

**PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EVALUATION OF FACULTY  
FOR TENURE, PROMOTION, AND MERIT INCREASES**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Policies and procedures for the evaluation of faculty are established to provide the means whereby the performance of individual faculty members and their contributions to collective university goals may be equitably assessed and documented. In the development of these policies and procedures, the university recognizes the uniqueness of individual faculty members, of the departments of which they are a part, and of their specific disciplines; and, because of that uniqueness, the main responsibility for implementation of formative and evaluative procedures has been placed in the departments<sup>1</sup>.

Departmental guidelines should set forth processes and criteria for formative and evaluative activities which are consistent with the department's academic mission. For example, departmental guidelines might identify evaluative criteria which are appropriate to the discipline, or might delineate which activities will receive greater or lesser emphasis in promotion or tenure decisions. They should also include appropriate methods for evaluating the interdisciplinary scholarly activities of departmental faculty. The Deans and the Provost review departmental procedures in order to ensure that faculty are evaluated equitably throughout the university.

Evaluation instruments provide a means for gathering information that can provide a basis for evaluation, but these instruments do not constitute an evaluation in themselves. "Evaluation" is the process whereby the information acquired by appropriate instruments is analyzed to determine the quality of performance as measured against the criteria set by the department.

Policies and procedures shall be consistent with sections 580 -21-100 through 135 of the Oregon Administrative Rules of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Approval and implementation of these policies and procedures shall be consistent with the agreement between Portland State University (PSU) and the American Association of University Professors, Portland State Chapter, and with the internal governance procedures of the University.

Each year the Provost will establish a timeline to ensure that decision makers at each level of review will have sufficient time to consider tenure and promotion recommendations responsibly.

At present, PSU faculty can be appointed as tenure-track or non-tenure track faculty.

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<sup>1</sup> "Departments" includes departments, schools, and other similar administrative units.

## II. SCHOLARSHIP

### A. Overview of Faculty Responsibilities

The task of a university includes the promotion of learning and the discovery and extension of knowledge, enterprises which place responsibility upon faculty members with respect to their disciplines, their students, the university, and the community. The University seeks to foster the scholarly development of its faculty and to encourage the scholarly interaction of faculty with students and with regional, national, and international communities. Faculty have a responsibility to their disciplines, their students, the university, and the community to strive for superior intellectual, aesthetic, or creative achievement. Such achievement, as evidenced in scholarly accomplishments, is an indispensable qualification for appointment and promotion and tenure in the ~~professorial~~ faculty ranks. Scholarly accomplishments, suggesting continuing growth and high potential, can be demonstrated through activities of:

- Research, including research and other creative activities,
- Teaching, including delivery of instruction, mentoring, and curricular activities, and
- Community outreach.

All faculty members should keep abreast of developments in their fields<sup>2</sup> and remain professionally active throughout their careers.

At PSU, individual faculty are part of a larger mosaic of faculty talent. The richness of faculty talent should be celebrated, not restricted. Research, teaching, and community outreach are accomplished in an environment that draws on the combined intellectual vitality of the department and of the University. Department faculty may take on responsibilities of research, teaching, and community outreach in differing proportions and emphases. Irrespective of the emphasis assigned to differing activities, it is important that the quality of faculty contributions be rigorously evaluated and that the individual contributions of the faculty, when considered in aggregate, advance the goals of the department and of the University.

~~All faculty have a responsibility to conduct scholarly work in research, teaching, or community outreach in order to contribute to the body of knowledge in their field(s).~~

Effectiveness in teaching, research, or community outreach, ~~must meet an acceptable standard~~ when it is part of a faculty member's responsibilities, must meet an acceptable standard as determined by the faculty in each unit. In addition, each faculty member is expected to contribute to the governance and professionally-related service activities of the University, school/college, and department, as appropriate. All tenure-track faculty have a further responsibility to conduct scholarly work in research, teaching, or community outreach in order to contribute to the body of knowledge in their field(s).

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<sup>2</sup> Faculty fields may be disciplinary or inter-disciplinary in nature.

## **B. Scholarly Agenda**

### **1. Individual Faculty Responsibility.**

The process of developing and articulating one's own scholarly agenda is an essential first step for newly-appointed faculty and is a continuing responsibility as faculty seek advancement. Each faculty member, regardless of rank, has the primary responsibility for planning his or her own career and for articulating his or her own evolving scholarly agenda.

- a. The purpose of a scholarly agenda is not to limit a faculty member's freedom nor to constrain his or her scholarship, but, primarily, to provide a means for individuals to articulate their programs of scholarly effort. The scholarly agenda needs to be specific enough to provide a general outline of a faculty member's goals, priorities, and activities, but it is not a detailed recitation of tasks or a set of detailed, prescribed outcomes. A scholarly agenda:
  - articulates the set of serious intellectual, aesthetic or creative questions, issues or problems which engage and enrich an individual scholar,
  - describes an individual's accomplished and proposed contributions to knowledge, providing an overview of scholarship, including long-term goals and purposes,
  - clarifies general responsibilities and emphases placed by the individual upon research, teaching, community outreach, or governance, and
  - articulates the manner in which the scholar's activities relate to the departmental mission and programmatic goals.

As a faculty member grows and develops, his or her scholarly agenda may evolve over the years. New scholarly agendas may reflect changes in the set of questions, issues, or problems which engage the scholar, or in the individual's relative emphases on teaching, research, community outreach, and governance.

- b. The process of developing or redefining a scholarly agenda also encourages the individual scholar to interact with and draw upon the shared expertise of his or her departmental peers. This process promotes both individual and departmental development, and contributes to the intellectual, aesthetic, and creative climate of the department and of the University.

### **2. Departmental, School and College Responsibilities.**

The development of a scholarly agenda supports a collective process of departmental planning and decision-making which determines the deployment of faculty talent in support of departmental and university missions. Departments, schools, and colleges have the primary responsibility for establishing their respective missions and programmatic goals within the context of the University's mission and disciplines as a whole. Recognizing that departments often accomplish such wide-ranging missions by encouraging faculty to take on diverse scholarly agendas, departments and

individual faculty members are expected to engage in joint career development activities throughout each faculty member's career. Such activities must:

- \_ recognize the individual's career development needs,
- \_ respect the diversity of individual faculty interests and talents, and
- \_ advance the departmental mission and programmatic goals.

Departments shall develop processes for establishing, discussing, agreeing upon, and revising a scholarly agenda that are consistent with the focus upon individual career development and collective responsibilities and shall establish regular methods for resolving conflicts which may arise in the process of agreeing upon scholarly agendas. Finally, departmental processes shall include periodic occasions for collective discussion of the overall picture resulting from the combination of the scholarly agendas of individual faculty members.

### 3. The Uses of a Scholarly Agenda.

The primary use of a scholarly agenda is developmental, not evaluative. An individual's contributions to knowledge should be evaluated in the context of the quality and significance of the scholarship displayed. An individual may include a previously agreed upon scholarly agenda in his or her promotion and tenure documentation, but it is not required. A scholarly agenda is separate from such essentially evaluation-driven practices as letters of offer, annual review of tenure-track faculty, and institutional career support-peer review of tenured faculty, and from the consideration of individuals for merit awards.

## C. Scholarship

The term *scholar* implies superior intellectual, aesthetic, or creative attainment. A scholar engages at the highest levels of life-long learning and inquiry. The character of a scholar is demonstrated by academic achievement and rigorous academic practice. Over time, an active learner usually moves fluidly among different expressions of scholarship. However, it also is quite common and appropriate for scholars to prefer one expression over another. The following four expressions of scholarship (which are presented below in no particular order of importance) apply equally to Research, Teaching, and Community outreach (see E.2-4).<sup>3</sup>

1. Discovery. Discovery is the rigorous testing of researchable questions suggested by theory or models of how phenomena may operate. It is active experimentation, or exploration, with the primary goal of adding to the cumulative knowledge in a substantive way and of enhancing future prediction of the phenomena. Discovery also may involve original creation in writing, as well as creation, performance, or production in the performing arts, fine arts, architecture, graphic design, cinema, and broadcast media or related technologies.

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<sup>3</sup> The contributions of Ernest Boyer are acknowledged in providing the inspiration for sections II.C and II.D.

2. Integration. Integration places isolated knowledge or observations in perspective. Integrating activities make connections across disciplines, theories, or models. Integration illuminates information, artistic creations in the literary and performing arts, or original work in a revealing way. It brings divergent knowledge together or creates and/or extends new theory.
3. Interpretation. Interpretation is the process of revealing, explaining, and making knowledge and creative processes clear to others or of interpreting the creative works of others. In essence, interpretation involves communicating knowledge and instilling skills and understanding that others may build upon and apply.
4. Application. Application involves asking how state-of-the-art knowledge can be responsibly applied to significant problems. Application primarily concerns assessing the efficacy of knowledge or creative activities within a particular context, refining its implications, assessing its generalizability, and using it to implement changes.

#### **D. Quality and Significance of Scholarship**

Quality and significance of scholarship are the primary criteria for determining faculty promotion and tenure for tenure-track faculty. Quality and significance of scholarship are over-arching, integrative concepts that apply equally to the expressions of scholarship as they may appear in various disciplines and to faculty accomplishments resulting from research, teaching, and community outreach (see E.2-4).

A consistently high quality of scholarship, and its promise for future exemplary scholarship, is more important than the quantity of the work done. The criteria for evaluating the quality and significance of scholarly accomplishments include the following:

1. Clarity and Relevance of Goals. A scholar should clearly define objectives of scholarly work and clearly states basic questions of inquiry. Clarity of purpose provides a critical context for evaluating scholarly work.
  - Research or community outreach projects should address substantive intellectual, aesthetic, or creative problems or issues within one's chosen discipline or interdisciplinary field. Clear objectives are necessary for fair evaluation.
  - Teaching activities are usually related to learning objectives that are appropriate within the context of curricular goals and the state of knowledge in the subject matter.
2. Mastery of Existing Knowledge. A scholar must be well-prepared and knowledgeable about developments in his or her field. The ability to educate others, conduct meaningful research, and provide high quality assistance through community outreach depends upon mastering existing knowledge.
  - As researchers and problem solvers, scholars propose methodologies, measures, and interventions that reflect relevant theory, conceptualizations, and cumulative wisdom.

- As teachers, scholars demonstrate a command of resources and exhibit a depth, breadth, and understanding of subject matter allowing them to respond adequately to student learning needs and to evaluate teaching and curricular innovation.
3. Appropriate Use of Methodology and Resources. A scholar should address goals with carefully constructed logic and methodology.
- Rigorous research and applied problem solving requires well-constructed methodology that allows one to determine the efficacy of the tested hypotheses or chosen intervention.
  - As teachers, scholars apply appropriate pedagogy and instructional techniques to maximize student learning and use appropriate methodology to evaluate the effectiveness of curricular activities.
4. Effectiveness of Communication. Scholars should possess effective oral and written communication skills that enables them to convert knowledge into language that a public audience beyond the classroom, research laboratory, or field site can understand.
- As researchers and problem solvers, scholars make formal oral presentations and write effective manuscripts or reports or create original artistic works that meet the professional standards of the intended audience.
  - As teachers, scholars communicate in ways that build positive student rapport and clarify new knowledge so as to facilitate learning. They also should be able to disseminate the results of their curricular innovations to their teaching peers.
- Scholars should communicate with appropriate audiences and subject their ideas to critical inquiry and independent review. Usually the results of scholarship are communicated widely through publications (e.g., journal articles and books), performances, exhibits, and/or presentations at conferences and workshops.
5. Significance of Results. Scholars should evaluate whether or not they achieve their goals and whether or not this achievement had an important impact on and is used by others. Customarily, peers and other multiple and credible sources (e.g., students, community participants, and subject matter experts) evaluate the significance of results.
- As researchers, teachers, and problem-solvers, scholars widely disseminate their work in order to invite scrutiny and to measure varying degrees of critical acclaim. They must consider more than direct user satisfaction when evaluating the quality and significance of an intellectual contribution.
  - Faculty engaged in community outreach can make a difference in their communities and beyond by defining or resolving relevant social problems or issues, by facilitating organizational development, by improving existing practices or programs, and by enriching the cultural life of the community. Scholars should widely disseminate the knowledge gained in a community-based project in order to share its significance with those who do not benefit directly from the project.
  - As teachers, scholars can make a difference in their students' lives by raising student motivation to learn, by developing students' life-long learning skills, and by contributing to students' knowledge, skills, and abilities. Teaching scholars

also can make a significant scholarly contribution by communicating pedagogical innovations and curricular developments to peers who adopt the approaches.

6. Consistently Ethical Behavior. Scholars should conduct their work with honesty, integrity, and objectivity. They should foster a respectful relationship with students, community participants, peers, and others who participate in or benefit from their work. Faculty standards for academic integrity represent a code of ethical behavior. For example, ethical behavior includes following the human subject review process in conducting research projects and properly crediting sources of information in writing reports, articles, and books.

## **E. Evaluation of Scholarship**

Scholarly accomplishments in the areas of research, teaching, and community outreach (see E.2.4) all enter into the evaluation of faculty performance. Scholarly profiles will vary depending on individual faculty members' areas of emphasis. The weight to be given factors relevant to the determination of promotion, tenure, and merit necessarily varies with the individual faculty member's assigned role and from one academic field to another. However, one should recognize that research, teaching, and community outreach often overlap. For example, a service-learning project may reflect both teaching and community outreach. Some research projects may involve both research and community outreach. Pedagogical research may involve both research and teaching. When a faculty member evaluates his or her individual intellectual, aesthetic, or creative accomplishments, it is more important to focus on the general criteria of the quality and significance of the work (II.D) than to categorize the work. Peers also should focus on the quality and significance of work rather than on categories of work when evaluating an individual's achievements.

The following discussion is intended to assist faculty in formative planning of a scholarly agenda and to provide examples of the characteristics to consider when evaluating scholarly accomplishments.

### **1. Documentation**

The accomplishments of a candidate for promotion or tenure must be documented in order to be evaluated. Documentation and evaluation of scholarship should focus on the quality and significance of scholarship rather than on a recitation of tasks and projects. Each department should judge the quality and significance of scholarly contributions to knowledge as well as the quantity.

In addition to contributions to knowledge, the effectiveness of teaching, research, or community outreach must meet an acceptable standard when it is part of a faculty member's responsibilities. Documentation should be sufficient to outline a faculty member's agreed-upon responsibilities and to support an evaluation of effectiveness.

Documentation for promotion and tenure normally includes:

- Self-appraisal of scholarly agenda and accomplishments. A self-appraisal should include:
    - a discussion of the scholarly agenda that describes the long-term goals and purposes of a scholarly line of work, explains how the agenda fits into a larger endeavor and field of work, and demonstrates how scholarly accomplishments to date have advanced the agenda.
    - a description of how the agenda relates to the departmental academic mission, within the context of the University mission and the discipline as a whole.
    - an evaluation of the quality and significance of scholarly work (see II.D).
    - an evaluation of the effectiveness of teaching, research, or community outreach when it is part of a faculty member’s responsibilities
    - A curriculum vitae including a comprehensive list of significant accomplishments.
    - A representative sample of an individual’s most scholarly work rather than an exhaustive portfolio. However, a department may establish guidelines requiring review of all scholarly activities that are central to a faculty member’s scholarly agenda over a recent period of time.
    - Evaluations of accomplishments by peers and other multiple and credible sources (e.g., students, community participants, and subject matter experts). Peers include authoritative representatives from the candidate's scholarly field(s).
2. Research and Other Creative Activities (Research)

A significant factor in determining a faculty member's merit for promotion is the individual’s accomplishments in research and published contributions to knowledge in the appropriate field(s) and other professional or creative activities that are consistent with the faculty member’s responsibilities. Contributions to knowledge in the area of research and other creative activities should be evaluated using the criteria for quality and significance of scholarship (see II.D). It is strongly recommended that the following items be considered in evaluating research and other creative activities:

- a. Research may be evaluated on the quality and significance of publication of scholarly books, monographs, articles, presentations, and reviews in journals, and grant proposals submissions and awards. An evaluation should consider whether the individual's contributions reflect continuous engagement in research and whether these contributions demonstrate future promise. Additionally, the evaluation should consider whether publications are refereed (an important form of peer review) as an important factor. In some fields, evidence of citation or use of the faculty member’s research or creative contributions by other scholars is appropriate.
- b. The development and publication of software should be judged in the context of its involvement of state-of-the-art knowledge and its impact on peers and others.
- c. In certain fields such as writing, literature, performing arts, fine arts, architecture, graphic design, cinema, and broadcast media or related fields, distinguished

creation should receive consideration equivalent to that accorded to distinction attained in scientific and technical research. In evaluating artistic creativity, an attempt should be made to define the candidate's merit in the light of such criteria as originality, scope, richness, and depth of creative expression. It should be recognized that in music and drama, distinguished performance, including conducting and directing, is evidence of a candidate's creativity. Creative works often are evaluated by the quality and significance of publication, exhibiting, and/or performance of original works, or by the direction or performance of significant works. Instruments that include external peer review should be used or developed to evaluate artistic creation and performance. Including critical reviews, where available, can augment the departmental evaluations. The evaluation should include a chronological list of creative works, exhibitions, or performances.

- d. Contributions to the development of collaborative, interdisciplinary, or inter-institutional research programs are highly valued. Mechanisms for evaluating such contributions may be employed. Evaluating collaborative research might involve addressing both individual contributions (e.g., quality of work, completion of assigned responsibilities) and contributions to the successful participation of others (e.g., skills in teamwork, group problem solving).
  - e. Honors and awards represent recognition of stature in the field when they recognize active engagement in research or creative activities at regional, national, or international levels.
  - f. Effective participation in disciplinary or interdisciplinary organizations' activities should be evaluated in the context of their involvement of state-of-the-art knowledge and impact on peers and others. For example, this participation might include serving as editor of journals or other learned publications, serving on an editorial board, chairing a program committee for a regional, national, or international meeting, or providing scholarly leadership as an officer of a major professional organization.
3. Teaching, mentoring, and curricular activities (Teaching)

A significant factor in determining a faculty member's merit for promotion is the individual's accomplishments in teaching, mentoring, and curricular activities, consistent with the faculty member's responsibilities. Teaching activities are scholarly functions that directly serve learners within or outside the university. Scholars who teach must be intellectually engaged and must demonstrate mastery of the knowledge in their field(s). The ability to lecture and lead discussions, to create a variety of learning opportunities, to draw out students and arouse curiosity in beginners, to stimulate advanced students to engage in creative work, to organize logically, to evaluate critically the materials related to one's field of specialization, to assess student performance, and to excite students to extend learning beyond a

particular course and understand its contribution to a body of knowledge are all recognized as essential to excellence in teaching.

Teaching scholars often study pedagogical methods that improve student learning. Evaluation of performance in this area thus should consider creative and effective use of innovative teaching methods, curricular innovations, and software development. Scholars who teach also should disseminate promising curricular innovations to appropriate audiences and subject their work to critical review. PSU encourages publishing in pedagogical journals or making educationally-focused presentations at disciplinary and interdisciplinary meetings that advance the scholarship of teaching and curricular innovations or practice.

Evaluation of teaching and curricular contributions should not be limited to classroom activities. It also should focus on a faculty member's contributions to larger curricular goals (for example, the role of a course in laying foundations for other courses and its contribution to majors, or contributions to broad aspects of general education or interdisciplinary components of the curriculum). In addition, PSU recognizes that student mentoring, academic advising, thesis advising, and dissertation advising are important departmental functions. Faculty may take on differential mentoring responsibilities as part of their personal scholarly agenda.

To ensure valid evaluations, departments should appoint a departmental committee to devise formal methods for evaluating teaching and curriculum-related performance. All members of the department should be involved in selecting these formal methods. The department chair<sup>4</sup> has the responsibility for seeing that these methods for evaluation are implemented.

Contributions to knowledge in the area of teaching, mentoring, and curricular activities should be evaluated using the criteria for quality and significance of scholarship (see II.D). It is strongly recommended that the following items be considered in the evaluation of teaching and curricular accomplishments:

- \_ contributions to courses or curriculum development
- \_ outlines, syllabi, and other materials developed for use in courses
- \_ the results of creative approaches to teaching methods and techniques, including the development of software and other technologies that advance student learning,
- \_ the results of assessments of student learning
- \_ formal student evaluations
- \_ peer review of teaching, mentoring, and curricular activities
- \_ accessibility to students
- \_ ability to relate to a wide variety of students for purposes of advising
- \_ mentoring and guiding students toward the achievement of curricular goals
- \_ the results of supervision of student research or other creative activities including theses and field advising
- \_ the results of supervision of service learning experiences in the community

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<sup>4</sup> "Departmental Chair" includes chairs of departments and directors, deans, or other heads of other similar administrative units designated in the unit's promotion and tenure guidelines.

- contributions to, and participation in, the achievement of departmental goals, such as achieving reasonable retention of students
  - contributions to the development and delivery of collaborative, interdisciplinary, university studies, extended studies, and inter-institutional educational programs
  - teaching and mentoring students and others in how to obtain access to information resources so as to further student, faculty, and community research and learning
  - grant proposals and grants for the development of curriculum or teaching methods and techniques
  - professional development as related to instruction, e.g., attendance at professional meetings related to a faculty member's areas of instructional expertise
  - honors and awards for teaching
4. Community Outreach

A significant factor in determining a faculty member's advancement is the individual's accomplishments in community outreach when such activities are part of a faculty member's responsibilities. Scholars can draw on their professional expertise to engage in a wide array of community outreach. Such activities can include defining or resolving relevant local, national, or international problems or issues. Community outreach also includes planning literary or artistic festivals or celebrations. PSU highly values quality community outreach as part of faculty roles and responsibilities.<sup>5</sup>

The setting of Portland State University affords faculty many opportunities to make their expertise useful to the community outside the University. Community based activities are those which are tied directly to one's special field of knowledge. Such activities may involve a cohesive series of activities contributing to the definition or resolution of problems or issues in society. These activities also include aesthetic and celebratory projects. Scholars who engage in community outreach also should disseminate promising innovations to appropriate audiences and subject their work to critical review.

Departments and individual faculty members can use the following guidelines when developing appropriate community outreach. Important community outreach can:

- contribute to the definition or resolution of a relevant social problem or issue
- use state-of-the-art knowledge to facilitate change in organizations or institutions
- use disciplinary or interdisciplinary expertise to help groups organizations in conceptualizing and solving problems
- set up intervention programs to prevent, ameliorate, or remediate persistent negative outcomes for individuals or groups or to optimize positive outcomes
- contribute to the evaluation of existing practices or programs
- make substantive contributions to public policy

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<sup>5</sup> Not all external activities are community outreach in the sense intended here. For example, faculty members who serve as jurors, as youth leaders and coaches, or on the PTA do so in their role as community citizens. In contrast, community outreach activities that support promotion and tenure advancement fulfill the mission of the department and of the University and utilize faculty members' academic or professional expertise.

- create schedules and choose or hire participants in community events such as festivals
- offer professional services such as consulting (consistent with the policy on outside employment), serving as an expert witness, providing clinical services, and participating on boards and commissions outside the university.

Faculty and departments should evaluate a faculty member’s community outreach accomplishments creatively and thoughtfully. Contributions to knowledge developed through community outreach should be judged using the criteria for quality and significance of scholarship (see II.D). It is strongly recommended that the evaluation consider the following indicators of quality and significance:

- publication in journals or presentations at disciplinary or interdisciplinary meetings that advance the scholarship of community outreach
- honors, awards, and other forms of special recognition received for community outreach
- adoption of the faculty member’s models for problem resolution, intervention programs, instruments, or processes by others who seek solutions to similar problems
- substantial contributions to public policy or influence upon professional practice
- models that enrich the artistic and cultural life of the community
- evaluative statements from clients and peers regarding the quality and significance of documents or performances produced by the faculty member.

#### F. Governance and Other Professionally-Related Service

In addition to contributions to knowledge as a result of scholarly activities, each faculty member is expected to contribute to the governance and professionally-related service activities of the University. Governance and professionally-related service create an environment that supports scholarly excellence and the achievement of the University mission. Governance and professionally-related service activities include:

- 1) **Committee Service.** Service on University, school or college, and department or program committees is an important part of running the University. Department chairs may request a committee chair to evaluate the value a faculty member’s contributions to that committee. Such service also may include involvement in peer review of scholarly accomplishments.
- 2) **University Community.** Faculty are expected to participate in activities devoted to enriching the artistic, cultural, and social life of the university, such as attending commencement or serving as adviser to student groups.
- 3) **Community or professional service.** Faculty may engage in professionally-related service to a discipline or inter-disciplinary field, or to the external community, that does not engage an individual’s scholarship. For example, a faculty member may serve the discipline by organizing facilities for a professional meeting or by serving as treasurer of an organization.

### III. RANKS

The following definitions of academic rank are based on the premise that a vital University depends on the active participation of all of its members. Inherent in this charge are the basic activities of research, teaching, community outreach, and governance and professionally related service. All personnel decisions will reflect the need to create and maintain a diverse faculty. The academic ranks in the faculty and the minimum criteria for each rank are:

**Emeritus:** The Emeritus rank may be awarded upon retirement in recognition of outstanding performance.

**Professor:** A faculty member will normally not be considered for promotion to Professor until the fourth year in rank as an Associate Professor. Exceptions will be made only in extraordinary cases. Consideration for the promotion immediately upon eligibility should occur only on the basis of extraordinary achievement. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to the rank of Professor requires the individual to have made significant contributions to knowledge as a result of the person's scholarship, whether demonstrated through the scholarship of research, teaching, or community outreach. The candidate's scholarly portfolio should document a record of distinguished accomplishments using the criteria for quality and significance of scholarship (see II. D). Effectiveness in teaching, research, or community outreach must meet an acceptable standard when it is part of a faculty member's responsibilities. Finally, promotion to the rank of professor requires the faculty member to have provided leadership or significant contributions to the governance and professionally-related services activities of the university.

**Associate Professor:** A faculty member will not be eligible for consideration for promotion to Associate Professor until the third year in rank as an Assistant Professor. In the usual course of events, promotion to Associate Professor and granting of indefinite tenure should be considered concurrently, in the sixth year in rank as an Assistant Professor. Exceptions which result in the consideration for the promotion immediately upon eligibility should occur only on the basis of extraordinary achievement. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor requires the individual to have made contributions to knowledge as a result of the person's scholarship, whether demonstrated through the scholarship of research, teaching, or community outreach. High quality and significance (see II.D) are the essential criteria for evaluation. Effectiveness in teaching, research, or community outreach must meet an acceptable standard when it is part of a faculty member's responsibilities. Finally, promotion to the rank of associate professor requires the faculty member to have performed his or her fair share of governance and professionally-related service activities of the University.

**Assistant Professor:** Appointees to the rank of Assistant Professor ordinarily hold the

highest earned degree in their fields of specialization. Rare exception to this requirement may be made when there is evidence of outstanding achievements and professional recognition in the candidate's field of expertise. In most fields, the doctorate will be expected.

*[Per Senate Motion 1 Grandfathering]*

For non-tenure track faculty members whose initial date of hire was prior to September 16, 2014, the promotional path from Instructor to Senior Instructor to the ranks of Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor shall be preserved according to Article 18 of the 2011-13 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and no timelines in rank for promotion to Senior Instructor I or II shall apply. Current Senior Instructors shall be transitioned to Senior Instructor I. The Senior Instructor I shall have a minimum rate of pay no lower than the current Senior Instructor position, and no current Senior Instructors shall have their pay reduced in the transition from Senior Instructor to Senior Instructor I. Senior Instructor I faculty members may seek promotion to Senior Instructor II or Assistant Professor in accordance with these guidelines. Should a senior instructor I hired before September 16, 2014 seeking promotion to Assistant Professor not be found to meet the criteria for promotion, they shall be subsequently reviewed for promotion to Senior Instructor II with the same promotion packet during the same cycle by the same committee.

~~**Senior Instructor:** The rank of Senior Instructor is used in those cases where the nature of the assignment requires special skills or experience in the instructional program but does not warrant the rank of Assistant Professor and in those cases where the performance of the individual could warrant the award of tenure.~~

**Senior Instructor II:** Normally, a faculty member will not be eligible for promotion to Senior Instructor II until the completion of the third year in rank as a Senior Instructor I at PSU. Recommendations for early promotion in cases of extraordinary achievement can be made at the department's discretion. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Senior Instructor II is based on such criteria as: demonstrated expertise in the development and delivery of new instructional materials; ongoing engagement with the pedagogy of the discipline; ability to play a lead role in assessment and curriculum design; demonstrated excellence in advising and mentoring; ongoing engagement with the profession; evidence of the application of professional skills and knowledge outside the department as demonstrated by activities such as professionally-related university and community engagement and scholarly or creative activity that contributes to knowledge in one's field; and, where appropriate, the community; evidence of ability to work effectively with individuals from and topics related to diverse populations; and effective participation in departmental, college/school and university governance as appropriate to assignment and contract.

**Senior Instructor I:** Normally, a faculty member will not be eligible for consideration for promotion to Senior Instructor I until the completion of the third year in rank as an Instructor at PSU. Recommendations for early promotion in cases of extraordinary

achievement or special circumstances can be made at the department's discretion. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Senior Instructor I is based on criteria such as: quality of instruction, as determined by classroom observation, assessment of student-learning outcomes, and review of student evaluations and course materials; expertise in the discipline, as demonstrated by activities such as ongoing revision of course materials, curricular innovations, participation in continuing education, conferences, and other professional activities; evidence of ability to work effectively with individuals from and topics related to diverse populations; and participation in departmental, college/school, and university governance as appropriate to assignment and contract.

~~Instructor: Appointees to the rank of Instructor ordinarily hold an advanced degree associated with their fields of specialization or have comparable experience. An instructor at 0.50 or more is appointed for a period of one year, may be reappointed, and can only be awarded tenure with concurrent promotion to the rank of Senior Instructor or Assistant Professor. Normally persons appointed at the rank of Instructor are not eligible for consideration for promotion within the first year of their appointment.~~  
A non-tenure track faculty appointment for individuals whose responsibilities are primarily devoted to academic instruction. Such appointments include teaching, advising, and mentoring expectations congruent with creative and engaged instruction. Normally, this appointment requires an advanced degree in the field of specialization

#### **Professorial Research Appointments:**

~~Professorial ranks will be available for faculty on Senior Research Associate Appointments. Such appointments are for faculty who are primarily engaged in research at a level normally appropriate for a professorial rank.~~

Ranks for these appointments are Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, and Research Professor. ~~**Research Associate and Senior Research Associate: See Addendum IV for description of these research ranks and the promotion guidelines governing them. Research Assistant and Senior Research Assistant: See Addendum IV for description of these research ranks and the promotion guidelines governing them.**~~

Conversion of a Senior Research Associate II to Research Assistant Professor is based on the nature of the position, its intended duration and responsibilities, and the incumbent's record of scholarly accomplishment and responsibilities. The conversion must be approved by the Dean and Provost.

*[Per Senate Motion 1 Grandfathering]*

For faculty members hired prior to September 16, 2014, the timelines for promotion to Senior Research Associate I and Senior Research Associate II and Senior Research Assistant I and Senior Research Assistant II shall not apply.

Promotion to Research Associate Professor and Research Professor requires ~~the customary University promotion review.~~

reviews as outlined in V. Administrative Roles and Procedures for Promotion and Tenure for Tenure-Track Faculty

**Senior Research Associate II:** Typically candidates for promotion to the rank of Senior Research Associate II will meet the following requirements: six or more years of progressively responsible research or evaluation experience and demonstrated ability to conduct research independently. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Senior Research Associate II will be based on such criteria as: years of research experience and demonstrated ability to conduct research independently. Responsibilities may include designing, developing, and conducting research or evaluation projects; taking a lead or major role in writing grant proposals; leading in developing and sustaining community or interdisciplinary research partnerships; authoring and co-authoring publications for scholarly or community audiences; taking a lead role in developing new qualitative or quantitative methodologies and data collection protocols.

**Senior Research Associate I:** Typically, candidates for the promotion to the rank of Senior Research Associate I will meet the following requirements: four or more years of progressively responsible research or evaluation experience; demonstrated ability to participate in developing funding for research and/or disseminating results; demonstrated ability to take the lead role in designing and implementing research or evaluation studies. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Senior Research Associate I will be based on such criteria as: years of research experience and demonstrated ability to take the lead in research and evaluation. Responsibilities may include assisting in writing grant proposals and scholarly or community publications; taking a lead role in designing, developing, and executing one or more studies; designing and overseeing the delivery of intervention protocols to fidelity.; developing qualitative and quantitative data collection protocols and methodologies; establishing and fostering community or interdisciplinary research partnerships; co-authoring reports, presentations and scholarly papers.

**Research Associate:** A non-tenure track faculty appointment for individuals who typically have a doctoral degree or another appropriate combination of educational achievement and professional expertise. Typically, candidates for the rank of Research Associate will meet the following requirements: four or more years of progressively responsible research experience and demonstrated ability to participate in the design, implementation and oversight of quantitative or qualitative research or evaluation studies. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

**Senior Research Assistant II.** Typically, candidates for promotion to Senior Research Assistant II will meet the following requirements: two years of experience at the Senior Research Assistant I rank or its equivalent; demonstrated ability to perform a variety of research or evaluation tasks; demonstrated ability to independently manage or coordinate research and evaluation activities. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for

promotion.

**Senior Research Assistant I:** Typically, candidates for promotion to the rank of Senior Research Assistant I will meet the following requirements: two years of experience at the Research Assistant rank or its equivalent and demonstrated ability to perform focused research or evaluation tasks. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Senior Research Assistant I will be based on criteria such as: years of research experience and demonstrated ability to perform focused research or evaluation tasks. Responsibilities may include assisting in the coordination of research activities; communicating with community and interdisciplinary collaborators; basic qualitative or statistical analysis; maintaining databases; collecting, processing and reporting of data; assisting in the preparation of reports and presentations.

**Research Assistant:** A non-tenure track faculty) appointment for individuals who typically have a bachelor's or master's degree. Exceptions may include individuals with specific expertise required for the research project. Typically, individuals in the rank of Research Assistant will gather research or evaluation data using a pre-determined protocol, carry out routine procedures, gather materials for reports, perform routine data processing or lab work, data management, and basic quantitative or qualitative data analysis. Individuals with the ranks of Senior Research Assistant I and II perform a wider variety of research and evaluation tasks and are expected to perform tasks with increasing independence.

### **Professor of Practice/Clinical Professor Appointments**

Normally, professors of practice are licensed or certified professionals or practitioners recognized within professional fields. Unique discipline-specific criteria for professional certification may be defined by departments for classification of professors of practice and clinical professors. The major responsibilities involve the education and support of students/learners in academic, clinical, and/or practice settings, supervising clinical experiences, and/or professionally related community engagement. The title Clinical Professor may be used by some departments instead of or in addition to Professor of Practice as appropriate for the discipline. The description, rank, and promotion criteria for Professor of Practice and Clinical Professor are equivalent.

**Professor of Practice/Clinical Professor:** Typically candidates meet the following requirements unless there is remarkable achievement: at least 10 years of part- or full-time professional experience in the clinical/professional discipline post-certification; At least six years of clinical/professional teaching in an academic setting, with a minimum of four years at Portland State University; a high degree of academic maturity and responsibility. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Professor of Practice is based on criteria such as: documented evidence of a consistent pattern of high quality professional productivity and impact in the professional field that is illustrative of professional productivity at regular intervals over a period of years and evidence of national and/or international recognition in the professional field. Such evidence may be indicated by, for example: appointments as a reviewer of peer-

reviewed journals; invited papers and presentations given beyond the state and region; honors, grants, awards; and committee service and leadership with national or international professional associations.

**Associate Professor of Practice/Clinical Professor:** Typically, candidates will meet the following requirements, unless there is remarkable achievement: A minimum of six years post-certification professional experience to include at least three years of clinical/professional practice teaching in an academic setting, with a minimum of two years at PSU. Length of time in rank is not a sufficient reason for promotion.

Promotion to Associate Professor of Practice is based on evidence of effectiveness in clinical/professional instruction to include materials indicating command of the academic and/or clinical subject matter, ability to motivate, mentor/advise, and assess students, and creative and effective use of teaching methods and evidence of effective engagement of a professional nature.

**Assistant Professor of Practice/Clinical Professor:** A non-tenure track faculty appointment for individuals whose primary work is in the areas of instruction in clinical or professional practice or in professionally-related community engagement. Faculty hired in this category must hold an advanced degree in their field of specialization from an accredited program in their discipline and/or have comparable experience.

**Fellow:** This rank may be used in a variety of cases when individuals are associated with the institution for limited periods of time for their further training or experience.

## IV. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### A. Regulations

Academic appointments in the State System of Higher Education are governed by four sets of regulations that define the conditions under which faculty ("unclassified academic employees") may be appointed. Highlights are summarized below.

#### 1. Board Rules

~~The Board of Higher Education Administrative Rules (OAR 580-20-005) separate academic ranks into two categories: graduate rank (Graduate Research Assistant, Graduate Teaching Assistant) and faculty rank (Fellow, Lecturer, Research Assistant, Research Associate, Instructor, Senior Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor). The Board Rules further note that "academic rank is assigned to staff members in the unclassified academic service whether the type of service is teaching, research, extension, administration, or other service," without a requirement for assigning rank to all staff members.~~

The Board of Higher Education Administrative Rules (OAR 580-020-0005)

Graduate ranks are GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, and FELLOW. Faculty titles and ranks are (in alphabetical order): AFFILIATED FACULTY, CLINICAL PROFESSOR (assistant clinical professor, associate clinical professor, clinical professor) or PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE (assistant professor of practice, associate professor of practice, professor of practice), INSTRUCTOR (instructor, senior instructor I, senior instructor II), LECTURER (lecturer, senior lecturer I, senior lecturer II), LIBRARIAN (assistant librarian, associate librarian, senior librarian), RESEARCH ASSISTANT (research assistant, senior research assistant I, senior research assistant II), RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (research associate, senior research associate I, senior research associate II), RESEARCH FACULTY (research assistant professor, research associate professor, research professor), TENURE TRACK OR TENURED FACULTY (assistant professor, associate professor, professor, distinguished professor). Faculty titles will not be given to graduate students. The Board Rules further note that each institution can select from among these ranks and titles those appropriate to the hiring and retention of their faculty members as it relates to their institutional mission. PSU has elected not to use the Lecturer and Librarian ranks and not to limit the Instructor rank to undergraduate instruction only.

2. Oregon State Board of Higher Education Financial Administration Standard Operating Manual (FASOM)

The Board's Financial Administration Standard Operating Manual ("FASOM"), Section 10.012-82, allows for faculty to be appointed with "No Rank." In addition, the Chancellor's office has implemented a new class code, 2971 "Unranked," to assist in processing faculty appointments. These facilitate the appointment of faculty in academic support, student support, and administrative support positions with professional titles, with or without faculty rank. A series of professional titles reflecting responsibilities will provide opportunities for greater clarity as well as appropriate recognition and promotion for many professionals in these units.

3. Oregon Revised Statutes

The Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS 240-207) designate specific State System of Higher Education positions as unclassified (i.e., faculty) "the President and one private secretary, Vice President, Comptroller, Chief Budget Officer, Business Manager, Director of Admissions, Registrar, Dean, Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Lecturer, Research Assistant, Research Associate, Director of Athletics, Coach, Trainer." The Revised Statutes include "all...members in the State System of Higher Education...whether the type of service is teaching, research, extension or counseling" as being unclassified. The Revised Statutes thereby provide a primary guide for determining if a State System of Higher Education position should be designated faculty (unclassified) or classified.

#### 4. Personnel Division Rules

Under authority granted to the Personnel Division by ORS 240-207, the following positions have also been designated as unclassified: Librarian; Director of Alumni; Director of University Development; General Managers; Directors; Producers; and Announcers of the State Radio and Television Service; Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Students; Director of Information Services; and Director of Publications.

#### B. Use of ~~Professorial~~ Faculty Ranks

1. As mandated by OAR 580-20-005(4), Deans, Vice Presidents, and the President shall have the academic rank of Professor.
2. For tenure-track faculty hired after September 16, ~~1990~~ 2014, the ~~professorial~~ ranks of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor will be limited to
  - a. teaching-related positions with an expectation for scholarly accomplishment;
  - b. librarians with an expectation for scholarly accomplishment;
  - c. ~~faculty on professorial~~ research-related appointments with an expectation for scholarly accomplishment;
  - d. ~~faculty meriting professorial level appointments whose principal responsibilities are related to scholarly research.~~
  - e. d. as mandated by state statute for those in administrative positions;
  - ~~d.~~ e. visiting faculty hired at .5 FTE or higher.
3. Faculty in non-tenure track positions hired after September 16, 2014 that do not have an associated expectation for scholarly accomplishment will be appointed with one of the ~~four~~ five following designations:
  - ~~a. with professional title but without rank;~~
  - a. at the rank of Instructor or Senior Instructor I or II;
  - ~~e. at professorial rank as mandated by state statute for those in administrative positions;~~
  - ~~d. at the rank of Administrative Research Assistant, Administrative Senior Research Assistant I or II, and Administrative Research Associate and Senior Research Associate I and II for faculty in research support or research training positions.~~
  - b. at the rank of Research Assistant or Senior Research Assistant I or II;
  - c. at the rank of Research Associate or Senior Research Associate I or II;
  - d. Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, or Research Professor;
  - e. Assistant Professor of Practice or Assistant Clinical Professor, Associate Professor of Practice or Associate Clinical Professor, Professor of Practice or Clinical Professor.

## C. Definition, Use, and Conditions of Faculty Appointments

Faculty appointments are defined as fixed term, annual tenure, and indefinite tenure:

### 1. Fixed Term Appointments

a. Fixed term appointments are made for a specified period of time and are not eligible for tenure. Although fixed term appointments do not require timely notice under the provisions of OAR 580-21-305, notices of intent to reappoint or not to reappoint should be sent by April 1 of the first year of a fixed term appointment and by January 1 of subsequent years. Such notices of intent may be based on the availability of funds. ~~The immediate supervisor of faculty on fixed term appointments is~~ Departments are required to provide an annual evaluation of the performance of fixed term faculty after the first year consistent with the practices specified in their promotion and tenure guidelines [VI. A2]. It should be understood that fixed term appointments are for specified times and no reason for a decision not to reappoint need be given.

### b. Use of Fixed Term Appointments

i. Upon the adoption of these guidelines the use of fixed term appointments for continuing faculty who are .50 FTE or more on instructional accounts and who hold professorial rank shall be reduced as much as possible, consistent with stable funding and the special needs of academic units.

ii. Fixed term positions should be used for:

a) Non-tenure track faculty;

~~faculty in professorial ranks who are less than .50 FTE;  
faculty whose appointments are primarily in academic support, student support and administrative support units and usually do not have academic rank;~~

~~1) Professional titles offer an alternative to appointment at faculty rank for fixed term positions when, in the view of the unit administrator and provost or appropriate vice president, a professional position title most adequately describes the responsibilities of the position and qualifications of the individual holding those positions.~~

~~2) These titles also provide alternative opportunities for promotion. A list of appropriate positions and titles must be defined and promotional opportunities in these positions be established and described and the appropriate criteria and procedures developed.~~

e) ~~appointments that are temporary, regardless of rank.~~

b) Positions established with non-recurring funds that are defined as temporary. Appointments such as a visiting professor or a sabbatical leave replacement are considered temporary.

c. *Conditions for Fixed Term Appointments*

- i. Initial appointments shall be for an appropriate fixed term period, but typically one or two years. Initial appointments of three years may be granted at the discretion of the provost or appropriate vice provost.
- ii. After six years of cumulative full time service, individuals who hold non-ranked appointments in academic support, administrative support, and student support units on multi-year, fixed term appointments shall be eligible to be considered for administrative leave for professional development. Such leave is at the discretion of the provost or appropriate vice president consistent with State System guidelines.

A fixed term appointment does not foreclose the possibility that a department may wish to consider that faculty member for a tenure-related appointment. In such cases, the years spent under fixed term appointment may be considered as a part of the probationary period for tenure at the time the individual is placed on the annual-tenure track. A mutually acceptable written agreement shall be arrived at between the faculty member and institutional representative as to the extent to which any prior experience of the faculty member shall be credited as part of the probationary period, up to a maximum of three years.

2. Tenure Track (Annual) Appointments

a. Conditions Governing Tenure Track

Annual appointments are given to faculty employed .50 FTE or more who will be eligible for tenure after serving the appropriate probationary period. Only in exceptional circumstances will appointments under 1.0 FTE be tenure track. Termination other than for cause or financial exigency requires timely notice (see OAR 580-21-100 and 580-21-305). Termination other than for cause or financial exigency shall be given in writing as follows: during the first year of an annual appointment, at least three months notice prior to the date of expiration; during the second year of service, at least six months; thereafter, at least twelve months.

Probationary Service and Consideration for Tenure. Tenure should be granted to faculty members whose scholarly accomplishments are of such quality and significance and demonstrate such potential for long-term performance that the University, so far as its fiscal and human resources permit, can justifiably undertake to employ them for the rest of their academic careers. The granting of tenure should be even more significant than promotion in academic rank, and is

exercised only after careful consideration of a faculty member's scholarly qualifications and capacity for effective continued performance over a career.

The granting of tenure reflects and recognizes a candidate's potential long-range value to the institution, as evidenced by professional performance and growth. In addition, tenure insures the academic freedom that is essential to an atmosphere conducive to the free search for truth and the attainment of excellence in the University.

Tenure normally is considered in the sixth year of a tenure-track appointment, with a tenure decision to be determined prior to the beginning of the seventh year. Recommendations to award tenure earlier can be made at the department's discretion. If a faculty member is not awarded tenure at the end of six years, termination notice will be given. The six consecutive probationary years of the faculty member's service to be evaluated for the granting of tenure may include prior experience gained in another institution of higher education whether within or outside of the state system. Ordinarily, this is instructional experience at an accredited institution of higher education. Whether such experience will be included, and to what extent must be decided at the time of initial appointment in a mutually acceptable written agreement between the faculty member and Portland State University. The maximum time to be allowed for prior service is three years.

The accrual of time during the probationary period preceding the granting of indefinite tenure is calculated in terms of FTE years. An FTE year is the total annualized, tenure related FTE in a given fiscal year. Therefore, the minimum probationary period may require more than six calendar years if the faculty member's FTE was below 1.00 during the first six years. This could occur for various reasons, including initial appointment date after the beginning of the fiscal or academic year (i.e., Winter Term), leave without pay for one or more terms, or a partial FTE reduction during the probationary period. Care should be taken to be sure to consider a person who has accumulated, for example, 5.67 FTE years. Delay for another year would not allow for timely notice. Should circumstances warrant full tenure review prior to the sixth year, this review should include the external peer review as well (cf. IV,A,1,c).

Indefinite tenure appointments are appointments of .50 FTE or more given to selected faculty members by the institutional executive under authority contained in IMD 1.020 and OAR 580-21-105 in witness of the institution's formal decision that the faculty member possesses such demonstrated professional competence that the institution will not henceforth terminate employment except for (a) cause, (b) financial exigency, or (c) program reductions or eliminations.

Because tenure is institutional, not system-wide, faculty who have achieved tenure status in one state system institution cannot hereby claim tenure in other institutions of the state system (OAR 580-21-105).

Annual and Third Year Reviews. Faculty on annual tenure must be reviewed after the completion of the first year of their appointment and each subsequent year. In order to assure that candidates for tenure have a timely assessment of their progress so as to permit correction of deficiencies, there must be a review at the end of the third year. For faculty who have brought in prior service at another institution, the review will not be conducted until the end of at least one complete academic year at Portland State University. As a result of this review, candidates should be given an assessment of their progress toward tenure and of any deficiencies that need to be addressed. The review shall be in accordance with regular department and university procedures and should specifically evaluate the progress of the faculty member in meeting the standards for the award of tenure; however, reviews prior to the sixth year are normally only for evaluative purposes and do not have to include outside evaluation. Upon the completion of the third year review, the faculty member reviewed will be given an assessment of progress toward tenure as perceived from all appropriate administrative levels.

## **V. ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE FOR TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS**

**(For promotion within the range of ranks identified as research assistant to senior research associate, please see the guidelines in Appendix IV.)**

### **A. Departmental Authority and Responsibility**

The department as a whole shall establish its general guidelines, including the criteria to be used for recommendations for promotion and tenure, and shall ensure that these guidelines fulfill the minimum standards of the University guidelines, which have priority. The responsibility for evaluating and documenting an individual faculty member's performance rests primarily with the department. The criteria to be used for promotion and tenure must be consistent with university and college or school policy and must be formulated early to allow maximum time for making decisions.

Approval of departmental procedures and criteria by the dean and provost is required. If a dean disapproves existing or newly revised departmental criteria, then he/she will submit both departmental recommendations and his/her objections or amendments to the provost for resolution.

After approval by the provost, the guidelines must be distributed to all members of the department faculty and to the academic dean. Department chairs should distribute these guidelines to new faculty upon their arrival at Portland State University.

In cases where a faculty member's appointment is equally divided between two or more departments, there shall be a written agreement as to which department is to initiate personnel actions, and the faculty member is to be so informed. In cases where a faculty

member is involved in interdisciplinary teaching and/or research, evaluation must be solicited and provided by all appropriate academic departments. When a faculty member's research has clear impact on members of the external community, including civic groups, practitioners or others, evidence of the value of this work should be solicited from those most affected.

#### 1. Procedures for Faculty Evaluation

- a. The department chair notifies the committee chair of those faculty who are eligible for review. Faculty members on sabbatical or other approved leaves of absence shall be given equal consideration for promotion in rank with faculty members who are on campus.
- b. Faculty Curricula Vitae. All faculty members being reviewed should provide to the departmental committee an updated curriculum vita. Curricula vitae should follow the format provided in Appendix I. If necessary, a curriculum vita should be updated at each stage of the review process.
- c. External Peer Review. To substantiate the quality and significance of a faculty member's scholarship, a representative sample of an individual's most scholarly work should be evaluated by peers and other multiple and credible sources (e.g., authoritative representatives from a faculty member's field, students, community participants, and subject matter experts). External peer reviews must accompany recommendation for tenure and for promotion to associate and full professorships. For faculty to be reviewed for one of these personnel decisions, a list of potential external reviewers, which when appropriate should include members of the community able to judge the quality and significance of scholarship shall be compiled in the following manner.
  - i. The department chair will ask the faculty member for a list of reviewers (at least four) from outside the University. The faculty member may also provide a list of possible reviewers perceived as negative or biased; although inclusion of a name on this list will not preclude a request for evaluation, the faculty member's exception will be included as a matter of record, if an evaluation is requested.
  - ii. At least three additional external reviewers will be selected by the department chair or the chair of the departmental committee. The chair will send the list to the dean for review and the dean may add names to the list.
  - iii. The chair of the promotion and tenure committee will select evaluators from the combined list of outside reviewers. A sample letter of solicitation is provided in Appendix II. *(Please note, as suggested in the sample letter, the evaluator should be advised that the letter is not confidential and will be available for the faculty member's review.) Requests for external evaluations shall include a copy of the University and departmental criteria for*

*promotion and tenure. The faculty member being reviewed, in consultation with the departmental promotion and tenure committee, shall choose which samples of the faculty member's work shall be sent to external reviewers. Upon receipt of the evaluations, the chair of the department will send them to the departmental committee. A complete evaluation file must include at least three letters from external reviewers. In cases when promotion or tenure decisions are deferred, external evaluations may be used in subsequent considerations for a period of three years.*

## 2. Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee Establishment and Authority

All recommendations for promotion and tenure originate with formally established departmental committees; for example, an elected advisory committee, or an elected committee on promotion and tenure. The department as a whole shall determine the composition of the committee and the method of selection of its members and chairperson. Student participation in the consideration of promotion and tenure is mandatory. When a faculty member has been involved in interdisciplinary teaching and/or research, the departmental promotion or tenure committee will include a faculty representative from a mutually agreed upon second department or program. Since the department chair is required to make a separate evaluation of the department faculty, the chair cannot be a member of the committee. The committee may invite other faculty members to participate in its deliberations. This committee acts as an independent reviewer of the performance of department faculty and initiates recommendations for all department faculty except the department chair. Committee members being considered for promotion or tenure shall not participate in the committee review of their cases.

Upon notification of the status of eligible faculty from the department chair, the committee will review and evaluate the curriculum vitae of faculty members eligible for tenure or promotion, and where required, external peer evaluation. Faculty members being evaluated may submit pertinent materials to the committee, but such data may not be included as a part of the committee's recommendations unless fully evaluated within the committee report.

## 3. Committee Decision and Narrative Report

The Committee's report to the department chair will be in the form of a written narrative for each affected faculty member. The report must address the following areas: contributions to knowledge as a result of the person's scholarship (whether demonstrated through the scholarship of research, teaching, or community outreach), effectiveness in teaching, research, or community outreach when it is part of a faculty member's responsibilities, and governance and professionally-related service.

The departmental committee must make one of four decisions for each member of the department being considered and the votes of each voting member of the committee must be recorded on the recommendation form (Appendix III).

- a. Ineligible: This decision is appropriate for faculty who do not have minimum time in rank or who are on fixed term appointments. The committee may also provide a written evaluation of faculty on fixed term appointment.
- b. Deferral: This decision is appropriate for faculty who have met the minimum time in rank to qualify for promotion but who request not to be considered, and for faculty whose requests for promotion are not accepted. A request for deferral by a faculty member should not be accepted by the committee without consideration. The committee should indicate, in writing, that such a discussion was held. Deferrals for faculty who have requested evaluation for promotion must be accompanied by a written report.

The committee must review each faculty member on annual tenure and prepare a written report for the department chair evaluating the progress of the faculty member in meeting the standards for the award of indefinite tenure. A deferral vote related to a tenure decision is normally appropriate for faculty members being reviewed in the first five years of an annual appointment. However, for a faculty member in the sixth year of an annual appointment, the committee must make a positive or a negative recommendation.

- c. Positive Decision: This decision is appropriate for faculty whose attainments warrant promotion and/or tenure. For faculty members recommended for tenure, the committee's evaluation report should survey all years being counted toward tenure, including years of prior service that have been extended to the faculty member in his or her original letter of offer. For faculty members recommended for promotion, the committee's evaluation should survey the faculty member's years at Portland State. Where a positive recommendation is being made, a written report following the format in Appendix II must accompany the recommendation form.
- d. Negative Decision: This decision is appropriate for faculty on annual tenure when in the committee's judgment, termination should be recommended. If in its review of a faculty member on an annual appointment, even within the first five years of such an appointment, the committee does not find that a faculty member is making satisfactory progress toward tenure, the committee may indicate a negative decision. Negative recommendation must be accompanied by a written report following the format in Appendix II.

#### 4. Responsibilities of Department Chair

The department chair must be satisfied that the departmental committee has followed the departmental guidelines and that the appraisals are complete and in proper form. Department chairs are to make a separate recommendation for each member of the department and take the following actions:

- a. *confirm that all eligible faculty have been considered*
- b. provide an evaluation to faculty on fixed term appointments;
- c. review justification for deferral at the faculty member's request and decision for deferral made by the committee. For faculty on annual appointments who have been deferred for tenure, the department chair should review the committee's report, add any additional evaluation, and discuss the report with the faculty member; and,
- d. review positive and negative recommendations and the curriculum vitae and supporting materials of the faculty member in question. The chairs will make a separate recommendation, adding their own written narrative to the committee's. (The narrative must address the following areas: contributions to knowledge as a result of the person's scholarship (whether demonstrated through the scholarship of research, teaching, or community outreach), effectiveness in teaching, research, or community outreach when it is part of a faculty member's responsibilities, and governance and professionally-related service. *It should also address the general expectations of your discipline's promotion and tenure guidelines and for the candidate in relation to these expectations. Discuss the specific contributions of the candidate to the Departmental curriculum, i.e. upper and lower division courses taught, difficulty of courses, major requirements, enrollments.* If the recommendation of the chair differs significantly from the committee's recommendation, the chair shall state in writing the reason for specific difference.

The department chair informs each faculty member in a timely manner in writing of the departmental committee's and of his/her own recommendations (ineligible, deferred, recommended for promotion and/or tenure, or termination). The faculty members should be given the opportunity to review their files before they are forwarded to the Dean/Provost and should indicate they have done so by signing the "Appraisal Signature and Recommendation Form". A copy of the complete appraisal and any additional material added by the department chair, should be in the file for review by the affected faculty member. The department chair must discuss with a faculty member, when requested, the reasons for the recommendations by the departmental committee and the department chair. If a department member questions either departmental recommendation, he/she may request a reconsideration of that recommendation.

##### 5. Procedures for Reconsideration of Department Decision

Within two weeks of receipt of written notice of department action, the faculty member must give written notice of intent to request a reconsideration of the recommendation. If the request is for reconsideration of the departmental committee recommendation, both the committee chair and the department chair must be notified and the department chair must return all appraisal materials promptly to the committee chair. Otherwise, only the department chair need be notified in writing.

The review may be requested on the basis of procedural or substantive issues. The faculty member should prepare whatever supportive material is pertinent. The supportive materials must be submitted to the committee chair, or department chair, as appropriate, within two weeks of written notification of intention to request the reconsideration.

All materials submitted by a faculty member shall become part of the appraisal document. The departmental committee and/or department chair, as appropriate, shall consider the materials presented by the faculty member. The committee chair and/or department chair may attach to the appraisal additional documentation or statements with their recommendation(s). The department chair shall forward the appraisal, which shall then proceed through the normal administrative review procedure in a timely manner.

#### 6. Chair's Report to the Dean

The department chair must submit the following to the dean:

- a. *statement of assurance that all eligible faculty have been reviewed;*
- b. recommendation form for each faculty member; and,
- c. the committee's and the chair's written narratives for all faculty members who have received positive or negative recommendation for promotion and tenure.

Upon receipt of the dean's recommendation, the chair must inform the faculty member of that recommendation in a timely manner.

#### B. Responsibilities of the Dean or Equivalent Administrator

The dean shall use an advisory group for review and evaluation of the recommendations from the department chairs and departmental committees. The size and composition of this group shall be at the discretion of the dean.

All actions taken by the dean must be reported in a timely manner to the appropriate department chair and chairperson of the appropriate promotion and tenure committee. If the department chair or the chairperson of the promotion and tenure committee requests a conference with the dean, within five days of being notified by the dean, a conference shall be held before the dean's recommendations are forwarded. If the dean's recommendation should differ with the recommendation of either the departmental committee or department chair, the dean must notify the affected faculty member in writing of action taken at the college/school level and state the reason for specific difference. The dean shall provide the affected faculty member with a copy of any material added to the file. The affected faculty member may attach a statement in

response to the action of the dean. This statement shall be forwarded to the provost at the same time as the recommendations go forward. *Individual files of faculty reviewed for promotion and/or tenure shall be assembled by the dean's office, following the format specified in the "Promotion and Tenure Checklist" (forms available in Academic Affairs) and submitted to the Provost.*

The dean initiates recommendations for promotion of department chairs. The dean's recommendations shall be forwarded to the provost only after consultation with departmental committees.

### C. Responsibilities of the Provost

The provost makes all recommendations for promotion and tenure to the president for final approval according to the following process:

The provost shall review the appraisals forwarded from the various colleges, schools, and other units. In doing so, the provost shall determine whether recommendations are in conformity with the Administrative Rules, consistent with the institutional guidelines, reasonably uniform with regard to University standards, and in accordance with required procedures. If questions arise concerning a recommendation, the provost shall consult with the dean and may consult with other appropriate persons.

After reaching a decision, the provost shall notify the affected faculty member, in writing, of his or her recommendation. A faculty member who wishes to request a reconsideration of the provost's decision must schedule a conference with the provost within ten days of the notification and may add additional evidence to the file. Only after a requested conference is held shall the provost make a final recommendation to the president.

Copies of the provost's recommendation shall be sent to the dean and department chair.

Upon receiving the provost's recommendation and a summary of the outcome of any reconsideration requested by a faculty member, the president shall make a final decision. Appeals of the president's decision should follow the grievance procedure found in the Administrative Rules of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OAR 577-42-005).

## **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROMOTION FOR NON-TENURE TRACK INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS**

### A. Departmental Authority and Responsibility

The department as a whole shall establish its general guidelines, including the criteria to be used for recommendations for promotion, and shall ensure that these guidelines fulfill the minimum standards of the University guidelines, which have priority. The

responsibility for evaluating and documenting an individual faculty member's performance rests primarily with the department. The procedures and criteria to be used for promotion must be consistent with university and college or school policy and must be formulated early enough to allow maximum time for making decisions.

The guidelines must be in writing and be made available to all department faculty. Departments with more than one non-tenure track faculty member shall require that at least one non-tenure track faculty member shall be on the non-tenure track faculty review committee. Reviews must take account of job-relevant evaluation criteria in keeping with those specified in letters of appointment. Faculty may submit all relevant materials to the evaluators. Departments shall require the use of quantitative summaries of student evaluations to assure the confidentiality of student responses. To aid review committees in their evaluation, departments shall require a narrative or self-evaluation from each member under review. Faculty must have reasonable notice of their evaluations.

The results of a review must be provided in writing and in sufficient time that one who is reviewed is able to meet with at least one of the reviewers and to respond to the review by submitting a statement or comments that shall be attached to the review. Guidelines should be clear and unambiguous and include a calendar for a cycle of reviews. Faculty may request a review if one has not been provided in the time period provided in the guidelines.

Approval of departmental procedures and criteria by the Dean and Provost is required. If a Dean disapproves existing or newly revised departmental criteria, then he/she will submit both departmental recommendations and his/her objections or amendments to the provost for resolution.

After approval by the provost, the guidelines must be distributed to all members of the department faculty and to the academic dean. Department chairs should distribute these guidelines to new faculty upon their arrival at Portland State University.

In cases where a faculty member's appointment is equally divided between two or more departments, there shall be a written agreement as to which department is to initiate personnel actions, and the faculty member is to be so informed. In cases where a faculty member is involved in interdisciplinary teaching and/or research, evaluation must be solicited and provided by all appropriate academic departments. When a faculty member's research has clear impact on members of the external community, including civic groups, practitioners or others, evidence of the value of this work should be solicited from those most affected.

## 1. Procedures for Faculty Evaluation

- a. Notification. The department chair notifies the chair of the Personnel or appropriate departmental committee of those faculty who are eligible for review. Faculty members on sabbatical or other approved leaves of absence shall be given

equal consideration for promotion in rank with faculty members who are on campus.

b. Faculty Curricula Vitae. All faculty members being reviewed should provide to the departmental committee an updated curriculum vitae. Curricula vitae should follow the format provided in Appendix I. If necessary, a curriculum vitae should be updated at each stage of the review process.

c. Peer Review. Although non-tenure track faculty positions do not carry expectations for scholarly research, departments may require that candidates for promotion be evaluated by peers and other credible sources (e.g., authoritative representatives from a faculty member's field, students, community participants, and subject matter experts) who are in a position to comment on the candidate's activities that are required of their position. Evaluations outside the department shall not be solicited or considered unless the use of external reviews is agreed upon by the faculty member and promotion and tenure committee as relevant to their contribution as assigned by the University. For faculty to be reviewed for promotion, a list of potential evaluators outside the department which when appropriate should include members of the community able to judge the quality and significance of the candidate's professional activities, shall be compiled in the following manner.

i. The department chair will ask the faculty member for a list of at least four evaluators from outside the department. The faculty member may also provide a second list of possible evaluators perceived as negative or biased. Although inclusion of a name on this list will not preclude a request for evaluation, if an evaluation is requested of someone on the second list the faculty member's exception will be included as a matter of record.

ii. Additional evaluators from outside the department may be selected by the department chair or the chair of the departmental committee. The chair will send the list to the dean for review and the dean may add names to the list.

iii. The chair of the promotion and tenure committee will select evaluators from the combined list of evaluators from outside the department. A sample letter of solicitation for non-tenure track faculty is provided in Appendix II. Please note, as suggested in the sample letter, the evaluator should be advised that the letter is not confidential and will be available for the faculty member's review. Requests for external evaluations shall include a link to University and departmental criteria for promotion. The faculty member being reviewed, in consultation with the departmental promotion and tenure committee, shall choose which, if any, samples of the faculty member's work shall be sent to external evaluators. Upon receipt of the evaluations, the chair of the department will send them to the departmental committee. A complete evaluation file must include at least three letters from evaluators outside the department. In cases when promotion decisions are deferred, external

evaluations may be used in subsequent considerations for a period of three years.

## 2. Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee Establishment and Authority

All recommendations for promotion and tenure originate with formally established departmental committees; for example, an elected advisory committee, or an elected committee on promotion and tenure. The department as a whole shall determine the composition of the committee and the method of selection of its members and chairperson. Student participation in the consideration of promotion and tenure is mandatory. When a faculty member has been involved in interdisciplinary teaching and/or research, the departmental promotion and tenure committee will include a faculty representative from a mutually agreed upon second department or program. Since the department chair is required to make a separate evaluation of the department faculty, the chair cannot be a member of the committee. The committee may invite other faculty members to participate in its deliberations. This committee acts as an independent reviewer of the performance of department faculty and initiates recommendations for all department faculty except the department chair. Committee members being considered for promotion shall not participate in the committee review of their cases.

Upon notification of the status of eligible faculty from the department chair, the committee will review and evaluate the curriculum vitae of faculty members eligible for promotion, and where required, external peer evaluation. Faculty members being evaluated may submit pertinent materials to the committee, but such data may not be included as a part of the committee's recommendations unless fully evaluated within the committee report.

## 3. Committee Decision and Narrative Report

The Committee's report to the department chair will be in the form of a written narrative for each affected faculty member. The report must address the following areas: effectiveness in teaching, effectiveness in research, and/or effectiveness in community outreach whenever each is part of a faculty member's responsibilities; and governance and professionally-related service. The departmental committee must make one of three decisions for each member of the department and the votes of each voting member of the committee must be recorded on the recommendation form (Appendix III).

- a. Ineligible: This decision is appropriate for faculty who do not have minimum time in rank.
- b. Deferral: This decision is appropriate for faculty who have met the minimum time in rank to qualify for promotion but whose requests for promotion are not accepted. Deferrals for faculty who have requested evaluation for promotion must be accompanied by a written report.

- c. Positive Decision: This decision is appropriate for faculty whose attainments warrant promotion. For faculty members recommended for promotion, the committee's evaluation should survey the faculty member's years at Portland State. Where a positive recommendation is being made, a written report following the format in Appendix II must accompany the recommendation form.

#### 4. Responsibilities of Department Chair

The department chair must be satisfied that the departmental committee has followed the departmental guidelines and that the appraisals are complete and in proper form. Department chairs are to make a separate recommendation for each member of the department and take the following actions:

- a. confirm that all eligible faculty have been considered
- b. review justification for deferral at the faculty member's request and decision for deferral made by the committee.
- c. review positive and negative recommendations and the curriculum vitae and supporting materials of the faculty member in question. The chairs will make a separate recommendation, adding their own written narrative to the committee's. The chair's narrative must address the following areas: effectiveness in teaching, effectiveness in research, and/or effectiveness in community outreach insofar as each is part of a faculty member's responsibilities; and governance and professionally-related service. It should also address the general expectations of the department's promotion and tenure guidelines and the candidate's activities with regard to these expectations, including the contributions of the candidate to the departmental curriculum, i.e. upper and lower division courses taught, difficulty of courses, major requirements, enrollments. If the recommendation of the chair differs significantly from the committee's recommendation, the chair shall state in writing the reason for the specific differences.

The department chair informs each faculty member in a timely manner in writing of the departmental committee's and of his/her own recommendations (ineligible, deferred, recommended for promotion). The faculty members should be given the opportunity to review their files before they are forwarded to the Dean/Provost and should indicate they have done so by signing the "Appraisal Signature and Recommendation Form". A copy of the complete appraisal and any additional material added by the department chair, should be in the file for review by the affected faculty member. The department chair must discuss with a faculty member, when requested, the reasons for the recommendations by the departmental committee and the department chair. If a department member questions either departmental recommendation, he/she may request a reconsideration of that recommendation.

#### 5. Procedures for Reconsideration of Department Decision

Within two weeks of receipt of written notice of department action, the faculty member must give written notice of intent to request a reconsideration of the recommendation. If the request is for reconsideration of the departmental committee recommendation, both the committee chair and the department chair must be notified and the department chair must return all appraisal materials promptly to the committee chair. Otherwise, only the department chair need be notified in writing.

The review may be requested on the basis of procedural or substantive issues. The faculty member should prepare whatever supportive material is pertinent. The supportive materials must be submitted to the committee chair, or department chair, as appropriate, within two weeks of written notification of intention to request the reconsideration.

All materials submitted by a faculty member shall become part of the appraisal document. The departmental committee and/or department chair, as appropriate, shall consider the materials presented by the faculty member. The committee chair and/or department chair may attach to the appraisal additional documentation or statements with their recommendation(s). The department chair shall forward the appraisal, which shall then proceed through the normal administrative review procedure in a timely manner.

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#### 6. Chair's Report to the Dean

The department chair must submit the following to the dean:

- a. statement of assurance that all eligible non-tenure track faculty have been reviewed;
- b. recommendation form for each faculty member; and,
- c. the committee's and the chair's written narratives for all faculty members who have received positive or negative recommendation for promotion.

Upon receipt of the dean's recommendation, the chair must inform the faculty member of that recommendation in a timely manner.

#### B. Responsibilities of the Dean or Equivalent Administrator

The dean shall use an advisory group for review and evaluation of the recommendations from the department chairs and departmental committees. The size and composition of this group shall be at the discretion of the dean.

All actions taken by the dean must be reported in a timely manner to the appropriate department chair and chairperson of the appropriate promotion and tenure committee. If the department chair or the chairperson of the promotion and tenure committee requests a conference with the dean within five days of being notified by the dean, a conference

shall be held before the dean's recommendations are forwarded to the Provost. If the dean's recommendation should differ with the recommendation of either the departmental committee or department chair, the dean must notify the affected faculty member in writing of the action taken at the college/school level and state the reason for specific difference. The affected faculty member may seek a meeting with the Dean prior to the finalization of any report that differs with the recommendation of the departmental committee. The dean shall provide the affected faculty member with a copy of any material added to the file. The affected faculty member may attach a statement in response to the action of the dean. This statement shall be forwarded to the provost at the same time as the recommendations go forward. Individual files of faculty reviewed for promotion shall be assembled by the dean's office, following the format specified in the "Promotion and Tenure Checklist" and submitted to the provost.

The dean initiates recommendations for promotion of department chairs. The dean's recommendations shall be forwarded to the provost only after consultation with college/school committee.

### C. Responsibilities of the Provost

The provost makes all recommendations for promotion to the president for final approval according to the following process:

The provost shall review the appraisals forwarded from the various colleges, schools, and other units. In doing so, the provost shall determine whether recommendations are in conformity with the Administrative Rules, consistent with the institutional guidelines, reasonably uniform with regard to University standards, and in accordance with required procedures. If questions arise concerning a recommendation, the provost shall consult with the dean and may consult with other appropriate persons.

After reaching a decision, the provost shall notify the affected faculty member, in writing, of his or her recommendation. A faculty member who wishes to request a reconsideration of the provost's decision must schedule a conference with the provost within ten days of the notification and may add additional evidence to the file. Only after a requested conference is held shall the provost make a final recommendation to the president.

Copies of the provost's recommendation shall be sent to the dean and department chair.

Upon receiving the provost's recommendation and a summary of the outcome of any reconsideration requested by a faculty member, the president shall make a final decision. Appeals of the president's decision should follow the grievance procedure found in the Administrative Rules of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OAR 577-42-005).

## **VII. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON MERIT INCREASES**

All members of the bargaining unit shall be included in a department for purposes of evaluation. *Faculty members whose appointments are in research units may constitute themselves as a department for the purposes of this section subject to the approval of the appropriate dean (s).* All members eligible to vote must decide whether to have a separate departmental committee to consider salary increases, and, if so, to establish its composition and membership. If a committee is formed, it should work closely with the department chair. Departments should explicitly define the various kinds of meritorious activities. Approval of departmental procedures and criteria by the dean and provost/vice president is required. If a dean disapproves existing or newly revised departmental criteria, then he/she will submit both departmental recommendations and his/her objections or amendments to the provost for resolution. These approved guidelines shall govern the merit pay decision-making process at all levels. Departmental committees shall review, evaluate, and recommend redress of inequities in the same manner as other merit increases. Departments within smaller schools should consider whether they wish to evaluate members and recommend increases as a School, rather than as individual departments.

All participants in the merit pay process shall make merit increase recommendations and awards within designated merit categories. Up to 10% of the available merit pool may be distributed to individuals at the dean's discretion. The dean shall inform department chairs and individuals about the distributions, and shall communicate the reasons for them to department chairs.

Department evaluation committees shall make recommendations to department chairs regarding merit pay increases. Department chairs shall meet and confer with evaluation committees to attempt to resolve significant differences. A significant difference, at this stage of the process, as well as at subsequent stages, would occur when (1) the rank order of individuals as recommended by the evaluation committee would change; or (2) an individual who had been among those recommended by the evaluation committee would be dropped; or (3) an individual who had not been recommended by the evaluation committee would be added; or (4) the amount awarded to one or more individuals by the evaluation committee would be changed by 10% or more. If they are unable to resolve significant differences, then the recommendations submitted to the dean shall include both the evaluation committee's recommendation and the chair's recommendation, and the reasons for the different recommendations shall be stated in writing.

The recommendations made by the evaluation committee and by the chair shall be communicated to the faculty member concerned within one week of their submission to the dean. Before submitting recommendations to the provost, the dean will notify chairs and evaluation committees concerning any significant differences the dean has with recommendations submitted by them and shall state the reasons for specific differences in writing.

Evaluation committees and chairs will have one week to respond to the reasons the dean has given. If significant differences remain, then the different recommendations shall be submitted to the provost, together with documentation supporting the different recommendations. The recommendations the dean makes to the provost shall be communicated to department chairs for transmission to the faculty member concerned.

APPENDIX I

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME OF FACULTY MEMBER

Date of This Vita

**(PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION IN  
REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)**

Education

Ph.D. (or highest degree)	Year	Subject and institution
M.A.	Year	Subject and institution
B.A.	Year	Subject and institution

Employment

Title, institution/business name, dates of employment

Dissertation

Title of dissertation, date and name of director

Refereed Publications or Other Creative Achievements

Published or completed works (accepted or in press) only. Works still "in progress" should be included under the category "Scholarly Works in Progress")

1. Books (give author(s),\* title, press, date of publication and page numbers)
  - a) Authored
  - b) Edited
2. Chapters (give author(s),\* title, press, date of publication and page numbers)
3. Articles (give author(s),\* title, journal, date and page numbers)
4. Book reviews (include full publication data)
6. Completed exhibitions, performances, productions, films, etc. (describe nature of accomplishment, location, dates, etc.)
7. Completed compositions, scripts, scores, commissions, etc. (accepted or installed).
8. Other

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\* Give author(s) name(s) in same order as they appear in the publication.

### Non-Refereed Publications or Other Creative Achievements

1. Books (give author(s),\* title, press, date of publication and page numbers)
    - a) Authored
    - b) Edited
  2. Chapters (give author(s),\* title, press, date of publication and page numbers)
  3. Articles (give author(s),\* title, journal, date and page numbers)
  4. Book reviews (include full publication data)
  5. Completed works (accepted or in press) (Be specific, i.e., author(s),\* title, press or journal, chapters completed or title of article, number of pages and expected date of publication.)
  6. Completed exhibitions, performances, productions, films, etc. (describe nature of accomplishment, location, dates, etc.)
  7. Completed compositions, scripts, scores, commissions, etc. (accepted or installed).
  8. Other
- \* Give author(s) name(s) in same order as they appear in the publication.

### Presentations at Professional Meetings

(include meeting name and professional organization, place, date, title of paper, poster, etc., and publication info, if appropriate.)

### Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

(List all fellowships and financial support for research and scholarship, both internal and external, indicating period of award and amount awarded and whether principal investigator, co-principal investigator, or other role.)

### Other Research and Other Creative Achievements

(See II.E.2)

### Other Teaching, Mentoring and Curricular Achievements

(See II.E.3)

### Other Community Outreach Achievements

(See II.E.4)

### Scholarly Works in Progress

(and expectations as to when each will be completed and in what form it will appear)

Significant Professional Development Activities

Governance and Other Professionally Related Service  
Governance Activities for the University, College, Department

(committees, internal lectures of popular nature, etc.)

Professionally-related Service

(List membership, committee service, offices held, editorial boards, etc.)

Memberships in Professional Societies

## **APPENDIX II**

Appendix II consists of the following items:

1. Sample 30-day Notification Letter
2. Report on External Letters
3. Sample Letter to External Evaluators for Tenure and Promotions to Associate Professor and Full Professor

## 1. SAMPLE 30-DAY NOTIFICATION LETTER

THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR SHALL SEND A LETTER TO EACH CANDIDATE ELIGIBLE FOR EVALUATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT AND/OR PROMOTION THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR LETTER AND YOUR LIST OF REQUESTED MATERIALS:

I write to inform you that you are eligible for consideration for (promotion and/or tenure). The evaluation will commence in thirty (30) days.

For use in your evaluation, please forward to me, within the 30-day period specified above, the following materials:

1. Curriculum Vitae;
2. list of names and addresses of potential external evaluators\*;
3. list persons whom you would consider negatively prejudicial;
4. any other supporting materials, copies of articles, books, course syllabi, student evaluations.

*\*External letters are requested only for those faculty who are being considered for tenure or promotion to associate or full professor.*

## 2. REPORT ON EXTERNAL LETTERS\*

Attach one sample letter of solicitation and all responses to this sheet. All letters received must be forwarded with promotion materials. A minimum of three letters is required.

A.	Referees Suggested By Candidate Response (List Institutional Affiliation) Relationship**	Date Letter Sent	Date Letter Received	Date Received
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[at least 1 letter must be included from this category]

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

B.	Referees suggested by Dept., Relationship or Dean or other Evaluating Body Received	Date Letter Field of Expertise**	Date Response Sent
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[at least 1 letter must be included from this category]

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

C. Referees who the candidate has listed as possibly negatively biased sources.

\* Letters not solicited by the department/professional school or letters from within the University are not considered within this category.

\*\* For each name give relationship to candidate (e.g., dissertation advisor, former teacher or colleague, co-author, etc.) or referee's particular expertise.



### 3. SAMPLE LETTER TO EXTERNAL EVALUATORS FOR TENURE AND PROMOTIONS TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND FULL PROFESSOR

(NOTE: Significant deviations from this form must be approved by the Dean and Provost/Vice President.)

Dear (name of evaluator):

The (name of Department) of the (name of College or School) of Portland State University is considering whether it should recommend (rank and name) for promotion to the rank of (Associate Professor, Professor) (with tenure) effective (date).

To assist the Department in such considerations, and for the information of the subsequent levels of review within the University should the department recommend the action, the University requires that written evaluations be obtained from multiple and credible sources in the candidate's scholarly or creative field outside the University.

I am writing to request a letter giving your assessment of the quality and significance (see Portland State University's Promotion and Tenure Criteria enclosed) of Professor \_\_\_\_\_'s scholarship. Your letter will become a part of the file and will be available for review by the affected faculty member.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of Professor \_\_\_\_\_'s vita. (I am enclosing reprints.) Since our deliberations must be concluded by (date), I would appreciate your earliest response. If you are unable to respond by that date, please let me know as soon as possible.

While severe budgetary constraints prevent us from offering you an honorarium, I do hope that you will agree to participate in this important part of our review. Let me express in advance our deep appreciation for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Name  
Title

Enclosures  
(attach c.v.)  
(attach reprint list, if any)  
(attach a copy of the departmental and University criteria)

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SAMPLE LETTER TO EVALUATORS OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
PROMOTION OF NON-TENURE-TRACK FACULTY**

(NOTE: Significant deviations from this form must be approved by the Dean and Provost/Vice President.)

Dear (name of evaluator):

The (name of Department) of the (name of College or School) of Portland State University is considering whether it should recommend (name) for promotion to the rank of (rank) effective (date).

To assist in the review of candidates for promotion, the University requires that written evaluations be obtained from multiple and credible sources outside the department.

I am writing to request a letter giving your assessment of the quality and significance of (name's) professional activities. Your letter will become a part of the file and will be available for review by the affected faculty member.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of (name's) vita (and when agreed, additional materials.) Since our deliberations must be concluded by (date), I would appreciate your earliest response. If you are unable to respond by that date, please let me know as soon as possible.

I do hope that you will agree to participate in this important part of our review. Let me express in advance our deep appreciation for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Enclosures

(attach c.v.)

(attach additional materials, if any)

(attach a copy of the departmental criteria)

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_





<b>COMMITTEE CHAIR:</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT CHAIR:</b>		
<b>DEAN:</b>		
<b>PROVOST/VICE PRESIDENT:</b>		
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>		

\*If more space is needed for committee membership, please attach an additional page.

**I have been apprised of the recommendations indicated on this form and have been given the opportunity to review my file before its submittal to the Dean's Office.**

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*Faculty Signature*

*Date*

### **ROUTING OF RECOMMENDATION**

A timetable will be established each year by the Office of Academic Affairs to ensure that each level of review will have sufficient time for responsible consideration of tenure and promotion recommendations. The responsibility for deferrals owing to late recommendations must be with the delaying body.

New or amended promotion and tenure guidelines incorporating specific departmental criteria and evaluation procedures shall be submitted for approval by the Office of Academic Affairs or appropriate Vice President. When approved, copies shall be distributed to departmental faculty, the Academic Dean, and the Provost or appropriate Vice President. If the departmental guidelines are found not to be in compliance with University guidelines, they will be returned to the department for review and alteration. If revised guidelines are not returned to OAA within 30 days of return to the department, the Provost or Vice President will modify the guidelines only for the purpose of bringing them in compliance with the University guidelines.

Using the annual Promotion and Tenure schedule printed by OAA:

A minimum of six weeks from notification to faculty of eligibility by the Department Chair, the Departmental Committee shall send its recommendations to the Department Chair.

Two weeks from this date the Department Chair shall notify each faculty member of his/her recommendation and that of the Departmental Committee.

The Department Chair shall send the Departmental Committee's and his/her recommendations (except those being reconsidered) to his Academic Dean. This allows two weeks during which faculty members may request a reconsideration of the recommendation.

Three weeks after receiving the departmental recommendation, the Academic Dean shall send his/her recommendations to the Provost or Vice President.

## **APPENDIX IV. Research Ranks and Promotion Guidelines**

### Ranks

~~Research Assistant: This rank is appropriate for appointment of faculty whose primary responsibility is the conduct of research under supervision. Typically, individuals in this rank will assist in research by gathering data using a pre-determined protocol, do routine experimental procedures, gather materials for reports, perform routine data processing or lab work, data management, routine data analysis. Individuals appointed as research assistant will have a bachelor degree or specific expertise required for the research project. Faculty at this rank receives close supervision and may be asked to supervise students.~~

~~Senior Research Assistant: A faculty member will be considered for promotion to the rank of Senior Research Assistant with two years of experience at the Research Assistant rank or its equivalent. Promotion to the rank of Senior Research Assistant requires that the faculty member demonstrate the ability to coordinate research activities and statistical analysis, maintain data bases, coordinate collection, processing and reporting of data, and coordinate the preparation of reports and presentations. A faculty member at the rank of Senior Research Assistant receives general supervision and may be assigned to supervise research assistants and students.~~

~~Research Associate: A faculty member at the rank of Research Associate will typically have a Masters degree or a Bachelors degree with equivalent combination of education and experience. A faculty member will be considered for promotion to the rank of Research Associate with four or more years of progressively responsible research experience. Promotion to the rank of Research Associate requires that the faculty member demonstrate the ability to participate in writing grant proposals and in the design, execution and control of research studies; manage the analysis of data; manage the conduct of experimental tests and procedures; develop new research methodologies and data collection protocols. The faculty at this rank will work independently and may be assigned to supervise and train research staff, support staff and students.~~

~~Senior Research Associate: A faculty member at the rank of Senior Research Associate will typically have a Masters Degree or PhD and six or more years of progressively responsible research experience. Promotion to the rank of Senior Research Associate requires that the faculty member demonstrate the ability to design, develop, execute one or more research studies; assist and take a major role in writing grant proposals and acquisition of support; author publications; take a lead role in the development of new research methodologies and data collection protocols. The faculty at this rank will work independently and may be assigned to supervise research staff, support staff and graduate students.~~

### Promotion guidelines for research ranks

#### **A. Departmental Authority and Responsibility**

Each academic unit (department, school or college) will be required to develop and submit criteria and procedures for promotion within research ranks that are specific to the research activities of that unit. These guidelines will fulfill the minimum standards of the University guidelines, which have priority. These criteria will be reviewed and approved by the Dean and

Provost.

1. Procedures for research faculty evaluation.

—— a. The request for promotion can be initiated by the supervisor/principal investigator or the individual himself/herself.

—— b. The faculty should be in rank at PSU at least one year before requesting promotion to the next rank

—— c. Changing rank signals a qualitative difference in what the individual will do on the job; specifically there will be an increase in both the initiative required and level of responsibility. When responsibilities extend beyond the current job description, this may be reason to consider promotion. The reviewer should also assess evidence that the individual is prepared to perform the activities at the next higher rank.

—— d. All promotions should be accompanied by an increase in salary as set in the collective bargaining agreement.

—— e. Request for promotions may be forwarded to the Provost typically twice yearly, although exception can be made if funding cycles make it necessary. This is consistent with the fluidity of research funding and the fact that research project staffing needs do not follow a nine-month academic schedule. Academic units may choose to set their own time lines for request for promotion to be submitted to the Dean.

—— f. Each academic unit will articulate a mechanism for allowing the individual to appeal, should the request for promotion be denied.

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2. Responsibility of the reviewer (supervisor) and the review group

—— a. At a minimum, the group that conducts the annual performance review according to Article 18 of the 2007-2009 PSU-AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement will also receive and review the request for promotion, although the academic unit may wish to constitute a different group.

—— b. Requests for promotion will go through the same decision making process as annual reviews. The annual review/promotion committee makes a recommendation to the department chair (research center or institute director, school director). This individual then makes a recommendation to the Dean.

B. Responsibility of the Dean. The Dean forwards all requests with his/her recommendations to the Provost for his/her review and final decision.