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TO: Senators and Ex-officio Members to the Senate

FR: Robert Liebman, Secretary to the Faculty

The Faculty Senate will hold its regular meeting on June 3, 1996, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 53 CH.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RESERVE TWO FULL HOURS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT YEAR-END BUSINESS AND ELECTIONS

AGENDA

A. Roll

*B. Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 1996, Meeting

C. Announcements and Reports
   1. Announcements
   2. President’s Report
   3. Provost’s Report
   4. Vice President’s Report (FADM)
   5. Vice-Provost’s Report (OGS)

*** ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE FACULTY SENATE FOR 1996-97 ***

D. Question Period
   1. Questions for Administrators
   2. Questions from the Floor for the Presiding Officer

*** ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEM FOR 1996-97 ***

E. Reports from other Administrative Officers and Committees
   1. Interinstitutional Faculty Senate - B. Oshika
   *2. Committee on Committees - D Watne
   *3. Advisory Council - A Cabelly
   *4. University Planning Council - A Cabelly
   5. Ad hoc Committee on Procedures for Curricular Change - D Pratt

*** ELECTION OF FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR 1996-97 ***

F. Unfinished Business

G. New Business
   1. Redesigned teacher licensure pilot program - E Young
   2. Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council Course and Program Proposals - D. Pratt/W Ellis
   3. Proposed Policies and Procedures for the Evaluation of Faculty for Tenure, Promotion and Merit Increases - R Johnson/E Skinner

H. Adjournment

*The following documents are included with this mailing:
   B Minutes of the May 6, 1996 Senate Meeting
   E2. Committee on Committees
   E3. Advisory Council
   E4. University Planning Council
   E5. Proposed Policies and Procedures for the Evaluation of Faculty for Tenure, Promotion and Merit Increases

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THE PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Minutes: Faculty Senate Meeting, May 6, 1996
Presiding Officer: George Lendaris
Secretary: Robert Liebman


Alternates Present: Moor for Bowlden, Paradis for Cumpston, Beeson for Johnson A, Anderson for Kocaoglu, Youngelson-Neal for Potiowsky, Tapang for Ricks, Hickey for Rosengrant, Mandaville for Weikel.


Ex-officio Members Present: Everhart, Kirrie, Koch, Liebman, Mercer, Oshika, Pernsteiner, Pfingsten, Pratt, Ramaley, Reardon, Vieira, Ward, Young.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:04. The Faculty Senate Minutes of April 4, 1996 were accepted as circulated.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

RAMALEY discussed the need for Phase II of the Strategic Plan begun in 1990-91. Phase I defined PSU’s mission and objectives and identified institution-wide goals and strategies, but did not specify specific actions or target resources to achieve them. That is the objective of Phase II which will first take stock of the programs that serve our mission, then link them to a strategic budget. Taking stock includes evaluation of PSU’s progress in four
areas: 1) the nature of faculty scholarship (revised P & T Guidelines), 2) the character of curriculum (University Studies, the undergraduate major and graduate education), 3) campus operations (student services), and 4) cooperation with the community (partnerships and University District). Taking stock also includes attention to a changed environment (K-12 reform, OSSHE’s reorganization, regional concerns like growth management). KOCAGOLU will review our progress and update our planning assumptions and progress to give direction to Phase II. PSU has retained the services of NCHEMS (National Center for Higher Education Management Systems) to provide support for developing an institutional strategic budget and to link institutional resources to the achievement of PSU’s Mission. Phase II will address the next generation of challenges facing PSU: how to expand graduate education to other sites (schools and community colleges), how to link general education to the undergraduate major, how to assess our contributions to the community and the benefits of collaborations to the university, and how to provide lifelong learning. The future will require us to ask anew how the community will access education and how it will support us.

3. PROVOST’S REPORT
4. VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT (FADM)
5. VICE-PROVOST’S REPORT (OGS)

REARDON and PERNSTEINER deferred their reports. KOCH reported that the Task Committee on Graduate Education determined that it cannot complete its work before year-end. It will summarize its activities in a working paper available on the Web. Faculty are invited to discuss the working paper at hourlong meetings held May 20-23. These discussions will inform a draft report to be written in summer and early fall. In winter-spring 1997, the committee will complete its final report including recommendations. In response to S BRENNER, KOCH reviewed the questions addressed by the three subcommittees (documented in a draft circulated at the meeting).

D. QUESTION PERIOD

E. REPORTS FROM OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

E1. Interinstitutional Faculty Senate

OSHIKA reported that the IFS meeting April 12-13 in Corvallis focused on OSSHE’s strategic planning. Phase I yielded the report, "Creating Tomorrow: Implementing the 2010 Vision." Phase II begins with invited community meetings. IFS expressed
concern that faculty participation has been an afterthought in Phase II and in other steps in the planning process.

E2. Budget Committee

OSHIKA reviewed the report which expressed appreciation for good work by Pernsteiner, Stock, and Harris. To cope with the expected shortfall between expenditures and income under the BAS model, the University must intensify recruitment, retention, and credit hour production. It is not yet clear how units that help to meet these goals will benefit.

E3. Teacher Education Committee

YOUNG reviewed the report which was accepted without questions.

E4. General Student Affairs Committee (postponed from April)

LI did not attend.

E5. Academic Requirements Committee (circulated in April, discussion postponed)

MERCER reviewed the report. ARC met with UCC, IASC, the Gen Ed committee, and FRINQ council to resolve confusion over general education requirements and to set policies. ARC’s chair will sit on Gen Ed committee and next year, Gen Ed’s chair will sit on ARC.

E6. PSU Foundation - L Theisen/Development Office - D Schaeffer (postponed)

E7. Report of the Library Vision Committee

SETTLE introduced the report (circulated with the mailing) which has been reviewed by the President’s Administrative Council, the Council of Academic Deans, UPC, Library Committee, and at campus hearings. MICHAEL BOWMAN, team leader, covered its recommendations and the proposed layout. Two concerns emerged from the hearings: security and separation of journals. Staff will walk the unstaffed floors after 9 pm. Regarding separation, a survey showed 69% for, 19% against, and 12% no opinion. GOSLIN/CONSTANS moved for Senate approval. Responding to GOSLIN’s question about budgetary impact, LENDARIS reported that President asked her administrative council to identify outside funding sources. Answering MANDAVILLE, PFINGSTEN noted that AV will not be affected. Answering
HOLLOWAY, PFINGSTEN noted that a single reference float would make it easier to serve handicapped. The motion passed unanimously on a show of hands.

E8. Intercollegiate Athletics Board

S. BRENNER reviewed the IAB report with special attention to a draft set of "Religion and Intercollegiate Athletics Guidelines" (circulated with the mailing). The draft has been read by five outside reviewers and is under review by the Oregon Attorney General. DANIELSON asked what consequences might come from violation. BECKER suggested that "place of worship" might be substituted for "church." TINNIN called for greater balance in providing examples. GURTOV asked how the Guidelines might guide thinking about the place of religious expression in the classroom. S. BRENNER requested submitting written comments to IAB for its final review.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LENDARIS noted that the revised Steering Committee motions (circulated) were referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Procedures for Curricular Change.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G1. Graduate Council Course and Program Proposals

ARICK (SPED chair) reviewed the proposal for the addition of a fourth specialization in Special and Counselor Education to the Ed.D. GOSLIN/HARDT moved to accept GC’s recommendation which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRATT (ESR chair) reviewed the summary of proposed changes in ESR’s graduate program and noted that ESR added four faculty in the last 3 years. S BRENNER asked whether students in non-science departments might participate in MEM courses. J BRENNER/SVOBODA moved to accept GC’s recommendation which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES


Membership:
William Abrams (LIB)
Paul Adams (SSW)
Carol Franks (ENG-CLAS)
Gina Greco (FLL-CLAS)
Robert Daasch (EAS-EE)
Patrick Feeney (XS)
David Krug (ED)
George Lendaris (SySc-AO)
Elizabeth Mead (ART-SFPA)
Fred Nunn (INTL, HST-CLAS)
Milan Svoboda (UPA)
Robert Tinnin (BIO-CLAS)
Don Watne, Chair (SBA)
Martha Works (GEOG)

The Committee on Committees is charged to make appointments for Constitutional Committees and to make recommendations for Administrative Committees.

Fall Term, the Committee made recommendations and appointments for the Calendar Year Committees.

During Fall and Winter Terms, the Committee discussed and adopted policies regarding the following:
1) Retired-Emeriti Professors are a valuable resource. Several of them have expressed an interest in helping out by serving on committees where needed. They will be surveyed to find out which committees they might be interested in serving on. They will serve as non-voting members of their assigned committee. The survey is being conducted during Spring Term.
2) There did not seem to be any definite policy regarding how long committee chairs should serve in that capacity. Some have been replaced annually, others have served for two or three years. The Committee also noticed a general reluctance on the part of many faculty to serve as committee chairs because of the perceived length of service as a chair. The Committee voted to adopt a policy regarding constitutional committees with the following elements:
   a) Constitutional committee chairs will be replaced each year, with the outgoing chair asked to serve as a mentor for a year.
   b) Chairs would not be replaced but would continue to serve another year if there are
special circumstances, such as a major project that requires the chair's continuing coordination or knowledge.

3) To improve the communication process between committees and the Committee on Committees, outgoing chairs will be asked for their recommendations regarding replacement chairs and committee members.

4) The Committee discussed ways of getting more faculty involved in the committee process. The Spring Faculty Interest Survey Form was revised to facilitate specifying the level of interest in serving on various committees.

Winter Term, the Committee made recommendations and appointments to fill positions vacated by resignation.

Spring Term, the Committee made recommendations and appointments for Academic Year Committees.
Committee members are all senior members of the PSU faculty, elected at large by the faculty. Serving in their second year were Alan Cabelly, Jack Cooper, and Joan Strouse. Serving in their first year were Johanna Brenner, Marjorie Burns, and Mary Kinnick. Rick Hardt served on an interim basis for part of Fall 1995.

Powers and duties of the Advisory Council are outlined in Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Portland State University Faculty. These include:
- serve as an advisory body to the President
- perform duties related to constitutional amendments
- give advice to the President on the meaning and interpretation of the Constitution
- make recommendations on matters of faculty welfare

Implicit within those requirements is the need for confidentiality in its meetings with the President and other University officers. The ability to speak freely offers everyone involved opportunities for frank and informal discussion. In particular, this year’s Council jelled quite early, and had a shared sense of purpose throughout the year.

1. The Advisory Council met weekly throughout the year. Approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of these meetings were with President Ramaley. The Council also met with Michael Reardon, George Pernsteiner, Roy Koch, Ray Johnson, and Janine Allen.

2. The Advisory Council worked most closely with President Ramaley on short and long term items that either she or Council members raised. In addition to this, Council also provided advice and input on the following issues:
   - Budgetary deliberations and long range budgetary planning
   - Graduate programs needs
   - Operations of campus-wide student services
   - Recommendations on one Constitutional Amendment (subsequently withdrawn)
   - Written recommendations on Promotion and Tenure Guidelines (provided to the Faculty Senate for its June 3, 1996 meeting)

3. Given the rapid pace and complexity of change within the University, Council often found it difficult to give timely advice. While reaffirming the Council’s role as envisaged in the Constitution, we discussed ways that the Council can more effectively offer advice on strategic decision making. We recommend that next year’s Council continue this discussion.

On a personal note, I am quite pleased to have had the honor of chairing the Advisory Council this year. I thank all five members for their support, thoughtfulness, energy, and dedication to the University.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Cabelly
Advisory Council Chair
UNIVERSITY PLANNING COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1995–1996

Council Membership:
Faculty: Carl Abbott, Tom Biolsi, Sharon Brabenac, Alan Cabelly (Chair), Bill Greenfield, Clive Knight, Elaine Limbaugh, Beatrice Oshika, Rolf Schaumann, Francis Wambalaba, Carl Wamser, Bob Westover, Norm Wyers
Staff: Darrold Barrow, Laurel Kirsch
Students: Anna Dinh (part year), Hanna Lee (part year), Carol Wolf

UPC took the following actions in 1995–1996:
1. Members of UPC ensured that the university–wide conversion from three to four credits occurred smoothly. This included communications with members of the Office of Academic Affairs and of the Registrar's Office, as well as with Chairs of Undergraduate and Graduate committees.

2. UPC met with Ellen Skinner and Ray Johnson regarding recommended changes to the University's Promotion and Tenure guidelines. Substantive recommendations were made to the P & T Guidelines Committee. These recommendations were utilized in subsequent drafts of the guidelines. UPC stated this in a report to the June 3, 1996 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

3. UPC met with John Settle, Chair of the University Library Committee to discuss potential changes in the library's spatial arrangements. UPC made informal recommendations to the Library Committee regarding the process it should use to communicate with members of the university community and solicit feedback from interested groups.

4. At this point in time, there is the potential for UPC to become involved in the deliberative processes of Strategic Plan Phase II.

This year's workload for UPC was somewhat lighter than it had been in past years. When the Council was asked to work, members performed well, with thoughtful suggestions to whomever asked for planning information. The Chair thanks the members for their close attention to task.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Cabelly
University Planning Council Chair
Redesigned Teacher Licensure Pilot Program

Background:


Following two years of intense work and many public hearings, and with input from many agencies (including Oregon institutions for teacher preparation), TSPC adopted the new licensure requirements in November 1995.

The redesigned requirements will authorize teachers to teach at four levels (instead of the current two: elementary and secondary). The new levels are Early Childhood (age 3-4), Elementary (gr. 3-8), Middle Level (gr 5-10), and High School (7-12).

Proposal:

The PSU School of Education has drafted a proposal to meet these new requirements within the existing and approved 56-credit fifth-year program. No new courses will be required. No new faculty will be needed. The PSU Library holdings are adequate to support the program.

An initial review of the proposal by the TSPC Program Approval Committee was extremely positive. The PSU proposal is being suggested as a model to other teacher preparation institutions in Oregon.

Over for an illustration of the redesigned program.
May 20, 1996

TO: George Lendaris, Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Ray Johnson, Special Assistant to the Provost

On behalf of the University-wide Promotion and Tenure Committee, I am forwarding to you and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee the final draft of the revised *Policies and Procedures for the Evaluation of Faculty for Tenure, Promotion and Merit Increases* dated May 17, 1996. This draft is submitted to the faculty senate for action as outline below.

**Action Requested by the Senate**

Approve the revised *Policies and Procedures for the Evaluation of Faculty for Tenure, Promotion and Merit Increases* dated 5/17/96 to become effective September 1, 1996, and implemented according to the following timetable.

**Proposed Timetable for Adoption and Implementation of Proposed Promotion and Tenure Guidelines**

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<td>Begin implementing Scholarly Agenda in Formative Ways</td>
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<td>In 1997-98, after the development of departmental guidelines, faculty may elect to be considered for promotion and tenure under the new guidelines.</td>
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<td>Earliest possible time that a new faculty hired as of September 15, 1996 would be eligible for consideration for promotion to Associate Professor under the new guidelines. Exceptions which result in the consideration for the promotion immediately upon eligibility should occur only on the basis of extraordinary achievement.</td>
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<td>Fall 2000</td>
<td>Earliest possible time that individuals promoted to Associate Professors as of September 15, 1996 would be eligible for promotion to Full Professor under the new guidelines. Promotion after 4 years will be made only in extraordinary cases.</td>
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<td>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. In the normal course of events this would be the normal time when faculty hired as of September 15, 1996 would be eligible for consideration to Associate Professor under the new guidelines.</td>
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Summary of Changes Included in the Final Draft Submitted to the Faculty Senate

Key Criteria Continuing from Prior Drafts. Following is a summary of key criteria that have not changed from the prior draft distributed to faculty and are included in the draft Promotion and Tenure Guidelines dated 5/17/96, submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval in June.

1. All faculty are expected to make contributions to knowledge as a result of scholarly activities.
2. Contributions to knowledge can be demonstrated through activities of
   • research and other creative activities
   • teaching, advising and curricular activities
   • community outreach
3. Scholarly contributions to knowledge may take the form of discovery, integration, interpretation or application.
4. Contributions to knowledge should be evaluated against criteria for quality and significance of scholarship. The criteria include:
   • Clarity and relevance of goals
   • Mastery of existing knowledge
   • Appropriate use of methodology and resources
   • Effectiveness of communication
   • Significance of results
   • Consistently ethical behavior
5. Documentation presented for evaluation should include:
   • Self-appraisal of scholarly accomplishments.
   • A representative sample of the individual’s most scholarly work.
   • A curriculum vitae including a comprehensive list of significant accomplishments.
   • Peer review of scholarly accomplishments and review by other multiple and credible sources as appropriate to the individual’s scholarly work

Changes in the Latest Draft (From the Draft Distributed to Departments in December 1995) Following is a summary of key changes made in the draft Promotion and Tenure Guidelines dated 5/17/96, submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval in June.

Key Changes:

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set forth processes and criteria for formative and evaluative activities which are consistent with the department’s academic mission.

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| II.B    | The section on Scholarly Agenda has been rewritten to address a variety of faculty concerns. Key changes include:  
  - The primary use of a scholarly agenda is developmental, not evaluative.  
  - The process of developing and redefining a scholarly agenda encourages a faculty member to draw on the shared expertise of his or her peers to promote scholarly achievement of high quality and significance.  
  - The development of a scholarly agenda supports a collective process of department planning that supports different faculty taking on different roles.  
  - Departments are charged with developing processes for establishing, discussing, agreeing upon, and revising a scholarly agenda that are consistent with the focus upon individual career development and collective responsibilities. Departments will also establish regular methods for resolving conflicts which may arise in the process of developing scholarly agendas. [This issue of procedure has been agreed-upon by the AAUP.]  
  - 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. [This issue of procedure has been agreed-upon by the AAUP.]  
  - An individual may include a previously agreed upon scholarly agenda in his or her promotion and tenure documentation, but it is not required. |
| C.      | The section on Scholarship has been revised to more clearly reflect aesthetic and creative contributions of faculty. |
| II.E.1  | The section on documentation has been edited to clarify the documentation that is expected in a promotion and tenure file. |
| II.E.2&4| The section on Scholarship has been revised to more clearly reflect aesthetic and creative contributions of faculty. |
| III.    | Language addressing the promotion to professor or associate professor has been modified to eliminate the *and/or* language of the prior draft that made it appear that faculty may not have teaching responsibilities. The current language makes it clear that effectiveness in teaching, research, or community outreach must meet an acceptable standard when it is part of a faculty member’s responsibilities. |
20 May 1996

Faculty Senate
Portland State University

Dear Senators:

I'm writing in behalf of the Portland State Chapter of the American Association of University Professors to indicate our endorsement of the proposed "Policies and Procedures for the Evaluation of Faculty for Tenure, Promotion, and Merit Increases."

The concerns and interests of AAUP have been heard at several points in the process. Two AAUP Executive Council members sat on the committee that drafted the new guidelines, the chairman of committee met with the whole Executive Council twice, and AAUP negotiators met several times with those drafting the document.

Initial drafts presented us with two obstacles to approval. First, we were concerned at the failure to specify a process for resolving such conflicts as might arise over the scholarly agenda between an individual faculty member and a department chair. Second, we did not think faculty interests best served by requiring that the scholarly agenda be included in promotion and tenure documentation. Now, however, we are happy to report that both obstacles have been removed to our satisfaction. In addition, we have signed a letter of agreement with the administration in which they acknowledge that this set of guidelines represents a change in procedure (and is therefore subject to collective bargaining), and commit to drafting a range of "sample" scholarly agendas as examples for faculty.

We are persuaded that these new procedures reflect changes in the university's mission and pleased to see, in the scholarly agenda, a genuinely formative element. Therefore, we endorse these procedures without reservation.

Sincerely,

Duncan Carter
VP for Collective Bargaining
PSU Chapter, AAUP
The Advisory Council met three times (April 22, May 6, May 13) with Ray Johnson concerning the proposed PSU P&T Guidelines, and read a variety of drafts. Council wishes to commend Ellen Skinner, Ray Johnson, and members of the committee that Professor Skinner chaired for the result of their deliberations. The current document (as of May 13, 1996) is far reaching in scope, breaking new ground for PSU in a number of areas. In particular, its use of the scholarly agenda allows faculty members to develop their careers consistent with the university mission, while academic units more effectively blend the skills of its members in a more deliberative fashion. The focus of the proposed guidelines has thus become developmental, rather than evaluative.

Council noted that the Guidelines Committee actively sought out virtually all members of the University community during its deliberations. Public hearings, Departmental and School meetings, and private communications occurred throughout the planning stages. As required by the PSU Constitution, meetings were held with both the University Planning Council and the Advisory Council. Recommendations from both were heeded, and changes were made.

1. We affirm the following principles, and, except where noted in bold face type, believe they are represented in the final draft:
   a. an individual’s scholarly agenda should be expressed as a set of emphases and activities, and not as a set of outcomes.
   b. the scholarly agenda should be the result of an agreement between the faculty member and the department and should reflect both the individual’s professional interests and goals, as well as the mission and needs of the academic unit.
   c. departments or relevant units should develop procedures for agreeing on an individual’s scholarly agenda.
   d. the scholarly agenda should be considered as part of the evaluation process for promotion and tenure.

   This last point should be dwelt upon, because some faculty colleagues have come to a different conclusion. The Advisory Council believes that requiring the use of the scholarly agenda best protects the interests of the faculty member, who should be evaluated in a way that is consistent with the agreed program of activities in which he or she has been engaged. Council members preferred an earlier version of the guidelines, which recommended that the use of the scholarly agenda be required for the evaluation of all faculty members. Council feels that any change permitting this to be optional weakens the protection of the faculty member and the importance of the scholarly agenda.

2. We believe the following practices will be necessary for implementation of the guidelines:
   a. there should be training for department chairs and other administrators in the new guidelines. We were assured that training sessions are already being scheduled for department heads and the new faculty to whom these guidelines will apply.
   b. departments need to be advised to work on developing their own procedures for developing scholarly agendas.
   c. model scholarly agendas should be made available to departments showing some of the range of possibilities for different disciplines and different individual emphases. The committee is apparently already engaged in preparing three to four sample agendas.

Again, we commend the work of the Committee. We recommend that the Senate pass the guidelines, and implement them as soon as possible.
DATE: May 20, 1996
TO: Portland State University Faculty Senate
FROM: Alan Cabelly, Chair, University Planning Council
SUBJ: Recommendations on Proposed P&T Guidelines

The University Planning Council met on February 6 (with Ellen Skinner and Ray Johnson) and on February 13 to discuss the proposed PSU P&T Guidelines. At that time UPC made the following comments:

1. UPC is in agreement with much of the proposed guidelines, as well as the definition and use of the word “scholarship,”

2. UPC believes that in order to be promoted an individual must perform at a satisfactory (or higher) level in all areas of his or her scholarly agenda. This should be stated in the guidelines.

3. UPC members are in agreement with the language regarding governance and professionally-related service to the university.

4. UPC believes that the use of the “and/or” language in regards to teaching causes a significant number of perceptual problems, and should be deleted.

5. UPC members noted the additional responsibility of departments, schools/colleges, etc. to see that these guidelines are carried out properly. The current document gives too much freedom to individual department chairs/program directors, who may change their minds, resign, retire, or otherwise be removed, so that the approved scholarly agenda/portfolio may change without any institutional guidelines. Some guidance should be given to these unit managers.

The proposed guidelines (as of May 13, 1996) were changed to respond to the concerns of UPC members in each of these areas. Although UPC never made a final review of the current proposal, it is clear that its members are in substantive agreement with the document.
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

PROPOSED

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

DATED MAY 17, 1996

FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FACULTY SENATE ON JUNE 3, 1996
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EVALUATION OF FACULTY
FOR TENURE, PROMOTION, AND MERIT INCREASES

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 the 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. In recognition of that uniqueness, the main responsibility for implementation of formative and evaluative procedures has been placed in the departments.

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 vice provost for academic policy and personnel 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.

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 ranks.

1 "Departments" includes departments, schools, and other similar administrative units.
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 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. Finally, each faculty member is expected to contribute to the governance and professionally-related service activities of the University.

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.

2 Faculty fields may be disciplinary or inter-disciplinary in nature.
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 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).

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

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3 The contributions of Ernest Boyer are acknowledged in providing the inspiration for sections II.C and II.D.
production in the performing arts, fine arts, architecture, graphic design, cinema, and broadcast media or related technologies.

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. 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 enable 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

Institutional 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. Faculty Research and Other Creative Activities (Research)

Another primary significant factor in determining a faculty member's merit for promotion is the individual's accomplishments shall be involvement in research and published contributions to knowledge in the appropriate discipline field(s) and other professional or creative activities that are consistent with the faculty member's responsibilities. The nature of the performance will vary from one academic field to another, but the general criterion for promotion and tenure is the extent to which the faculty member is engaged in activities of high quality and significance. In all cases in which excellence in these activities constitute a major factor in personnel decisions, external peer reviews shall be solicited and included in the evaluation material. 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:

i. Research may be measured evaluated on the quality and significance of publication of scholarly books, monographs, articles, presentations, and reviews in journals, and grant proposals submissions and awards. Each department should judge the quality and significance of these contributions as well as the quantity. 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 would be 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 based on 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, and or interinstitutional 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.

v. Grants awarded:

3. Teaching, mentoring, and curricular activities (Teaching) Instruction

Increasing and communicating knowledge are the primary functions of this University. 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). Teaching effectiveness, which is the most important basis for appraisal in the area of instruction, has long been recognized as the most difficult to assess. 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, 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 in-order-to-avoid-unsubstantiated 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 has the responsibility for seeing that these methods for evaluation are implemented. In cases where appropriate, external peer review shall be solicited.

Recommendations for promotion, tenure and/or pay raises must include a description of the methods employed by the department in the assessment of teaching. 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 ILD). 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
- 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 interinstitutional educational programs
- knowledge of resources available for the meeting of student needs 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
- evaluation based upon systematic class visitations by senior faculty.

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.

4 "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.

5 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...
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
- 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.

e 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:

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citizens. In contrast, community outreach that support promotion and tenure advancement fulfill the mission of the department and of the University and utilize faculty members' academic or professional expertise.

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I. University

a) Advising is a serious obligation to the student body and to the University. The skills and motivation required for advising are not equally distributed and should not be taken for granted. Special efforts and competencies in this area are an important part of a faculty member's performance and should be recognized. Formal mechanisms for evaluating the factors involved in advising should be developed by departments. Factors involved in assessing this criterion include:

- accessibility to students;
- amount of time spent in advising students;
- familiarity with the requirements of various university programs;
- ability to relate successfully to a wide variety of students for purposes of advising;
- knowledge of resources available for the meeting of students' needs;
- keeping of adequate records.

b 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.

e 2) University Community. Faculty are expected to participate in activities devoted to fulfilling enriching the artistic, cultural, and social needs of the university, such as attending commencement or serving as adviser to student groups.

ii 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. The setting of Portland State University affords faculty many opportunities to make their expertise useful to community outside the university. Faculty should be credited with such activities as:

a) 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;

b) service in continuing education community projects, and international programs that are not part of a normal assignment;

e) community education, in the form of speeches, television and radio appearances, etc.;

d) participation in professionally related civic, political and governmental programs and activities;

e) service of an interdisciplinary or interinstitutional nature.

III. RANKS

The following definitions of academic rank are based on the premise that a viable vital University depends on the active participation of all of its members. of the academic community is needed for a viable University. Inherent in this charge are the basic activities, requirements of research, teaching, community outreach, and governance and professionally related service. teaching, scholarship and service. The service mission of Portland State University as a comprehensive urban university is particularly important as a factor in assessing all faculty-personnel decisions described in these policies and procedures. 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. C). 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.C) 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. The individual considered for promotion must have demonstrated the ability to teach effectively at all levels within the department, the ability to establish a coherent and meaningful research program or work in the creative arts, and to participate competently in the work of the department and University. Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor requires the individual to have made contributions to knowledge as a result of research or other creative works.

**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.
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.

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 for a maximum of six academic years, 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.

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.

Professorial Research Appointments: Professorial ranks will be available for faculty on Senior Research Appointments. Such appointments are for fixed-term 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. The appointment status is "Other", and the title is "Research Associate-Senior Research." These faculty are identified as Assistant Professor-Senior Research, Associate Professor-Senior Research, and Professor-Senior Research.

Research Associate and Senior Research Associate: These ranks are appropriate for appointment of faculty whose primary responsibility is the conduct of independent research. Such appointees will normally hold the doctoral degree or the highest degree appropriate to the field.

Research Assistant and Senior Research Assistant: These ranks are appropriate for appointment of faculty whose primary responsibility is the conduct of research under supervision. Such appointees will hold a degree appropriate to the research skills required.

Conversion of a Research Associate to Assistant Professor-Senior Research 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. Promotion to Associate Professor-Senior Research and Professor-Senior Research requires the customary University promotion review.

V H. 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'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, and 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 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 faculty hired after September 16, 1990 the professorial ranks (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor) will be limited to
   a. teaching related positions with an expectation for scholarly accomplishment;
   b. librarians;
   c. faculty on Senior Research appointments;
   d. faculty meriting professorial-level appointments whose principal responsibilities are related to scholarly research.

3. Faculty in positions that do not have an associated expectation for scholarly accomplishment will be appointed with one of the following designations:
   a. with professional title but without rank;
   b. at the rank of Instructor or Senior Instructor;
   c. 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, and Administrative Research Associate for faculty in research support or research training positions.

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 required to provide an annual evaluation of performance after the first year. 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) faculty in professorial ranks who are less than .50 FTE;

         b) 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.

         c) appointments that are temporary, regardless of rank. Positions established with non-recurring funds are defined as temporary. Appointments associated with temporary assignments such as a visiting professor or a sabbatical leave replacement also 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 evidence 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.

   However: 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.

3. Criteria

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND PROCEDURES/PROMOTION AND TENURE

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 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. 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) of research and scholarship and other creative activities and, when appropriate for the assessment of teaching. 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 value of research directly impacting the external community, 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.
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.

teaching effectiveness, scholarly/creative activity, research accomplishments, professional activity, university and community service, and interdisciplinary and interinstitutional contribution. The departmental committee must make one of four 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 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
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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. Teaching effectiveness, scholarly/creative activity, research accomplishments, professional activity, University and community service, and interdisciplinary and interinstitutional contribution. It should also address the general expectations of your discipline's promotion and tenure guidelines has for academic promotion and tenure 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).

V. 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)

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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 Research or Other Creative 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)

5. Completed exhibitions, performances, productions, films, etc. (describe nature of accomplishment, location, dates, etc.)

6. Completed compositions, scripts, scores, commissions, etc. (accepted or installed).

7. Other

* 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)
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6. Completed exhibitions, performances, productions, films, etc. (describe nature of accomplishment, location, dates, etc.)

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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)
(teaching assignments, new classes developed, experimental classes, grants, number of graduate students supervised, etc)

Other Service to Community Outreach Achievements

(See II.E.4)
(popular publications, committees, external lectures of popular nature, research projects or consulting conducted with community groups, membership on boards/commissions, etc.)

Scholarly Research or Other Creative Works in Progress

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

Governance and Other Professionally Related Service
Governance Activities for the Service to University, College, Department
(committees, internal lectures of popular nature, etc.)

Professionally-related Service to Profession
(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
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.

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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.
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 reviewers*;
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.
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 specialists 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) originality and the impact of Professor______'s scholarship research on (his/her) field, (his/her) scholarly or creative productivity, and the quality of (his/her) other contributions to the profession. 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 ________________________________________________
APPENDIX III: APPRAISAL SIGNATURE SHEET AND RECOMMENDATION FORM For implementation in the forthcoming Academic Year 19_____

Name ____________________________________________

Last  First  Middle

College or School/Department ____________________________________________

Date of First Appointment at PSU _________  Current Rank ____________________

Date of Last Promotion ___________  Tenure Status _________

(fixed term or Annual or tenured)

Total Tenure Related FTE ___________

(complete for Annual apppts. only)

FACULTY MEMBER IS BEING REVIEWED FOR: please indicate with a check(s):

___ PROMOTION TO ___________ (indicate rank)  AND/OR  ___ TENURE

GUIDELINES USED FOR THIS REVIEW:  ___ 1990-91  ___ 1983-84

Each voting member of the Departmental Committee and each reviewing Administrator is required to sign and indicate their vote or recommendation.

(For tenure recommendations, please use P to indicate positive, D to indicate deferral and T to indicate termination.

For promotion recommendations, please use P to indicate promotion or D to indicate deferral)

NOTE: When a faculty member is not being considered for both promotion and tenure, one of the VOTE/REC columns below should be left blank.

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*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.

Faculty Signature  Date

ROUTING OF RECOMMENDATION

A time table will be established each year by the Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Personnel 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.

By ______________________ 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 Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Personnel or appropriate Vice President. If the departmental guidelines are not to be in compliance with University guidelines, they will be returned to the department for review and alteration. If guidelines are found not to be in compliance 30 days after the date on which they were submitted, the Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Personnel or Vice President will modify the guidelines only for the purpose of bringing them in compliance with the University guidelines.

By ______________________ the Departmental Committee shall send its recommendations to the Department Chair. (This allows a minimum of six weeks from date of approval of departmental guidelines.)

By ______________________ the Department Chair shall notify each faculty member of his/her recommendation and that of the Departmental Committee. (This allows two weeks.)

By ______________________ 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.)

By ______________________ the Academic Dean shall send his/her recommendations to the Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Personnel or Vice President. (This allows three weeks.)

By ______________________ the Provost/Vice President shall send his/her recommendation to the President (allow one month).

By ______________________ the President shall send his/her decision to the faculty member (allow one month).

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TO: All Senators + Ex-officio Members to the Senate
FROM: George Lendaris, Presiding Officer
SUBJECT: Special Meeting

Robert Liedman, Secretary to the Faculty
6/5/96

A Senate meeting to complete business not finished this past Monday is set for Wednesday, June 12, 1996, 3:00-5:00 pm. in CH 53.

Consideration of the Revised Promotion & Tenure Guidelines is the main topic.

I remind you that this document has been under development for 2 years, has involved a large number of people in many fora, and has been developed to accommodate virtually all concerns that have been brought up by the various constituencies.

There is one exception, and this was the topic of debate at Monday’s meeting:
While the committee that drafted the Guidelines feels it captured the essence of all concerns brought to its attention, recently the Advisory Council has developed a concern that the important component of the Guidelines called “Scholarly Agenda” should be a REQUIRED rather than OPTIONAL inclusion in a faculty member’s file during evaluation processes.

Other than this, the Advisory Council gives laudatory comments about the document, and encourages its adoption. Please refer to the letter from the Advisory Council in your packet for the June 3rd Senate meeting. Also, refer to the letters from the University Planning Council and the AAUP, both of which recommend accepting the document as it stands.

I WANT TO REMIND EACH OF YOU THAT WE ARE A REPRESENTATIVE BODY, and I urge you to consult with your respective units about this matter and come to the June 12 Senate meeting informed of feelings/desires of your constituency on this issue. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND FAR REACHING TOPIC.

Because of the development history of the Draft document submitted to the Senate, I intend to entertain FIRST a motion to approve it as it is, and SECOND to entertain a motion to amend which would effect a OPTIONAL --- > REQUIRED change.

I will LIMIT DEBATE (unless a 2/3 vote to the contrary) to at most 2 comments per senator on each motion. Please come with prepared thoughts on the issue.

Following the vote on the amendment (assuming one is offered), we will proceed to vote the main motion.

This is an important action we are about to take, and I repeat: We are a representative body, thus I oblige you to consult with your constituency; we are a deliberative body, thus I urge you to come with prepared thoughts.

Thank you,

George Lendaris
The Senate Steering Committee had an update today from President Ramaley regarding recent events, as well as some clarification about the intent of Board action. As you know, Phase III of the OSSHE planning process is just beginning.

During the meeting we decided that a special senate meeting would not be time well spent at this point. We will certainly call one when there is more to report or when wide faculty input is needed.

In the meantime, we are all encouraged to continue to build strong community and business coalitions, to "adopt" legislators and get the PSU story out to them and other influential citizens, and to attend the next Board meeting on Friday, July 19, in SMC 327-329, at 9:00 - 12:30.

Attached you'll find information given to us by the President. Please distribute these to folks in the division you represent.
July 8, 1996

TO:  Friends of Portland State University
FR:  Judith A. Ramaley, President

We have made significant progress over the past few days in clarifying the intent of the OSSHE Board in its action at the meeting of June 21st. At that meeting, the Board adopted an amended resolution (attached) following a work session during which board members had discussed the basic elements of a strategic plan for OSSHE, including the adoption of four strategic objectives, a number of goals, and 17 specific strategies. The Board also discussed some specific initiatives outlined by Chancellor Cox during the work session. The attached “Report to Our Stakeholders” gives clarity to those actions and explains the status of Chancellor Cox’s proposed initiatives.

Over the next several weeks it will be our responsibility to explore all 17 strategies and proposed action plans, especially those which will have an impact on the metropolitan region and those statewide areas which have particular relevance for Portland State’s mission and programs.
Resolution Regarding Strategic Planning Process

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (the “Board”) recognizes the work accomplished during Phase I of the Board’s strategic planning process by the four Task Forces: Undergraduate Education, Research and Graduate Education, Lifelong Learning, and Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Board has heard the input of the focus groups conducted with individuals throughout the state both directly and indirectly affected by higher education’s services; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates the interaction it has had with the four caucuses recently held throughout the state which provided valuable information towards more narrowly defining those deliverables needed by Oregonians from higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Board looks forward to actively addressing those identified needs to enable Oregonians to achieve their higher education goals; and

WHERE, the Board invites response and suggestions from Oregonians;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education that the Board adopt the strategic objectives, goals, and strategies developed during today’s Renewal Work Session and requests that the Chancellor begin working with the campus presidents to develop plans to implement the initiatives and return to the Board with campus and Systemwide implementation plans for review and approval starting at the Board’s September 1996 meeting.

NOTE: This version includes the amendment suggested by Board member Willis and approved by the Board.
July 5, 1996

A Report to Our Stakeholders
on OSSHE’s Strategic Planning Process as it
Relates to the Portland Metropolitan Area.

Over the past two weeks, the Oregon State System of Higher Education’s strategic planning process has been the focus of a great deal of media coverage. Because of the importance of this process to all Oregonians, Portland State University President Judith Ramaley and I believe it is time to bring clarity to the discussions about where the Oregon State System of Higher Education plans to be with respect to the Portland Metro area as we enter the new century.

With this Report to Our Stakeholders we seek to provide an update on what we have achieved thus far and what we plan to accomplish together in the future.

Joseph Cox
Chancellor
Oregon State System of Higher Education
As Chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, let me begin by making it explicit and quite clear that President Judith Ramaley and I recognize the needs of the greater Portland Metropolitan region for expanded access to, and availability of, both graduate education and research. We especially recognize these needs in areas that support industries strategically important to both Portland and the rest of the state.

Portland State University, Oregon's urban university, will play a significant role in meeting these needs, not just in the Metro area but in other parts of the state where PSU's particular expertise will be needed.

To build this additional capacity, we must look at every possible way of improving the critical mass, scope, and quality of graduate education in the Metropolitan area. For example, the "single School of Engineering" idea is one concept on the table that will either be validated by our testing or will be replaced by a better idea. The strategy to "build greater critical mass in engineering education and research, and raise programs to national ranking through investment and consolidation" is the end we seek.

President Ramaley has said, "I want to make it clear that PSU supports this current phase of the strategic planning process initiated by the State Board of Higher Education at its June 21 meeting in Ashland, and looks forward to participating in a full and thoughtful review of all of the initiatives and to developing a plan to serve the needs of all Oregonians. PSU has supported the statewide strategic planning process since it was initiated by the State Board of Higher Education in December."

This summer, the solution teams that have been created will review these initiatives along with other options they may identify as a result of comments and suggestions from Oregonians who have been invited by the State Board to respond. During these discussions, controversial proposals certainly will be put on the table for review, but we are confident that an open and inclusive process of discussion and analysis will yield positive outcomes for Oregon as a whole and for the greater Metropolitan region in particular.
President Ramaley and I agree that the process before the System in the next two months will be challenging and provocative as we examine each option in order to determine: who will benefit; how we can achieve the greatest impact; and how we can best serve the state and the greater Metropolitan region. We are pleased that so many of Oregon’s leaders, including Governor Kitzhaber, members of the Oregon legislature, the business community, and other key community leaders have recognized the need to stop the disinvestment in higher education and to enhance the ability of our System of higher education to respond to the needs of the state, and that they have been willing to work with us over these past several months to explore what these needs are now and what they will be in the future.

As we go about this review, we will keep in mind that the clearest test of success for any planning initiative will be whether or not it leads the state to make significant public and private new investment in access and program quality, and enhances our ability to serve the needs of the state of Oregon.