The Attached Departmental Guidelines for the Department of

Political Science at The Metropolitan State University of Denver are submitted for Approval for the Period August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2019Approvals: _ Date_12/11/2017 Department Chair Joan Laura Foster N: ci=Joan Laura Foster Arts and Sciences, email=foster/I@msudenver.edu, c=US Date: 2018.03.26 08:57:53 - 06'00' Dean Date Date 5 - 1 - 18 **VPAA**

Department of Political Science DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES 2018

EVALUATION GUIDELINES

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For faculty hired to tenure track prior to August of 2011, consideration of weights and measures as established by the annual review process and in collaboration with the department chair shall be taken into consideration.

To clarify expectations, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences has established a set of General Standards of Performance for all faculty members within the College. Compliance with CLAS General Standards is a prerequisite to a satisfactory performance rating on faculty evaluations. These standards are found at: <u>https://msudenver.edu/las/policies/faculty/ Specifically these state:</u>

General Standards of Performance for Faculty

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

University policies are in the Handbook for Personnel, the catalog and on the policy website. College policies are under the purview of the Dean in consultation with the academic department Chairs. Departmental policies are established by the Chair in consultation with the Dean and their Faculty. The General Standards of Performance for the Faculty in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences are:

- 1. Timely performance of responsibilities and other responsibilities as specified in the faculty member's contract, the Handbook, and in accordance with the academic and procedural calendars including submission of grades by the deadline established by the Registrar.
- 2. Adherence to accepted standards of professional conduct as established by the Handbook and AAUP.
- 3. Faculty are expected to be available by email or phone during their contractual period which for full time faculty is August 1through May 30th, excluding when the campus is closed.
- 4. Faculty shall be responsible for the conduct of assigned classes and submitting grades by the University deadline; shall provide the chair with timely notice in the event that they cannot conduct a class (or classes); and, pursuant to written departmental policy, shall arrange, when possible, for instruction to be provided when they cannot be present either by a substitute or by class assignment.
- 5. During the first week of class faculty shall present to all students attending class a syllabus containing the course description, their grading criteria, CLAS syllabus policies and special notices required by law or institutional policy.
- 6. Faculty shall, as established by departmental policies, adopt such procedures as necessary to assure that adequate and accurate records of student performance are maintained.
- 7. Full-time faculty shall establish, post, and keep a minimum of 5 office hours weekly during each academic term of the regular academic year.
- 8. The normal teaching load for full-time faculty is 24 semester credit hours per academic year.
- 9. In addition to teaching their classes, full-time faculty members shall prepare for classes, evaluate students' performance, confer with and advise students. Tenure-line faculty will participate in committee work, scholarly activities, service and other appropriate professional activities. Full-time faculty are expected to devote an average of at least 40 hours per week during the contract year to meeting their teaching and other obligations.
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- 11. Faculty shall respond to emails in a timely manner as established by their departmental policies.

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THE FACULTY MEMBER SRI'S FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR ARE RECORDED IN DIGITAL MEASURES.

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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.

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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 college 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.

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DEPARTMENTAL PEER EVALUATION GUIDELINES 2017

*All tenured faculty must be considered members of the Faculty Evaluation Committee.

*All evaluations must be formative and must utilize the tool developed by departmental faculty.

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*Probationary and Tenured faculty must be evaluated on <u>Teaching</u> once per academic year by a designated representative(s) of the Faculty Evaluation Committee.

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Department of Political Science DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES 2017 (Handbook for Professional Personnel/Effective July 1, 2017) <u>Emeritus Status of Faculty 1.Eligibility</u>

a.

All faculty who have completed ten years or more of full-time service at the University shall be eligible at the time of their retirement for an emeritus title equivalent to their highest professional rank. b.

Faculty who participate in the transitional retirement program or who continue to teach full-time at the University after retirement are considered to be members of the faculty and therefore are not yet eligible for emeritus status. **2.Selection**

a.

A department chair or any faculty member of the department may nominate faculty for emeritus status. The nomination should be substantiated in terms of length of service, excellence in teaching, and other contributions to the University. b.

The nomination must be endorsed by a majority of the tenured members of the department and by the dean, who then will forward the recommendation to the Provost. c.

If the Provost concurs with the nomination, the Provost shall forward the nomination to the President.

d.

If the President concurs with the nomination, the President will transmit it to the Board of Trustees for final determination and approval.

3.Benefits: Faculty awarded emeritus status will have the following benefits:

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- b. Have an opportunity to teach up to nine credit hours per semester as a part-time faculty member, if requested by the department;
- c. Be listed in the University Catalog following retirement for life;
- d. Be recognized at an appropriate campus function;
- e. Be given support staff materials as available and deemed appropriate by the chair;
- f. Be entitled to retain a University e-mail account;

- g. Retain library privileges; and,
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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 2017 – 2019

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of the necessary activities to attain the "Meets Standards" rating.	IF TEACHING GENERAL STUDIES COURSES, FACULTY MEMBER HAS NOT DESIGNED THE COURSE CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S AND COLLEGE'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 COLLEGE PREFIX AVERAGE.
Meets Standards: This performance level demonstrates the minimum required accomplishments for a faculty member.	 MEETS STANDARDS: EACH COURSE IS KEPT CURRENT THROUGH REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND THE 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: ENGAGED LEARNING PRACTICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GROUP PROJECTS, CLASS PRESENTATIONS, SIMULATIONS, DEBATES, PEER-TO-PEER INSTRUCTION GUEST SPEAKERS WITH SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE INTEGRATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND /OR SOCIAL MEDIA EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE ARE CLEARLY COMMUNICATED IN SYLLABI AND THE TENURE CANDIDATE USES STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES TO FACILITATE STUDENT LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT. CATEGORY III FACULTY MEMBER USES PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE ALONG WITH COURSE AND/OR PROGRAM ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO IMPROVE COURSES. CATEGORY III FACULTY MEMBER'S SRI'S ARE CONSISTENTLY NEAR OR ABOVE THE COLLEGE MEAN FOR SAME LEVEL COURSE OR THEY HAVE SHOWN A TREND OF IMPROVEMENT TOWARD THE PREFIX AVERAGE FOR SAME LEVEL COURSES AND THE NARRATIVE ADDRESSES WORK TOWARD IMPROVING STUDENT RATINGS OF INSTRUCTION THROUGH SHIFTING INSTRUCTIONAL

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