# Department of Political Science DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES 2014 TENURE

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- 3. INTEGRATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND /OR SOCIAL MEDIA

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FACULTY MEMBER USES PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE ALONG WITH COURSE AND/OR PROGRAM ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO IMPROVE COURSES.

FOR ANY GENERAL STUDIES COURSES TAUGHT, THE TENURE CANDIDATE DESIGNED THEIR COURSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS MEETING, DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS INCLUDING THE WRITING AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME EXPECTATIONS. ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL STUDIES COURSES COMPLY WITH DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS.

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THROUGH SHIFTING INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND/OR DESIGN AND/OR DELIVERY AND INCORPORATING FEEDBACK FROM STUDENT COMMENTARY.

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#### **EVALUATION STANDARDS FOR TEACHING**

Needs Improvement:
This rating simply means the faculty member has not accomplished all of the necessary activities to attain the "Meets Standards" rating.

Minimum requirements and/or Standards for Content Expertise have not been met.

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POST-TENURE CANDIDATE THOROUGHLY AND ACCURATELY ADVISES STUDENTS, USING PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACTS WHEN POSSIBLE, AND REGULARLY HOLDS 5 WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS.

THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE HAS SRI'S USING THE APPROVED FORM FOR ALL ACADEMIC YEAR CLASSES WITH 5 OR MORE STUDENTS OR WHEN FEWER THAN 5 STUDENTS, THEY ARE EVALUATED ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES. A SINGLE SUMMATIVE PEER OBSERVATION IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR EVALUATION FOR TENURE.

#### **EVALUATION STANDARDS FOR TEACHING**

Needs Improvement:
This rating simply
means THE POSTTENURE
CANDIDATE has not
accomplished all of
the necessary
activities to attain
the "Meets
Standards" rating.

Minimum requirements and/or Standards for Content Expertise have not been met.

NO DEMONSTRATION THAT COURSES ARE REGULARLY UPDATED WITH NEW INFORMATION, AS CONSISTENT WITH THE DISCIPLINE. LITTLE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND DELIVERY TO FACILIATE STUDENT LEARNING NOR USE OF ASSESSMENT TO IMPROVE THE COURSE.

IF TEACHING GENERAL STUDIES COURSES, FACULTY MEMBER HAS NOT DESIGNED THE COURSE CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S AND UNIVERSITY'S EXPECTATIONS OR HAS NOT DONE THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM.

CLASSES ARE NOT EVALUATED USING SRI'S OR THE PATTERN OF SRI'S REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE UNIVERSITY PREFIX AVERAGE.

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THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE DOES NOT REGULARLY MAINTAIN 5 WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS AND MAKES MULTIPLE MISTAKES WHEN ADVISING STUDENTS.

**Meets Standards:** This performance

MEETS STANDARDS: EACH COURSE IS KEPT CURRENT THROUGH REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND THE

level demonstrates the minimum required accomplishments for a faculty member. REGULAR ADDITION OF NEW MATERIALS, AS APPROPRIATE. NARRATIVE DESCRIBES HOW COURSES ARE DESIGNED AND DELIVERED USING MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO FACILITATE STUDENT LEARNING INCLUDING LECTURING AND, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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#### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Scholarly and creative activities are disciplinary or interdisciplinary expressions or interpretations that develop ideas, frame questions, create new forms of representation, solve problems, or explore enduring puzzles.

GUIDELINES TO ACHIEVE POST-TENURE: THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT DURING THEIR POST-TENURE PERIOD A DISCIPLINARY OR PEDAGOGICAL OR CREATIVE WORK WAS ACCEPTED IN A PEER-REVIEWED OR PROFESSIONAL OR SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION OR THE DISCIPLINARY EQUIVALENT. ADDITIONALLY, THEY HAVE HAD MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR SCHOLARLY OR CREATIVE WORKS ACCEPTED AFTER REVIEW FOR PRESENTATION AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS.

#### **Evaluation Standards for Scholarly Activities**

Needs Improvement: This rating simply means THE POST- TENURE CANDIDATE has not accomplished all of the necessary activities to attain the "Meets Standards" rating.	Minimum requirements and/or Standards have not been met.  NEEDS IMPROVEMENT: THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE DOES NOT PRODUCE WORK THAT IS ACCEPTED THROUGH PEER REVIEWED OR ACCEPTED AFTER REVIEW AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AT A REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
Meets Standards: This performance level demonstrates the minimum required accomplishments for a faculty member.	MEETS STANDARDS: DURING THEIR EVALUATION PERIOD THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE HAS HAD A DISCIPLINARY OR PEDAGOGICAL OR CREATIVE WORK ACCEPTED IN A PEER-REVIEWED OR PROFESSIONAL OR SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION OR THE DISCIPLINARY EQUIVALENT. ADDITIONALLY, THEY HAVE HAD MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR SCHOLARLY OR CREATIVE WORKS ACCEPTED AFTER REVIEW FOR PRESENTATION AT
	PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS.

#### SERVICE

Faculty engage in service when they participate in the shared governance and good functioning of the institution; service to the institution can be at the program, department, school, or UNIVERSITY level. Beyond the institution, faculty engage in service when they use their disciplinary and/or professional expertise and talents to contribute to the betterment of their multiple environments, such as regional communities, professional and disciplinary associations, nonprofit organizations, or government agencies.

**GUIDELINES TO ACHIEVE POST-TENURE**: THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE MUST DEMONSTRATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHARED GOVERNANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY OR WITHIN THEIR DISCIPLINARY ORGANIZATION OR CONTRIBUTIONS USING THEIR DISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE TO THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

REGULARLY SUPPORTS DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OUTREACH NEEDS. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE OF VALUE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS OFTEN, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, TAKE THE FORM of COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAM OR DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

#### **Evaluation Standards for Service**

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POST-TENURE CANDIDATE
has not accomplished all of the
necessary activities to attain
the "Meets Standards" rating.

Minimum requirements and/or Standards for Service have not been met.

HAS NOT MADE ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS.

Meets Standards: This performance level demonstrates the minimum required accomplishments for THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE

MEETS STANDARDS: THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE MUST DEMONSTRATE DEEP AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHARED GOVERNANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY OR WITHIN THEIR DISCIPLINARY ORGANIZATION OR CONTRIBUTIONS USING THEIR DISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE TO THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY. THE POST-TENURE CANDIDATE

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### Updated on Monday, August 17.

#### **EVALUATION GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY II FACULTY**

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In establishing the standards for the university evaluation criteria, the Department of Political Science recognizes that the rating for a Category II faculty member should reflect the contributions made under each one of the criteria listed in the teaching category and that each evaluation should reflect the full and proper consideration of all material relevant to teaching.

#### **TEACHING**

Teaching is the act of creating and maintaining an environment that enhances the opportunities for student learning and discipline-related growth; it includes advising students to facilitate graduation and to transition to post baccalaureate careers or further educational opportunities.

Effective teachers display knowledge of their subject matters in the relevant learning environment (classroom, on-line, hybrid, field work, etc.), which typically includes the skills, competencies, and knowledge in a specific subject area in which the faculty member has received advanced experience, training, or education.

At the instructional level, the most important responsibilities of a teacher to his/her students are the following:

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  training, or education.
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  - Effective teachers communicate information clearly, create environments conducive to learning, and use an appropriate variety of teaching methods.
- (4) Instructional Assessment: To evaluate the mastery and other accomplishments of students:

  Effective teachers design assessment procedures appropriate to course objectives, ensure fairness in student evaluation and grading, and provide constructive feedback on student work.

(5) Advising Beyond the Classroom: To provide guidance for students as they pursue undergraduate and post-baccalaureate education and/or employment:

Effective advisors interact with students to provide career guidance and information, degree program guidance and information appropriate schedule to facilitate graduation), and answers to questions relating to a discipline.

**GUIDELINES for REAPPOINTMENT** THE CATEGORY II FACULTY MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT EACH COURSE IS KEPT CURRENT THROUGH REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND THE REGULAR ADDITION OF NEW MATERIALS, AS APPROPRIATE.

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