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Appendix B

210-3 Instructions to Review Committees Which Advise on Actions Concerning the Lecturer with Security of Employment Series

a. The policies and procedures set forth above in APM - 210-1-a, -b, -c, and -e, shall govern the committee in the confidential conduct of its review and in the preparation of its report. The committee should refer to APM - 285 both for policies and procedures on appointments in the Lecturer with Security of Employment Series.

b. The review committee shall judge the candidate with respect to the proposed rank and duties considering the record of the candidate’s performance in (1) teaching, (2) professional achievement and activity, and (3) University and public service.

c. The criteria set forth below are intended to serve as guides for minimum standards by which to judge the candidate, not to set boundaries to exclude other elements of performance that may be considered, as agreed upon by the candidate and the department.

(1) Teaching

Clearly demonstrated evidence of excellent teaching is an essential criterion for appointment, advancement, or promotion. Under no circumstances will security of employment be conferred unless there is clear documentation of outstanding teaching.

In judging the effectiveness of a candidate’s teaching, the committee should consider such points as the following: the candidate’s command of the subject; continuous growth in the subject field; ability to organize material and to present it with force and logic; capacity to awaken in students an awareness of the relationship of the subject to other fields of knowledge; fostering of student independence and capability to reason; ability to arouse curiosity in students and to encourage high standards; personal attributes as they affect teaching and students; extent and skill of the candidate’s participation in the general guidance, mentoring, and advising of students; and effectiveness in creating an academic environment that is open and encouraging to all students. The committee should pay due attention to the variety of demands placed on Lecturers by the types of teaching called for in various disciplines and at various levels, and should judge the total performance of the candidate with proper reference to assigned teaching responsibilities. The committee should clearly indicate the sources of evidence on which its appraisal of teaching competence has been based. In those exceptional cases of an
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initial appointment where no such evidence is available, the candidate’s potential as a teacher may be indicated in closely analogous activities. In preparing its recommendation, the review committee should keep in mind that the report may be an important means of informing the candidate of the evaluation of his or her teaching and of the basis for that evaluation.

It is the responsibility of the department chair to submit meaningful statements, accompanied by evidence, of the candidate’s teaching effectiveness. Among significant types of evidence of teaching effectiveness are the following: (a) opinions of other faculty members knowledgeable in the candidate’s field, particularly if based on class visitations, on attendance at public lectures or lectures before professional societies given by the candidate, or on the performance of students in courses taught by the candidate that are prerequisite to those of the informant; (b) opinions of students; (c) opinions of graduates; and (d) development of new and effective techniques of instruction.

All cases for advancement and promotion normally will include: (a) evaluations and comments solicited from students for most, if not all, courses taught since the candidate’s last review; (b) a quarter-by-quarter or semester-by-semester enumeration of the number and types of courses and tutorials taught since the candidate’s last review which includes (i) the level of courses and tutorials taught, (ii) the enrollments of courses and tutorials taught, and (iii) for each course, the percentage of student course evaluations in relation to the total number of students in the course; (c) brief explanations for abnormal course loads; (d) identification of any new courses taught or old courses which the candidate has substantially reorganized in approach or content; (e) notice of any awards or other acknowledgments of distinguished teaching; (f) when the faculty member under review wishes, a self-evaluation of his or her teaching; and (g) commentary by other faculty on teaching effectiveness. When any of the information specified in this paragraph is not provided, the department chair will include an explanation for that omission in the candidate’s dossier. If such information is not included with the letter of recommendation and its absence is not adequately accounted for, it is the review committee chair’s responsibility to request it through the Chancellor.

(2) Professional Achievement and Activity

A demonstrated distinction in the special competencies appropriate to teaching the particular subject is one of the criteria for appointment or promotion. The candidate’s professional activities should be scrutinized
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for evidence of achievement and leadership. Intellectual leadership must be documented by materials demonstrating that the candidate has, through publication (either in traditional forms or in electronic format), creative accomplishments, or other professional activity, made outstanding and recognized contributions to the development of his or her special field and/or of pedagogy.

(3) University and Public Service

The review committee should evaluate both the quantity and the quality of service by the candidate to the department, the campus, the University, and the public, paying particular attention to that service which is directly related to the candidate’s professional expertise and achievement. Evidence of suitability for promotion may be demonstrated in services to the community, state, and nation, both in the candidate’s special capacities as a teacher and in areas beyond those special capacities when the work done is at a sufficiently high level and of sufficiently high quality. Faculty service activities related to the improvement of elementary and secondary education represent one example of this kind of service. Similarly, contributions to student welfare through service on student-faculty committees and as advisers to student organizations should be recognized as evidence. The department chair should provide both a list of service activities and an analysis of the quality of this service.

The Standing Orders of The Regents provide: “No political test shall ever be considered in the appointment and promotion of any faculty member or employee.” This provision is pertinent to every stage in the process of considering appointments and promotions.