on-campus interview is  
29 on teaching rather than research. Search procedures must entail substantial faculty involvement  
30 and be consistent with the OAA [Policy on Faculty Recruitment and Selection](#) and the SHIFT  
31 Framework.  
32

33 Appointments at the rank of Professional Practice Associate Professor or Professional  
34 Practice Professor require evaluation by the Promotion and Tenure Committee, as well as a  
35 discussion and vote by the eligible faculty. This process must include external evaluation  
36 letters that focus on the candidate’s credentials in teaching and/or professional practice, as  
37 opposed to the external letters for traditional tenure-track faculty which emphasize teaching  
38 and research credentials.  
39

#### 40 **4.B.3. Research Faculty.** 41

42 Searches for research faculty generally proceed identically as for tenure-track faculty. Search  
43 procedures must entail substantial faculty involvement and be consistent with the OAA [Policy  
44 on Faculty Recruitment and Selection](#) and the SHIFT Framework.  
45

1           **4.B.4.     Transfer from the Tenure-track, Professional Practice Faculty and Research**  
2 **Faculty.**

3  
4           Tenure-track faculty may transfer to a professional practice or research appointment if  
5 appropriate circumstances exist. Tenure is lost upon transfer, and transfers must be approved  
6 by the Department Chair, the College Dean, and the Executive Vice President and Provost.

7  
8           The request for transfer must be initiated by the faculty member in writing and must state  
9 clearly how the individual’s career goals and activities have changed.

10  
11           Transfers from a professional practice faculty appointment and from a research faculty  
12 appointment to the tenure-track faculty appointment are not permitted. Professional practice  
13 faculty members and research faculty members may apply for tenure-track positions and  
14 compete in regular national searches for such positions.

15  
16           **4.B.5.     TIU Transfer**

17  
18           Following consultation with the department chair and college dean(s), a tenure-track faculty  
19 member may voluntarily move from one TIU to another upon approval of a simple majority of  
20 the eligible faculty in the receiving TIU. The eligible faculty in such cases are the tenure-track  
21 faculty eligible to vote on faculty appointments at the transferee’s rank. See Section III.A.1  
22 above.

23  
24           The transfer must be approved by the Office of Academic Affairs and is dependent on the  
25 establishment of mutually agreed-upon arrangements among the affected TIU heads, college  
26 dean(s), and the faculty member. An MOU signed by all parties, including the Office of  
27 Academic Affairs, must describe in detail the arrangements of the transfer. Approval will be  
28 dependent on whether satisfactory fiscal arrangements for the change have been made. Since  
29 normally the transferring faculty member will fill an existing vacancy in the receiving unit, the  
30 MOU will describe the resources supporting the position, including salary, provided by the  
31 receiving unit.

32  
33           The Office of Academic Affairs can provide guidance to non-tenure-track faculty about the  
34 process for transferring from one TIU to another.

35  
36           **4.B.6     Appointments for Associated Faculty.**

37  
38           The appointment of all compensated associated faculty follows a formal search following the  
39 [SHIFT](#) Framework, which includes a job posting in [Workday](#) (see Section 4.B.1 above) and  
40 candidate interviews. The appointment is then decided by the department chair based on a vote  
41 of the eligible faculty.

42  
43           The reappointment of all compensated associated faculty members is decided by the  
44 department chair in consultation with the faculty. Compensated associated faculty hiring must  
45 follow the appropriate SHIFT Framework, including an open search.

46  
47           The Department Chair determines the details of the offer.

1  
2 Appointment and reappointment of uncompensated adjunct or visiting faculty may be  
3 proposed by any faculty member in the department and are decided by the department chair in  
4 consultation with the Associate Chair.

5  
6 Visiting appointments may be made for one term of up to three years or on an annual basis for  
7 up to three years.

8  
9 Lecturer and senior lecturer appointments are made on an annual basis and rarely semester by  
10 semester. After the initial appointment, and if the department's curricular needs warrant it, a  
11 multiple year appointment may be offered.

12  
13 All associated appointments expire at the end of the appointment term and must be formally  
14 renewed to be continued.

#### 15 16 **4.B.7. Joint Appointments**

17 A TIU may propose a joint appointment for a faculty member from another OSU TIU as  
18 described in Section 4.A.6. The potential for a joint appointment is typically evaluated during  
19 the recruitment process and, as such, is subject to all criteria outlined above for each faculty  
20 category.

21  
22 Approval of the joint appointment by the Office of Academic Affairs is dependent on  
23 establishing a mutually agreed-upon arrangement between the TIU heads, college dean(s), and  
24 the faculty member. An [MOU](#) signed by all parties, including the Office of Academic Affairs,  
25 must describe in detail the arrangements of the joint appointment. Administrative approval will  
26 be dependent on whether satisfactory fiscal arrangements have been made.

#### 27 28 **4.B.8 Courtesy Appointments for Faculty.**

29 Any Department faculty member may propose a 0% FTE (courtesy) appointment for a  
30 faculty member from another Ohio State Department. A proposal that describes the  
31 uncompensated academic service to this Department justifying the appointment is considered  
32 at a faculty meeting. If the proposal is approved by the faculty, the Department Chair extends  
33 an offer of appointment. The Department Chair reviews all courtesy appointments annually  
34 to determine whether they continue to be justified, and takes recommendations for non-  
35 renewal from the faculty for a vote at a faculty meeting.

### 36 37 **5. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND MERIT REVIEW.**

38  
39 The Department follows the requirements for annual performance and merit reviews as set forth in the  
40 [Policy on Faculty Annual Review and Reappointment](#), which stipulates that such reviews must include a  
41 scheduled opportunity for a face-to-face meeting for all probationary faculty, an opportunity for a face-  
42 to-face meeting for all other compensated faculty members, as well as a written assessment. According  
43 to the policy, the purposes of the review are to:

- 44  
45 • Assist faculty in improving professional productivity through candid and constructive feedback and  
46 through the establishment of professional development plans;

- Establish the goals against which a faculty member’s performance will be assessed in the foreseeable future; and
- Document faculty performance in the achievement of stated goals in order to determine salary increases and other resource allocations, progress toward promotion, and, in the event of poor performance, the need for remedial steps.

The department chair may designate the responsibility for annual performance and merit reviews to appropriate unit administrators. The designee or a subcommittee of the eligible faculty may provide a written assessment to the department chair. However, the department chair must schedule a face-to-face meeting with all probationary faculty as part of the review. An opportunity for a face-to-face meeting with the department chair or designee must be provided to all tenured and non-probationary faculty.

In all cases, accountability for the annual review process resides with the department chair.

Depending on a faculty member’s appointment type, the annual performance and merit review is based on expected performance in teaching, research, and/or service as set forth in the Department's guidelines on Faculty Duties, Responsibilities, and Workload; on any additional assignments and goals specific to the individual; and on progress toward promotion where relevant. For jointly appointed faculty, including Discovery Theme appointments, additional assignments and goals related to the joint appointment will also be part of the evaluation. Specific documentation requirements in the areas of teaching, research, creative work, scholarship and service will be determined by the primary appointment TIU, with the understanding that joint appointments may require some agreed flexibility with the consensus of the TIU Chair or Director. The review of faculty with budgeted joint appointments must include input from the joint appointment TIU head for every annual evaluation cycle. The input should be in the form of a narrative commenting on faculty duties, responsibilities, and workload; on any additional assignments; and on goals specific to the individual in the joint unit.

The Department Chair is required (per Faculty Rule [3335-3-35](#)) to include a reminder in the annual review letter that all faculty have the right (per Faculty Rule [3335-5-04](#)) to view their primary personnel file and to provide written comment on any material therein for inclusion in the file.

Meritorious performance in teaching, scholarship, and service is assessed in accordance with the same criteria that form the basis for promotion decisions.

### **5.A. Documentation.**

A template, given to faculty members each year to assist in the collection and presentation of data for this review is included in Appendix I. For their annual performance and merit review, faculty members must submit the following documents to the Department Chair no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

- An activity report prepared using the template
- The OAA [dossier outline](#) (required for probationary faculty)
- An updated CV
- Student Evaluation of Instruction reports
- Future plans

1 Other documentation for the annual performance and merit review will be the same as that for  
2 consideration for promotion and/or tenure. That documentation is described in Section 6 of this  
3 document.

4  
5 The annual performance review will follow the College policy, but changes in that policy will be  
6 communicated to the faculty at least 2 months before the due date of the activity report.

7  
8 Under no circumstances should faculty solicit evaluations from any party for purposes of the  
9 annual performance and merit review, as such solicitation places its recipient in an awkward  
10 position and produces a result that is unlikely to be candid.

### 11 **5.B. Probationary Tenure-track Faculty.**

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13  
14 Every probationary tenure-track faculty member is reviewed annually by the Chair, who meets  
15 with the faculty member to discuss his or her performance, future plans, and goals; and prepares  
16 a written evaluation that includes a recommendation on whether to renew the probationary  
17 appointment. At the Chair's discretion, comments from other faculty with regard to the  
18 probationary faculty performance may be solicited. In the case of jointly appointed faculty, the  
19 face-to-face meeting is to include the TIU Chairs or Directors and/or designees for all the TIUs  
20 to which the faculty member is appointed, while the written evaluation is to be prepared by the  
21 primary TIU Chair or Director or designee and may be signed by all of the TIU Chairs or  
22 Directors or designees present at the meeting.

23  
24 If the Department Chair recommends renewal of the appointment, this recommendation is  
25 final. The Department Chair's annual review letter to the faculty member renews the  
26 probationary appointment for another year and includes content on future plans and goals. In the  
27 case of jointly appointed faculty, this letter should include input from all of the appointed TIUs.  
28 In the case of jointly appointed faculty, this evaluation is to be signed by all Directors and Chairs  
29 of TIUs to which the faculty member has been appointed if within the College. The faculty  
30 member may provide written comments on the review. The Department Chair's letter (along with  
31 the faculty member's comments, if received) is forwarded to the Dean of the College. In addition,  
32 the annual review letter becomes part of the cumulative dossier for promotion and tenure (along  
33 with the faculty member's comments).

34  
35 If the Department Chair recommends nonrenewal, the Fourth-Year Review process (per Faculty  
36 Rule [3335-6-03](#)) is invoked. Following completion of the comments process, the complete  
37 dossier is forwarded to the College for review and the Dean makes the final decision on renewal  
38 or nonrenewal of the probationary appointment.

#### 39 **Fourth Year Review.**

40  
41 During the fourth year of the probationary period the annual review follows the same  
42 procedures as the mandatory tenure review, with the exceptions that external evaluations are  
43 optional, and the Dean (not the Department Chair) makes the final decision regarding  
44 renewal or nonrenewal of the probationary appointment.  
45

1 External evaluations are only solicited when either the Department Chair or the eligible  
2 faculty determine that they are necessary to conduct the Fourth-Year Review. This may occur  
3 when the candidate’s scholarship is in an emergent field, is interdisciplinary, or the eligible  
4 faculty do not feel otherwise capable of evaluating the scholarship without outside input. In  
5 the case of jointly appointed faculty, the Department Chair or School Director of the  
6 secondary appointment TIU should be consulted as an additional source of evaluation in  
7 determining whether outside letters should be solicited.  
8

9 The eligible faculty conducts a review of the candidate and a vote is taken by the eligible  
10 faculty on whether to renew the probationary appointment.  
11

12 The eligible faculty forwards a record of the vote and a written performance review to the  
13 Department Chair. The Department Chair conducts an independent assessment of  
14 performance and prepares a written evaluation that includes a recommendation on whether to  
15 renew the probationary appointment. At the conclusion of the Department review, the formal  
16 comments process (per Faculty Rule [3335-6-04](#)) is followed and the case is forwarded to the  
17 College for review, regardless of whether the Department Chair recommends renewal or  
18 nonrenewal.  
19

20 If either the department chair or the dean recommends nonrenewal of a faculty member’s  
21 probationary contract, the case will be referred to the college’s Promotion and Tenure  
22 Committee, which will review the case, vote and make a recommendation to the dean. The  
23 dean makes the final decision regarding renewal or nonrenewal of the probationary  
24 appointment.  
25

### 26 **Extension of the Tenure Clock.**

27 Faculty Rule [3335-6-03](#) (D) sets forth the conditions under which a probationary tenure-track  
28 faculty member may extend the probationary period. Faculty Rule [3335-6-03 \(E\)](#) does  
29 likewise for reducing the probationary period. A faculty member remains on duty regardless  
30 of extensions or reductions to the probationary period, and annual reviews are conducted in  
31 every probationary year regardless of time extended or reduced. Approved extensions or  
32 reductions do not limit the department’s right to recommend nonrenewal of an appointment  
33 during an annual review.  
34

### 35 **5.C. Tenured Faculty.**

36 Associate Professors are reviewed annually by the Department Chair or designee, who conducts  
37 an independent assessment; may meet with the faculty member to discuss his or her performance  
38 and future plans and goals; and prepares a written evaluation on these topics. In the case of  
39 jointly appointed faculty, these reviews should include assessments from all TIUs to which the  
40 faculty member has been appointed within the College. The faculty member may provide written  
41 comments on the review.  
42

43 Professors are reviewed annually by the Department Chair or designee, who may meet with the  
44 faculty member to discuss his or her performance and future plans and goals. The annual review of  
45 professors is based on their having achieved sustained excellence in the discovery and  
46 dissemination of new knowledge relevant to the mission of the tenure initiating unit, as

1 demonstrated by national and international recognition of their scholarship; ongoing excellence in  
2 teaching, including their leadership in graduate education in both teaching and mentoring students;  
3 and outstanding service to the Department, the University, and their profession, including their  
4 support for the professional development of assistant and associate professors. Professors are  
5 expected to be role models in their academic work, interaction with colleagues and students, and  
6 in the recruitment and retention of junior colleagues. As the highest ranking members of the  
7 faculty, the expectations for academic leadership and mentoring for professors exceed those for all  
8 other members of the faculty.

9  
10 If a professor has an administrative role, the impact of that role and other assignments will be  
11 considered in the annual review. The Department Chair or designee prepares a written evaluation  
12 of performance against these expectations. The faculty member may provide written comments on  
13 the review.

#### 14 **5.D. Professional Practice Faculty.**

15 The annual performance and merit review process for probationary and non-probationary  
16 professional practice faculty is identical to that for probationary and tenured tenure-track faculty,  
17 respectively, except that non-probationary professional practice faculty may participate in the  
18 review of professional practice faculty of lower rank.

19  
20  
21 In the penultimate contract year of a professional practice faculty member's appointment, the  
22 Department Chair must determine whether the position held by the faculty member will  
23 continue. If the position will not continue, the faculty member is informed that the final contract  
24 year will be a terminal year of employment. The standards of notice set forth in Faculty Rule  
25 [3335-6-08](#) must be observed.

26  
27 **Probationary** professional practice faculty must undergo a review no later than the beginning of  
28 the penultimate year of their contract, so the department may determine whether it is appropriate  
29 to renew that individual's appointment for a new term. The review will follow the same  
30 procedures as the fourth-year review process for probationary tenure-track faculty described above  
31 and concurrently with the probationary tenure-track faculty. External letters of evaluation are not  
32 solicited. The college dean has the final approval on the reappointment. Positive decisions will be  
33 approved by OAA without a review, and this decision is communicated to OAA using only the  
34 [Record of Review for Promotion in Academic Rank/Tenure/Reappointment Form](#) with no  
35 attachments. The Board of Trustees (BOT) has final approval, after which the faculty member is  
36 no longer probationary.

37  
38 If the individual will not be renewed, the faculty member should be so informed, subject to the  
39 relevant standards of notice set forth in [Faculty Rule 3335-6-08](#). There is no presumption of  
40 renewal of appointment.

41  
42 **Non-probationary** professional practice faculty must be informed as to whether the new  
43 appointment will be extended by the end of the penultimate year of their appointment period.  
44 The normal annual performance and merit review will serve as the basis for evaluation. An initial  
45 decision from the department chair to reappoint is final. A copy of the annual review, a draft  
46 renewal letter, the [Record of Review for Promotion in Academic Rank/Tenure/Reappointment](#)

1 [Form](#) with no attachments, and a recommendation letter from the department chair will be sent to  
2 the college for review. An initial decision not to reappoint requires a review by a departmental  
3 standing committee and requires the concurrence of the dean. All reappointment decisions are at  
4 the discretion of the dean. There is no presumption of contract renewal.

5  
6 **5.E. Research Faculty.**

7 The annual review process for probationary and non-probationary research faculty is identical to  
8 that for probationary and tenured/ tenure-track faculty, except that non-probationary research  
9 faculty may participate in the review of research faculty of lower rank.

10  
11 In the penultimate contract year of a research faculty member's appointment, the Department  
12 Chair must determine whether the position held by the faculty member will continue. If it will  
13 not continue, the faculty member is informed that the final contract year will be a terminal year  
14 of employment. The standards of notice set forth in Faculty Rule [3335-6-08](#) must be observed.

15  
16 **Probationary** research faculty must undergo a review no later than the beginning of the  
17 penultimate year of their contract, so the unit may determine whether it is appropriate to renew  
18 that individual's appointment for a new term. The review will follow the same procedures as the  
19 fourth-year review process for probationary tenure-track faculty as described above and  
20 concurrently with the probationary tenure-track faculty. External letters of evaluation are not  
21 solicited. The college dean has the final approval on the reappointment. Positive decisions will be  
22 approved by OAA without a review, and this decision is communicated to OAA using only the  
23 [Record of Review for Promotion in Academic Rank/Tenure/Reappointment Form](#) with no  
24 attachments. The Board of Trustees (BOT) has final approval, after which the faculty member is  
25 no longer probationary.

26  
27 If the individual will not be renewed the faculty member should be so informed, subject to the  
28 relevant standards of notice set forth in [Faculty Rule 3335-6-08](#). There is no presumption of  
29 renewal of appointment.

30  
31 **Non-probationary** research faculty must be informed as to whether the new appointment will be  
32 extended by the end of the penultimate year of the contract. The normal annual performance and  
33 merit review will serve as the basis for evaluation. An initial decision from the department chair to  
34 reappoint is final. A copy of the annual review, a draft renewal letter, the [Record of Review for  
35 Promotion in Academic Rank/Tenure/Reappointment Form](#) with no attachments, and a  
36 recommendation letter from the department chair will be sent to the college for review. An initial  
37 decision not to reappoint requires a vote of a departmental standing committee and requires the  
38 concurrence of the dean. All reappointment decisions are at the discretion of the dean. There is no  
39 presumption of contract renewal.

40  
41 **5.F. Associated Faculty.**

42 Compensated associated faculty members in their initial appointment must be reviewed before  
43 reappointment. The department chair, or designee, prepares a written evaluation and meets with  
44 the faculty member to discuss his/her/their performance, future plans, and goals. The Department  
45 Chair's decision on renewal of the appointment is final. If the decision is to renew, the chair may  
46 extend a multiple year appointment.



1  
2 The chair takes recommendations for non-renewal before the faculty vote at a faculty meeting.  
3 Reappointment letters for associated faculty on annual appointments should summarize the faculty  
4 member's previous year of service.  
5

6 Compensated associated faculty members on a multiple year appointment are reviewed annually  
7 by the Department Chair, or designee. The Department Chair, or designee, prepares a written  
8 evaluation and meets with the faculty member to discuss his or her performance, future plans,  
9 and goals. No later than October 15 of the final year of the appointment, the Chair will decide  
10 whether or not to reappoint. The Department Chair's recommendation on reappointment is final.  
11

12 The Department Chair does not review associated tenure-track faculty with a joint appointment  
13 in another department. The procedure for tenure-track faculty with joint appointment in another  
14 department is outlined in the offer letter and is not included in the above description.  
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### 16 **5.G. Salary Recommendations.**

17 The Department Chair recommends annual salary increases to the Dean, who may modify these  
18 recommendations. The recommendations are based on the current annual performance and merit  
19 review as well as on the performance and merit reviews of the preceding 24 months.  
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21 In formulating recommendations, the Department Chair reviews the Annual Reports provided by  
22 the faculty and uses them as a basis for his/her recommendations. As a general approach to  
23 formulating salary recommendations, the Department Chair divides faculty into at least four  
24 groups based on continuing productivity (high, average, low, and unsatisfactory) and considers  
25 market and internal equity issues. The Department Chair should proactively engage in an annual  
26 equity audit of faculty salaries to ensure that they are commensurate both within the department  
27 and across the field or fields represented in it. Salary increases should be based upon these  
28 considerations.  
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30 Faculty members who wish to discuss dissatisfaction with their salary increase with the  
31 Department Chair should be prepared to explain how their salary (rather than the increase) is  
32 inappropriately low, since increases are solely a means to the end of an optimal distribution of  
33 salaries.  
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35 Faculty who fail to submit the required documentation (see Section 5-A above) for an annual  
36 performance and merit review at the required time will receive no salary increase in the year for  
37 which documentation was not provided, except in extenuating circumstances, and may not  
38 expect to recoup the foregone raise at a later time.  
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## 40 **6. PROMOTION AND TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEWS.**

### 41 **6.A. Criteria and Evidence that Support Promotion.**

42 Faculty Rule [3335-6-02](#) provides the following context for promotion & tenure and promotion  
43 reviews:  
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45 *In evaluating the candidate's qualifications in teaching, scholarship, and service, reasonable*  
46 *flexibility shall be exercised, balancing, where the case requires, heavier commitments and*  
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1 *responsibilities in one area against lighter commitments and responsibilities in another. In*  
2 *addition, as the university enters new fields of endeavor, including interdisciplinary endeavors,*  
3 *and places new emphases on its continuing activities, instances will arise in which the proper*  
4 *work of faculty members may depart from established academic patterns. In such cases care must*  
5 *be taken to apply the criteria with sufficient flexibility. In all instances superior intellectual*  
6 *attainment, in accordance with the criteria set forth in these rules, is an essential qualification for*  
7 *promotion to tenured positions. Clearly, insistence upon this standard for continuing members of*  
8 *the faculty is necessary for maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the university as an*  
9 *institution dedicated to the discovery and transmission of knowledge.*

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11 Although institutional citizenship and collegiality are expected, they cannot be used as an  
12 independent criterion for promotion or tenure. The department recognizes, however, that these  
13 positive attributes define the ability of a faculty member to contribute effectively to exemplary  
14 teaching, scholarship, and service.

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16 A commitment to these values and principles is demonstrated, for example, by participation in  
17 faculty governance and community outreach; activities related to the University's [Shared Values](#);  
18 adherence to principles of the responsible conduct of research; constructive conduct and ethical  
19 behavior during the discharge of responsibilities and authority; and the exercise of rights and  
20 privileges consistent with the [American Association of University Professors' Statement on](#)  
21 [Professional Ethics](#).

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23 This department is committed to assessing the practice of these values and principles as part of all  
24 performance evaluations. Except when the university dictates any type of across-the-board salary  
25 increase, all funds for annual salary increases will be directed toward rewarding meritorious  
26 performance and the active promotion of an enriching working and learning environment through  
27 collegiality, civility, and openness to diverse ideas and opinions.

#### 28 29 **6.A.1. Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure.**

30 [Faculty Rule 3335-6-02\(C\)](#) provides the following general criteria for promotion to Associate  
31 Professor with Tenure:

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33 *The awarding of tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor must be based on*  
34 *convincing evidence that the faculty member has achieved excellence as a teacher, as a scholar, and*  
35 *as one who provides effective service; and can be expected to continue a program of high quality*  
36 *teaching, scholarship, and service relevant to the mission of the academic unit(s) to which the faculty*  
37 *member is assigned and to the university.*

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39 Tenure is not awarded below the rank of Associate Professor at The Ohio State University. It  
40 is therefore essential to evaluate and judge the probability that faculty, once tenured, will  
41 continue to develop professionally and contribute to the Department's academic mission at a  
42 high level for the duration of their time at the University.

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44 Every candidate is held to a high standard of excellence in all aspects of performance.  
45 Accepting weakness in any aspect of performance in making a tenure decision is tantamount  
46 to deliberately handicapping the Department's ability to perform and to progress  
47 academically. Above all, candidates are held to a very high standard of excellence in the  
48 areas central to their responsibilities. If a candidate's primary teaching role is and will

1 continue to be undergraduate teaching, then excellence in undergraduate teaching is required.  
 2 A mediocre performance in this area would not be adequately counterbalanced by excellent  
 3 performance in another aspect of teaching that is a significantly smaller part of the  
 4 individual's responsibilities.

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 6 Excellence in teaching, research, and service are moreover defined to include professional  
 7 ethical conduct in each area of responsibility, consistent with the [American Association of](#)  
 8 [University Professors' Statement on Professional Ethics](#).

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 10 The accomplishments listed below in the areas of teaching, research, and service are  
 11 expected of faculty for promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure. In the evaluation of  
 12 untenured Associate Professors for tenure, the same criteria apply, along with any others  
 13 established in writing at the time a senior rank appointment without tenure was offered.  
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15 ***Criteria and evidence identified as supporting promotion to associate professor with tenure.***

<b>TEACHING</b>	
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Types of Evidence Demonstrating Impact and Showing Criteria Have Been Met</b>
Candidates must	Candidates may be asked to submit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide up-to-date content at an appropriate level in every instructional situation and demonstrate continuing growth in subject matter knowledge.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the ability to organize and present class material effectively with logic, conviction, and enthusiasm.</li> <li>• Demonstrate creativity in the use of various modes of instruction, classroom technology, and other teaching strategies to create an optimal learning environment.</li> <li>• Engage students actively in the learning process and encourage independent thought, creativity, and appreciation of the knowledge creation process.</li> <li>• Provide appropriate and timely feedback to students throughout the instructional process.</li> <li>• Treat students with respect and courtesy.</li> <li>• Improve curriculum through revision or new development of courses and/or academic programs.</li> <li>• Serve as advisor to an appropriate number of graduate students given the Department's graduate student/faculty ratio and the faculty member's area(s) of expertise.</li> <li>• Engage in documentable efforts to improve teaching.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of syllabi, examinations, problem sets</li> <li>• Student evaluations of teaching</li> <li>• Peer evaluations of teaching</li> <li>• Any documents that show efforts to improve teaching, such as those through the Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning</li> </ul>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP/CREATIVE WORKS/RESEARCH</b>	
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Types of Evidence Demonstrating Impact and Showing Criteria Have Been Met</b>
Candidates must:	Candidates may be asked to submit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate that he/she has achieved excellence as a scholar</li> <li>• Demonstrate that they have attained national reputations as scholars based on high-quality original research as evidenced by publications, research grants and contracts, invitations to present seminars or invited lectures on their research, and research awards and other recognitions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete publication record including archival journal papers, conference papers and posters (both refereed and otherwise), monographs, books, book chapters, textbooks based on scholarship, magazine articles and on-line publications, patents and invention disclosures.</li> <li>• A list of sustained grants and contracts from foundations, federal agencies, major industry, or private sector – may be</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a body of work in peer reviewed journals, or other journals consistent with the standards of the unit, and/or conferences of high quality that clearly demonstrates creation of an independent research/scholarship/creative program over time.</li> </ul>	<p>as Primary Investigator or Co-Investigator with documented focused contribution on multiple grants or projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research awards (internal and external)</li> <li>Keynote presentations at national and international conferences</li> <li>Invited talks at symposia, conferences, other field specific venues that demonstrate the recognition of the thought leadership of the candidate.</li> </ul>
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<b>SERVICE</b>	
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Types of Evidence Demonstrating Impact and Showing Criteria Have Been Met</b>
Candidates must have:	Candidates may be asked to submit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrated excellence in service to the department</li> <li>Demonstrated excellence in service to the University</li> <li>Demonstrated excellence in service to the profession or the local or national communities</li> </ul> <p>Examples include but not limited to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active participation in or leadership of professional societies and/or conferences,</li> <li>Serving as a Peer Reviewer of proposals for granting agencies, or of manuscripts, books, inventions</li> <li>Consulting</li> <li>Participation in short courses, workshops, panels, etc. that are oriented toward training, assessing or unifying research goals, or addressing technical issues of significance.</li> <li>Offices in Professional Research Societies or Committees, Editorial Board Memberships, Organizing Committee Memberships for International Conferences, etc.</li> <li>Promotion of technical awareness</li> <li>Outreach activities for K-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual evaluations documenting excellent service to department, university, profession or communities</li> </ul>

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**6.A.2. Promotion to Professor.**

[Faculty Rule 3335-6-02\(C\)](#) establishes the following general criteria for promotion to the rank of Professor.

*Promotion to the rank of professor must be based on convincing evidence that the faculty member has a sustained record of excellence in teaching; has produced a significant body of scholarship that is recognized nationally or internationally; and has demonstrated leadership in service.*

For promotion to Professor, a faculty member is expected to be a role model for faculty, for students, and for the profession. Assessment takes place in relation to specific assigned responsibilities, with exceptional performance in these responsibilities required. The specific criteria in teaching, research, and service for promotion to Professor are similar to those for promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, with the added expectation of sustained accomplishment and a record of continuing professional growth. Promotion standards in CBE reflect the reality that (a) not all faculty members have the same distribution of assignments, (b) not all faculty members will be able to contribute excellence equally in all evaluation dimensions, and (c) there is a multi-faceted institutional responsibility that must

1 be achieved by the skills of the faculty collectively. Promotion to professor is to be awarded  
2 not only to those faculty who have demonstrated impact in their scholarship of research and  
3 creative inquiry, teaching and learning, and service, but also to those who have exhibited  
4 excellence in the scholarship of leadership to make a visible and demonstrable impact upon  
5 the mission of the TIU and The Ohio State University.  
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7 **6.A.3. Promotion of Professional Practice Faculty.**

8 **Promotion to Professional Practice Assistant Professor.** Promotion to professional  
9 practice assistant professor should be based on the candidate's

- 10 -Having completed his or her terminal degree  
11 -Accomplishment in the area of teaching  
12 - Contribution to the scholarly mission of the Department, College, and University,  
13 - Promise of continued professional growth  
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15 Promotion will entail generation of a renewed contract. There is no presumption of a change  
16 in contract terms.  
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18 **Promotion to Professional Practice Associate Professor.** Promotion to Professional  
19 Practice Associate Professor should be based on the candidate's

- 20 - Accomplishment in the area of teaching  
21 - Contribution to the scholarly mission of the Department, College, and University,  
22 - Promise of continued professional growth  
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24 Subject to the different emphasis for professional practice faculty in teaching, scholarship  
25 and service described in this section, the criteria for promotion are similar to those for  
26 promotion to Associate Professor for tenure-track faculty. It is recognized that teaching  
27 activities of the professional practice faculty (in contrast to those of tenure-track faculty) may  
28 show greater emphasis in areas such as laboratory development (e.g. lab manual authorship),  
29 design project supervision, supervising student teams in project competitions, advising  
30 student organizations, or interactions with industry.  
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32 Promotion will entail generation of a renewed contract. There is no presumption of a change  
33 in contract terms.  
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35 **Promotion to Professional Practice Professor.** Promotion to Professional Practice  
36 Professor should be based on the candidate's

- 37 - Sustained accomplishment in the area of teaching  
38 - Continued contributions to the scholarly mission of the Department, College, and  
39 University  
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41 Subject to the different emphases for faculty of practice in teaching, scholarship and service  
42 described in this section, the criteria for promotion are similar to those for promotion to  
43 Professor for tenure-track faculty. It is recognized that teaching activities of faculty of  
44 practice (in contrast to those of tenure-track faculty) may show greater emphasis in areas  
45 such as laboratory development (e.g. lab manual authorship), design project supervision,  
46 supervising student teams in project competitions, advising student organizations, or

1 interactions with industry. Such contributions when present should be sustained and  
2 outstanding for successful promotion to Professional Practice Professor.

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4 Promotion will entail generation of a renewed contract. There is no presumption of a change  
5 in contract terms.

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7 **6.A.4. Promotion of Research Faculty.**

8 **Promotion to Research Associate Professor.** A faculty member must have a substantial  
9 record of high-quality focused research consistent with an appointment devoted solely to  
10 research. Publications must appear in high quality peer reviewed venues and be judged by  
11 external evaluators as having substantial positive impact on the field. A record of continuous  
12 peer reviewed funding is required along with evidence of a growing national reputation.

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14 Promotion will entail generation of a renewed contract. There is no presumption of a change  
15 in contract terms.

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17 **Promotion to Research Professor.** A faculty member must have a national or international  
18 reputation built on an extensive body of high-quality publications and with demonstrated  
19 impact on the field. A record of continuous peer reviewed funding is required, along with  
20 demonstrated research productivity as a result of such funding.

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22 Promotion will entail generation of a renewed contract. There is no presumption of a change  
23 in contract terms.

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25 **6.A.5. Promotion of Associated Faculty.**

26 **Promotion to Adjunct Associate Professor and Adjunct Professor.** The relevant criteria  
27 for the promotion of adjunct faculty members shall be the same as those for the promotion of  
28 tenure-track, professional practice, or research faculty, as appropriate to the appointment,  
29 above.

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31 **Promotion to Associate Professor and Professor with FTE below 50%.** The relevant  
32 criteria for the promotion of associated faculty members with tenure-track titles are those for  
33 the promotion of tenure-track faculty above.

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35 **Promotion to Senior Lecturer.** Lecturers may be promoted to senior lecturer if they meet  
36 the criteria for appointment at that rank as described in Section 4.A.4.

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38 **Promotion of Visiting Faculty.** Visiting faculty members are not eligible for promotion.

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40 **6.B. PROCEDURES.**

41 The Department's procedures for promotion & tenure and promotion reviews are fully consistent  
42 with those set forth in Faculty Rule [3335-6-04](#) and the Office Academic Affairs annually updated  
43 procedural guidelines for promotion and tenure reviews found in Chapter 3 of the [Policies and](#)  
44 [Procedures Handbook](#).

1           **6.B.1.      Tenure-Track, Professional Practice, and Research Faculty**

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3           **6.B.1.1.    Candidate Responsibilities.**

4           Candidates for promotion and tenure or promotion are responsible for submitting a complete,  
5           accurate dossier and providing a copy of the APT document under which they wish to be  
6           reviewed, if other than the department’s current document. If external evaluations are  
7           required, candidates are responsible for reviewing the list of potential external evaluators  
8           compiled for their case according to departmental guidelines. Each of these elements is  
9           described in detail below.

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11           **6.B.1.1.1.    Dossier.**

12           Every candidate must submit a complete, accurate dossier that follows the Office of  
13           Academic Affairs [dossier outline](#). Candidates should not sign the Office of Academic  
14           Affairs [Candidate Checklist](#) without ascertaining that they have fully met the  
15           requirements set forth in the Office of Academic Affairs core dossier outline, including  
16           but not limited to those highlighted on the Checklist.

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18           While the Promotion and Tenure Committee makes reasonable efforts to check the  
19           dossier for accuracy and completeness, the candidate bears full responsibility for all parts  
20           of the dossier that are to be completed by the candidate.

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22           The time period for teaching documentation to be included in the dossier for probationary  
23           faculty is the start date to present. For tenured or nonprobationary faculty it is the date of  
24           last promotion, reappointment, or the last five years, whichever is less, to present. The  
25           eligible faculty may allow a candidate to include information prior to the date of last  
26           promotion or reappointment if it believes such information would be relevant to the  
27           review. Any such material should be clearly indicated.

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29           For scholarship documentation, a full history of publications and creative work should be  
30           included, as this information provides context to the more recent and relevant research  
31           record and/or demonstrates scholarly independence. Information about scholarship  
32           produced prior to the start date (for probationary faculty) or date of last promotion or  
33           reappointment may be provided. Any such material should be clearly indicated. However,  
34           it is the scholarship performance since the start date or date of last promotion that is to be  
35           the focus of the evaluating parties.

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37           The time period for service documentation to be included in the dossier for probationary  
38           faculty is the start date to present. For tenured or nonprobationary faculty it is the date of  
39           last promotion, reappointment, or the last five years, whichever is more recent, to present  
40           The eligible faculty may allow a candidate to include information prior to the date of last  
41           promotion or reappointment if it believes such information would be relevant to the  
42           review. Any such material should be clearly indicated.

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44           **Teaching and other department-suggested teaching documentation.**

- 45           • Cumulative SEI reports (Student Evaluation of Instruction computer generated  
46           summaries prepared by the Office of the University Registrar) for every class.

- a year-by-year summary of the SEI reports (both quantitative and narrative components) prepared by a faculty member other than the candidate.
- Peer evaluation of teaching reports as required by the Department's peer evaluation of teaching program (details provided in the Appendix II in this document).
- Copies of pedagogical papers, books or other materials published, or accepted for publication. Material accepted for publication but not yet published must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher stating that the work has been unequivocally accepted and is in final form with no further revisions needed.
- Other relevant documentation of teaching as appropriate.

### **Research.**

- Copies of representative scholarly papers published or accepted for publication. Papers accepted for publication but not yet published must be accompanied by a notification from the publisher stating that the paper has been unequivocally accepted and is in final form, with no further revisions needed. Collaborative work is encouraged, and the candidate's intellectual contributions to the collaborative work must be clearly and fairly described to allow an accurate assessment. It is also recognized that synergism can result from collaborations; therefore, an assessment of contribution based solely on a linear fractionation of contribution among collaborators can be misleading and inappropriate, and a more holistic assessment of the candidate's contribution must be made.
  - Documentation of grants and contracts received. It is recognized that funding is a means to an end, and the ultimate objective of funding is scholarship. Consequently, less evaluation is placed on the source or amount of funding, and more on the impact of that funding on scholarship.
  - Involvement in the start-up of new commercial enterprises is a further example of scholarship.
  - Documentation of national/international reputation. Examples of metrics include: invitations to make technical presentations, review panels, citations of candidates' published work, etc.
  - Other relevant documentation of research as appropriate, e.g. published reviews including publications where one's work is favorably cited, or grants and contract proposals that have been submitted.
  - Appendix I, which summarizes topics for a faculty member's annual report on scholarship is an example of topics considered as scholarship.

### **Service**

- Any available documentation of the quality of service that enhances the list of service activities in the dossier.

The complete dossier, including the SEI and peer evaluation documentation of teaching noted below, is forwarded when the review moves beyond the Department. Under no circumstances should faculty solicit evaluations from any party for purposes of the review.



1                   **6.B.1.1.2.     Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) Document.**

2                   Candidates must indicate the APT document under which they wish to be reviewed. A  
3                   candidate may be reviewed using the department’s current APT document, or they may  
4                   elect to be reviewed under either (a) the APT document that was in effect on their start  
5                   date, or (b) the APT document that was in effect on the date of their last promotion (or last  
6                   reappointment in the case of professional practice and research faculty), whichever of these  
7                   two latter documents is the more recent. However, for tenure-track faculty the current APT  
8                   document must be used if the letter of offer or last promotion, whichever is more recent,  
9                   was more than 10 years before April 1 of the review year.

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11                   If a candidate wishes to be reviewed under an APT other than the current approved version  
12                   available [here](#), a copy of the APT document under which the candidate has elected to be  
13                   reviewed must be submitted when the dossier is submitted to the department.

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15                   **6.B.1.1.3.     External Evaluations**

16                   If external evaluations are required: to review, upon request to the Department Chair, the  
17                   list of potential external evaluators developed by the Department Chair and the  
18                   Promotion and Tenure Committee. The candidate may add no more than three additional  
19                   names, but is not required to do so. The candidate may request the removal of no more  
20                   than two names. The Department Chair decides whether removal is justified. (Also see  
21                   EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS below.).

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23                   **6.B.1.2.     Promotion and Tenure Committee Responsibilities.**

24                   The Department’s Committee of Eligible Faculty serves as its Promotion and Tenure  
25                   Committee. The Chair or Co-chairs are appointed by the Department Chair. The Chair or Co-  
26                   chairs of the Committee provide administrative support for the promotion and tenure review  
27                   process as described below. The responsibilities of the Promotion and Tenure Committee are  
28                   as follows:

- 29                   • To review this APT document annually and to recommend proposed revisions to the  
30                   faculty.
- 31                   • To consider annually, in Spring semester, requests from faculty members seeking a non-  
32                   mandatory review in the following academic year and to decide whether it is appropriate  
33                   for such a review to take place. Only Professors on the committee may consider  
34                   promotion review requests to the rank of Professor. A two-thirds majority of those  
35                   eligible to vote on a request must vote affirmatively for the review to proceed.
- 36                   ○ The committee bases its decision on assessment of the record as presented in the  
37                   faculty member's CV and on a determination of the availability of all required  
38                   documentation for a full review (e.g., student and peer evaluations of teaching). Lack  
39                   of the required documentation is necessary and sufficient grounds on which to deny a  
40                   non-mandatory review.
- 41                   ○ A tenured faculty member may be denied a formal promotion review under Faculty  
42                   Rule [3335-6-04](#) only once. Faculty Rules [3335-7-08](#) and [3335-7-36](#) make the same  
43                   provision for non-probationary professional practice and research faculty,  
44                   respectively. If the denial is based on lack of required documentation and the faculty  
45                   member insists that the review go forward in the following year despite incomplete

1 documentation, the individual should be advised that such a review is unlikely to be  
2 successful.

- 3 ○ A decision by the committee to permit a review to take place in no way commits the  
4 eligible faculty, the department chair, or any other party to the review to making a  
5 positive recommendation during the review itself.
- 6 ● Annually, in late spring through early autumn semester, to provide administrative support  
7 for the promotion and tenure review process as described below.
  - 8 ○ **Late Spring:** Select from among its members a Procedures Oversight Designee who  
9 will serve in this role for the following year. The Procedures Oversight Designee  
10 cannot be the same individual who chairs the committee. The Procedures Oversight  
11 Designee's responsibilities are described in the Office of Academic Affairs [annual](#)  
12 [procedural guidelines](#).
  - 13 ○ **Late Spring:** Suggest names of external evaluators to the Department Chair. The  
14 external evaluators will be drawn predominantly from the lists of peer and  
15 aspirational peer programs (see Section 6.B.3 below). Justification will be provided in  
16 cases when a suggested evaluator is from a program not included on these lists.
  - 17 ○ **Late Spring:** Receive names of external evaluators from the candidate.
  - 18 ○ **Late Spring:** In consultation with the Department chair, finalize the list of external  
19 evaluators and request letters.
  - 20 ○ **Early Autumn:** Review candidates' dossiers for completeness, accuracy (including  
21 citations), and consistency with Office of Academic Affairs requirements; and work  
22 with candidates to assure that needed revisions are made in the dossier before the  
23 formal review process begins.
  - 24 ○ Meet with each candidate for clarification as necessary and to provide the candidate  
25 an opportunity to comment on his or her dossier. (This meeting is not an occasion to  
26 debate the candidate's record.)
  - 27 ○ Draft an analysis of the candidate's performance in teaching, research and service to  
28 provide to the Committee of the Eligible Faculty with the dossier; and seek to clarify  
29 any inconsistent evidence in the case, where possible.
  - 30 ○ Consider the interdisciplinary work of a candidate across multiple units as part of the  
31 whole work, especially if the candidate has a joint appointment in another unit or is a  
32 member of a Discovery Theme.
  - 33 ○ Revise the draft analysis of each case following the faculty meeting, to include the  
34 faculty vote and a summary of the faculty perspectives expressed during the meeting;  
35 and forward the completed written evaluation and recommendation to the Department  
36 Chair.
  - 37 ○ Provide a written response to any candidate comments that warrant response, for  
38 inclusion in the dossier.
  - 39 ○ Provide a written evaluation and recommendation to the Department Chair in the case  
40 of joint appointees whose tenure initiating unit is another Department. The full  
41 Committee of the Eligible Faculty does not vote on these cases since the Department's  
42 recommendation must be provided to the other TIU substantially earlier than the  
43 Committee begins meeting on this Department's cases.
- 44 ● To review thoroughly and objectively every candidate's dossier in advance of the meeting  
45 at which the candidate's case will be discussed.

- To attend all committee meetings except when circumstances beyond one's control prevent attendance; to participate in discussion of every case; and to vote.

### 6.B.1.3. Department Chair Responsibilities.

The responsibilities of the Department Chair are as follows:

- To charge each member of the eligible faculty to conduct reviews free of bias and based on criteria.
- To determine whether a candidate is authorized to work in the United States and whether a candidate now, or in the future, will require sponsorship for an employment visa or immigration status. For tenure-track assistant professors, TIU heads are to confirm that candidates are eligible to work in the U.S. Candidates who are not U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents, asylees, or refugees will be required to sign an [MOU](#) at the time of promotion with tenure.
- **Late Spring Semester:** To finalize the list of external evaluators from a list including names suggested by the Promotion and Tenure Committee, the candidate and the chair. (Also see EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS below.) For faculty on joint appointment, to solicit names from the other TIU or centers involved in the candidate's appointment.
- To review faculty with budgeted joint appointments whose primary appointment is in this department. The department chair will seek a letter of evaluation from the TIU head of the joint appointment unit. The input should be in the form of a narrative commenting on faculty duties, responsibilities, and workload; on any additional assignments; and on impact of the work of the individual in the field of the joint unit.
- To make each candidate's dossier available in an accessible place for review by the eligible faculty at least two weeks before the meeting at which specific cases are to be discussed and voted.
- To remove any member of the Committee of the Eligible Faculty from the review of a candidate when the member has a conflict of interest but does not voluntarily withdraw from the review.
- To attend the meetings of the eligible faculty at which promotion and tenure matters are discussed and respond to questions raised during the meeting. At the request of the eligible faculty, the department chair will leave the meeting to allow open discussion among the eligible faculty members.
- **Mid Autumn Semester:** To provide an independent written evaluation and recommendation for each candidate, following receipt of the Committee of the Eligible Faculty's completed evaluation and recommendation.
- To meet with the Committee of the Eligible Faculty to explain any recommendations contrary to the recommendation of the Committee.
- To inform each candidate in writing after completion of the Department review process:
  - of the recommendations by the Committee of the Eligible Faculty and Department Chair.
  - of the availability for review of the written evaluations by the Committee of the Eligible Faculty and Department Chair.
  - of the opportunity to submit written comments on the above material, within ten days from receipt of the letter from the Department Chair, for inclusion in the dossier. The letter is accompanied by a form that the candidate returns to the Department Chair, indicating whether or not he or she expects to submit comments.

- To provide a written response to any candidate comments that warrant response for inclusion in the dossier.
- To forward the completed dossier to the College office by that office's deadline.
- To receive the Promotion and Tenure Committee's written evaluation and recommendation of candidates who are joint appointees from other tenure initiating units, and to forward this material, along with the Department Chair's independent written evaluation and recommendation, to the Department Chair of the other TIU by the date requested.

### **6.B.2. Procedures for Associated Faculty**

Adjunct faculty and associated faculty with tenure-track titles for whom promotion is a possibility follow the promotion guidelines and procedures detailed in Section 6.B above, with the exception that the review does not proceed to the college level if the department chair's recommendation is negative (a negative recommendation by the department chair is final in such cases).

### **6.B.3 External Evaluations.**

This department will seek external evaluations predominately from evaluators in the following programs:

Peer Programs: University of Michigan, Pennsylvania State University, Rice University, University of Colorado, North Carolina State University, University of Illinois, Texas A&M University, University of Washington, Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania.

Aspirational Peer Programs: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Santa Barbara, University of Delaware, University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, Northwestern University, California Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of Texas at Austin.

External evaluations of research and scholarly activity are obtained for all promotion reviews in which research must be assessed. These include all tenure-track promotion & tenure or promotion reviews, all research contract renewal and promotion reviews. In cases of jointly appointed faculty, additional evaluators may be suggested by the Department Chair of the secondary appointment TIU as appropriate. External evaluations of scholarly activity and research are not obtained for professional practice or associated faculty unless the faculty member has been involved in a significant amount of scholarship. The decision to seek external evaluations for a professional practice or associated faculty member will be made by the department chair after consulting with the candidate and the chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Evaluations that assess the quality and impact of the teaching and service of professional practice faculty candidates under consideration for promotion are to be obtained. It is recognized that external letters for professional practice faculty are not based on the same criteria as for typical tenure-track positions, or research faculty positions. In this case, the goal is to solicit letters that demonstrate that the candidate is of sufficient

1 expertise/knowledge to be qualified for their position. Evaluations should address the  
2 extent and quality of teaching as characterized by internal and external evaluations of  
3 instruction and the quality of contributions through outreach and engagement with  
4 industry, the educational community, and the broad community of practitioners as  
5 appropriate for the individual under review. Evaluations should also address the extent  
6 and quality of professional service to the department, College, and University. Such  
7 letters provide outside verification of the Department’s decision for promotion.  
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9 A conflict of interest for external reviewers exists if the reviewer is or has been to the  
10 candidate: a) a thesis, dissertation, or postdoctoral advisee/advisor; b) a research  
11 collaborator, which includes someone who has been a coauthor on a publication within the  
12 past 3 years, including pending publications and submissions; c) a collaborator on a project  
13 within the past 3 years, including current and planned collaborations; d) in a  
14 consulting/financial arrangement with the candidate within the past 3 years, including  
15 receiving compensation of any type (e.g., money, goods, or services); e) a relative or close  
16 personal friend; or f) in any relationship, personal or professional, that could reduce the  
17 reviewer’s objectivity. Also excluded are reviewers from the same institution, or those who  
18 had previous employment in the same institution within the past 12 months, or those who  
19 are being considered for employment at that institution.  
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21 A minimum of five credible and useful evaluations must be obtained. A credible and  
22 useful evaluation:

- 23 • is written by a person highly qualified to judge the candidate's scholarly  
24 accomplishments (or other performance, if relevant) who is not a close personal  
25 friend, research collaborator, or former academic advisor or post-doctoral mentor  
26 of the candidate (see description of conflict of interest for external reviewers just  
27 above). Qualifications are generally judged on the basis of the evaluator's  
28 expertise, record of accomplishments, and institutional affiliation. This  
29 department will solicit evaluations only from professors with institutional  
30 affiliations predominately in the programs listed above. In the case of an assistant  
31 professor seeking promotion to associate professor with tenure, a minority of the  
32 evaluations may come from associate professors.
- 33 • provides sufficient analysis of the candidate's performance to add information to  
34 the review. A letter's usefulness is defined as the extent to which the letter is  
35 analytical as opposed to perfunctory. Under no circumstances will “usefulness” be  
36 defined by the perspective taken by an evaluator on the merits of the case.  
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38 Since the department cannot control who agrees to write and or the usefulness of the letters  
39 received, more letters are sought than are required, and they are solicited no later than the end  
40 of the spring semester prior to the review year. This timing allows additional letters to be  
41 requested should fewer than five useful letters result from the first round of requests.  
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43 As described above, a list of potential evaluators is assembled by the Promotion and Tenure  
44 Committee, the Department Chair, and the candidate. If the evaluators suggested by the  
45 candidate meet the criteria for credibility, letters are requested from those persons. Section  
46 B(3) of Faculty Rule [3335-6-04](#) requires that no more than half the external evaluation letters

1 in the dossier be written by persons suggested by the candidate. In the event that the  
2 person(s) suggested by the candidate do not agree to write, neither the Office of Academic  
3 Affairs nor this Department requires that the dossier contain letters from evaluators suggested  
4 by the candidate. The Department follows the Office of Academic Affairs suggested format  
5 for letters requesting external evaluations. A sample letter for tenure-track and research  
6 faculty can be found [here](#). A sample letter for professional practice faculty can be found [here](#).

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8 Under no circumstances may a candidate solicit external evaluations or initiate contact in any  
9 way with external evaluators for any purpose related to the promotion review. If an external  
10 evaluator should initiate contact with the candidate regarding the review, the candidate must  
11 inform the evaluator that such communication is inappropriate and report the occurrence to  
12 the Department Chair, who will decide what, if any, action is warranted, e.g., requesting  
13 permission from the Office of Academic Affairs to exclude that letter from the dossier. It is  
14 in the candidate's self-interest to assure that there is no ethical or procedural lapse, or the  
15 appearance of such a lapse, in the course of the review process.

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17 All solicited external evaluation letters that are received must be included in the dossier. If  
18 concerns arise about any of the letters received, these concerns may be addressed in the  
19 Department's written evaluations or brought to the attention of the Office of Academic  
20 Affairs for advice.

## 21 22 **7. PROMOTION AND TENURE AND REAPPOINTMENT APPEALS.**

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24 Faculty members who believe they have been evaluated improperly for tenure, promotion, or  
25 reappointment may appeal a negative decision to the University Senate Committee on Academic Freedom  
26 and Responsibility.

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28 Performance that is adequate for annual reappointment may not be adequate for the granting of promotion  
29 or tenure with promotion for faculty on the tenure track or, in the case of clinical/teaching/professional  
30 practice or research faculty, for securing a reappointment.

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32 Faculty Rule [3335-6-05](#) (A) sets forth general criteria for appeals of negative promotion and tenure  
33 decisions. Appeals alleging improper evaluation are described in Faculty Rule [3335-5-05](#) . Disagreement  
34 with a negative decision is not grounds for appeal. In pursuing an appeal, the faculty member is required  
35 to document the failure of one or more parties to the review process to follow written policies and  
36 procedures.

## 37 38 **8. SEVENTH YEAR REVIEWS.**

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40 Faculty Rule [3335-6-05](#) (B) sets forth the conditions of and procedures for a seventh-year review for a  
41 faculty member denied tenure as a result of a sixth year (mandatory tenure) review.

## 42 43 **9. PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT AND PEER EVALUATION OF TEACHING.**

### 44 45 **9.A. Student Evaluation of Teaching**

1 Use of the Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI), including collection of open-ended narrative  
2 comments, is required in every course offered in this department, with the exception of courses  
3 with no lecture section. Courses with no lecture section may use the SEI or an alternative, self-  
4 administered evaluation of instruction appropriate to the course activities and learning objectives.  
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### 6 **9.B. Peer Evaluation of Teaching**

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8 The Department Chair oversees the department's peer evaluation of teaching process.  
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10 The curriculum committee will serve as the Peer Review of Teaching Subcommittee with one  
11 member of the curriculum committee taking the lead on identifying suitable peer reviewers and  
12 ensuring that the summary of the review is reported to the Department Chair and faculty  
13 member. Reasonable efforts are made to distribute peer review service among the tenured faculty  
14 from year to year in order to support and encourage attention to the quality of teaching in the  
15 department. Although there is no presumption that a peer reviewer must be of equal or higher  
16 rank than the faculty member being reviewed, such a model will be followed to the extent  
17 possible.  
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19 The responsibilities of the Peer Review of Teaching Subcommittee are as follows:  
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- 21 • to review the teaching of probationary tenure-track and professional practice faculty at least  
22 once during the first two years of service, and at least once per year during the remainder of  
23 the probationary period, with the goal of assessing teaching at all the levels of instruction to  
24 which the faculty member is assigned in the course of each probationary year.  
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- 26 • to review the teaching of tenured associate professors and non-probationary professional  
27 practice associate professors at least once every two years, with the goal of assessing  
28 teaching at all the levels of instruction to which the faculty member is assigned over a three-  
29 year period, with the goal of assessing teaching at all the levels of instruction to which the  
30 faculty member is assigned over a six year period and of having at least four peer reviews of  
31 teaching before the commencement of a promotion review.  
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- 33 • to review, upon the Department Chair's request, the teaching of any faculty member not  
34 currently scheduled for review. Such reviews are normally triggered by low or declining  
35 student evaluations or other evidence of the need for assistance in improving teaching.  
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- 37 • to review the teaching of a faculty member not currently scheduled for review, upon that  
38 individual's request, to the extent that time permits. Reviews conducted at the request of the  
39 faculty member are considered formative only. The Department Chair is informed that the  
40 review took place, but the report is given only to the faculty member who requested the  
41 review. Faculty seeking formative reviews should also seek the services of the [Michael V.  
42 Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning](#).  
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44 Reviews conducted upon the request of the Department Chair or the faculty member focus on the  
45 specific aspects of instruction requested by the Chair or faculty member.  
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1 Regularly scheduled peer teaching evaluations (the first two situations listed above) are  
2 comprehensive and should include, in addition to class visitation, review of course syllabi and  
3 related instruction materials. In the case of peer review for the purposes of promotion and tenure  
4 reviews, the class visitation is conducted by one or more senior peers whom the promotion and  
5 tenure chair has identified in consultation with the candidate. The peer reviewer should meet  
6 with the candidate to establish a time for the visit and to understand the goals of the course and  
7 the candidate's teaching philosophy. If possible, the peer reviewer should attend two different  
8 class sessions over the course of the semester.

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10 In observing the course and reviewing the syllabus and other materials, the peer reviewer should  
11 focus on such issues as the appropriateness of the course design given the goals and level of the  
12 course, the quality and effectiveness of the instructional materials and assessment tools, and the  
13 appropriateness of the approach relative to current disciplinary knowledge. At the conclusion of  
14 the class visits, the reviewer meets with the candidate to give feedback and also submits a written  
15 report to the Department Chair, copied to the candidate. The candidate may provide written  
16 comments on this report and the reviewer may respond if he/she wishes. The reports are included  
17 in the candidate's promotion and tenure dossier.

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19 Appendix II contains example forms used for peer review.



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## APPENDIX I

### Annual activity report for (name):

Period: January 1, 20xx- December 31, 20xx

Probationary faculty and associate professors must submit the annual activity report following OAA [dossier format](#) (instead of Appendix I)

### Professional recognition

Honors and Awards during the report period

### Research

1. Books and Book Chapters
2. Refereed Papers
3. Patents
4. Grant Support

#### *4a. Grants active during the reporting period*

(Title, Sponsor, Budget, Name(s) of PI and co-PIs , Start Date, End Date, Budget)

#### *4b. Proposals submitted during the reporting period (indicate status as “funded”, “not funded” or “pending”*

(Title, Sponsor, Budget, Name(s) of PI and co-PIs , Start Date, End Date, Budget)

5. Proceeding Publications
6. Technical Reports
7. Invited Lectures, Seminars and Short Courses

#### *7a. Invited Lectures at Universities and Corporate Research Center*

#### *7b. Invited or Keynote Lectures at Conferences*

8. Additional Paper Presentations
9. Any collaborative activities

### Advising

1. PhD students advised during the report period (indicate graduation date or expected graduation date)
2. MS students advised during the grant period(indicate graduation date or expected graduation date)
3. Post-doctoral researchers advised during the grant period
4. Undergraduate researchers advised during the report period
5. Undergraduate Honors students who completed their Honors theses during the report period

1 **Teaching**

- 2 1. Courses Taught (Semester, Number of Students)  
3 Please attach the SEI reports  
4 2. New course development  
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6 **Activities that demonstrate your commitment to fostering university’s shared**  
7 **values.** (Guidelines for Documenting [University Shared Values](#) in Faculty Annual Reviews can be  
8 found in the attached document)  
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10 **Service**

11 University Service (Department, College, University

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13 Service External to University

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15 **Other**

16 Other Important Accomplishments Made in Either the University or the Professional Arena That Were  
17 Not Covered Above

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20 **Goals**

21 Please provide a list of your professional goals for the next year

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24 **CV**

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26 Please provide a current CV as a separate document. Please include all the SEI reports for the year  
27 20XX.  
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1 **APPENDIX II**

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3 **Table 1**  
4 **Class Observation Checklist**

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6 **Course: \_\_ Instructor: Date:**

7 Circle your responses to each of the 10 questions and then add comments below the table.

	<b>Extremely</b>	<b>Very well</b>	<b>Adequately</b>	<b>Inadequately</b>	<b>Not at all</b>
<b>The instructor</b>					
1 – was well prepared for class	5	4	3	2	1
2 – was knowledgeable about the subject matter	5	4	3	2	1
3 – was enthusiastic about the subject matter	5	4	3	2	1
4 – spoke clearly, audibly, and confidently	5	4	3	2	1
5 – used a variety of relevant illustrations/examples	5	4	3	2	1
6 – made effective use of the board and/or visual aids	5	4	3	2	1
7 – asked stimulating and challenging questions	5	4	3	2	1
8 – effectively held students’ attention	5	4	3	2	1
9 – encouraged and achieved active student involvement	5	4	3	2	1
10 – treated students impartially and with respect	5	4	3	2	1

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9 **Overall rating (add circled responses and divide by 10): \_**

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11 **What worked well in the class? (Continue on back if necessary)**

12 **What could have been improved? (Continue on back if necessary)**

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14 **Evaluator(s) \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**Table 2**  
**Course Material Checklist**

**Course:**                      **Instructor:**                      **Date:**

Circle your responses to each of the 10 questions and then add comments below the table.

	Extremely	Very well	Adequately	Inadequately	Not at all
1. Course content includes the appropriate topics	5	4	3	2	1
2. Course content reflects the current state of the field	5	4	3	2	1
3. Course learning objectives are clear and appropriate	5	4	3	2	1
4. Course policies and rules are clear and appropriate	5	4	3	2	1
5. Lecture notes are well organized and clearly written	5	4	3	2	1
6. Supplementary handouts and web pages are well organized and clearly written	5	4	3	2	1
7. Assignments are consistent with objectives and appropriately challenging	5	4	3	2	1
8. Tests are consistent with learning objectives and appropriately challenging	5	4	3	2	1
9. Tests are clearly written and reasonable in length	5	4	3	2	1
10. Student products demonstrate satisfaction of learning objectives	5	4	3	2	1

**Overall rating (add circled responses and divide by 10):**

**What are the strengths of the course materials? (Continue on back if necessary)**

**What could have been improved? (Continue on back if necessary)**

**Evaluator(s)**