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History

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History Department 2014-15 Tenure Evaluation Guidelines

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History Department

EVAULATION STANDARDS FOR CATEGORY II FACULTY

INTRODUCTION: Category II and Category III faculty (referred to as Affiliate) are subject to the norms and expectations of academic freedom befitting an institution of higher education. Furthermore, they serve as contingent faculty appointed for defined terms. Category II faculty are hired most often to teach full-time under contracts of a duration from between one and three years; Affiliate faculty are hired to teach on a per-credit-hour basis for specific classes, as needed, usually on a semester-by-semester basis. Category II faculty and Affiliate faculty are eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Dean and Department Chair, respectively. Decisions to reappoint are based upon the needs of the department or program and also take into consideration the candidate's qualifications and performance. Performance evaluation, therefore, is done in part to support reappointment decisions and in part to foster improvement among both Category II and Affiliate faculty members.

Evaluation:

Category II Faculty

1. Student Ratings of Instruction: Student Ratings of Instruction (SRIs) for courses taught by Category II faculty will be administered consistent with the practice for tenure-line faculty as outlined in Handbook for Professional Personnel Chapter V.
2. Performance measures in addition to SRIs are warranted to ensure that reappointment decisions are based on multiple appropriate sources of reliable data.
3. Peer Observations: Peer Observations may be used for either summative or formative purposes. Only Summative Peer Observations **must** be included in Portfolios; Formative Peer Observations **may** be included as an additional artifact if the Category II faculty member chooses to do so.

The History Department requires one peer observation during the faculty member's first academic year as a Category II faculty member. For appointment to a Category II position in academic year 2014-2015 any peer review done by a history department peer at MSU Denver between fall 2009 and spring 2014 will suffice.

In 2014-2015 and after observation(s) may be required if there are indications that they are needed. Such indications may be, but are not limited to, SRI scores more than .50 below the prefix mean, student comments on SRIs, and/or student comments or concerns brought to the Chair's attention. All Summative Peer Observations of Category II faculty will be conducted by a trained Peer Observer.

4. In those cases where Category II faculty have reduced teaching-load agreements that specify duties in Scholarly Activities or Service (see Handbook for Professional Personnel Chapter V for definitions of Scholarly Activities and Service, and Chapter IV for conditions of such agreements), evaluations should encompass work in those areas of performance.
5. Any Category II faculty member who wishes to be reappointed will undergo an annual review by submitting a Portfolio to the Department Chair through Digital Measures. Portfolios will include the following:
 - (1) Cover Sheet
 - a. Published by the Office of the Provost; and
 - b. Used to record recommendations for/against reappointment, promotion, or multi-year contracts.
 - (2) Narrative
 - a. Is a statement of no more than 600 words describing how the faculty member has met expectations for assigned duties/responsibilities;
 - b. Presents a reflective self-assessment, highlights accomplishments, and indicates plans for the future;
 - c. Should present one's best case to disciplinary colleagues and administrative levels of review; and

- d. If seeking promotion to Senior Lecturer or a Multi-Year Contract, should be noted in the first paragraph of the statement.
 - (3) Annotated *Curriculum Vitae* (see Chapter V for definition of “Annotated *Curriculum Vitae*). The CV must include all degrees earned. Employment history must be provided for a minimum of the past 8 years. Other information must be provided for a minimum of the past 6 years.
 - (4) Student Ratings of Instruction per above.
 - (5) Peer Observations as delineated above.
 - (6) Other documents as determined by the Department (course syllabi, exams, assignments, assessments, etc., evidence of scholarly activities or service). Course syllabi, exams, assignments, assessments do not need to be submitted in Digital Measures unless the Department Chair specifically requests that those items be submitted in Digital Measures.
6. Portfolios will be submitted using the same tool or format as Category I faculty and in accordance with the Academic Calendar. In 2014-2015 applicants are encouraged to use the regular Digital Measures system, but may submit a hybrid portfolio in Digital Measures.
7. Reappointment Recommendations
- (1) The Department Chair will evaluate the Portfolio and write a letter – not to exceed two pages – recommending retention or non-retention to the Dean;
 - (2) The Dean will evaluate the Portfolio and the Department Chair’s recommendation, and determine if the Category II faculty member should be reappointed.
 - (3) If either the Department Chair or the Dean recommends non-retention, the Portfolio and recommendations will be submitted to the Provost for a final decision regarding retention. All letters and decisions will become part of the Category II faculty member’s Portfolio and will be submitted in accordance with the Academic Calendar.

EVALUATION STANDARDS FOR TEACHING

Teaching is the act of creating and maintaining an environment which 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.

GUIDELINE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION TO SENIOR LECTURER: In their narrative, the faculty members must explain how they have met expectations for assigned duties and responsibilities. It should present a reflective self-assessment that highlights accomplishments and indicates plans for future and present their best case for continuance in their position or promotion to Senior Lecturer if they are applying. The candidate should briefly include their approach to teaching from among the following aspects of teaching: 1. How they update their courses integrating current knowledge into their teaching, 2. Design their courses and 3. Deliver material to facilitate student learning and 4. Use assessment results, if provided by the institution, to improve their courses.

The faculty member has SRI's using the approved form per the *Handbook for Professional Personnel*. The History Department requires one peer observation during the faculty member's first academic year as a Category II faculty member. For appointment to a Category II position in academic year 2014-2015 any peer review done by a history department peer at MSU Denver between fall 2009 and spring 2014 will suffice.

<p><u>Needs Improvement:</u> This rating simply means the faculty member has not accomplished all of the necessary activities to attain the "Meets Standards" rating.</p>	<p><u>Needs Improvement:</u> Minimum requirements and/or Standards for Content Expertise have not been met.</p> <p>Faculty member does not provide adequate instruction by failing to meet classes or by not fully utilizing class time. Faculty absent for more than 10% of assigned class time must provide the chair with a written explanation of absences. If in the judgment of the chair, the faculty member is not meeting instructional responsibilities the chair will inform the dean.</p> <p>Courses do not follow the official course syllabus and /or the faculty member does not adhere to University policies regarding ADA accommodations. 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 facilitate student learning. Little attention is given to assessment to improve the course. If teaching General Studies courses, faculty member has not designed the course consistent with the department's and college's expectations as indicated by SLOs and assessment rubrics, or has not done assessments required by the General Studies Program. Classes are not evaluated using SRI's or the pattern of SRI's consistently remains below 4.25 for congregated classes and below 4.00 for online classes provided that in making any judgments based on SRIs that only SRIs in which more than 30% of the class has responded be considered. Faculty lacks Peer Observation or the</p>
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	observation indicates that that the faculty member does not employ sound pedagogy to facilitate student learning.
<u>Meets Standards:</u> This performance level demonstrates the minimum required accomplishments for a faculty member.	<u>Meets Standards:</u> Course follows the official course syllabus and the faculty member adheres to University policies regarding ADA Accommodations. 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 to facilitate student learning. Expectations for student learning and performance are clearly communicated in syllabi and the faculty member uses student learning objectives/outcomes to facilitate student learning and assessment. Faculty member uses professional expertise along with course and/or program assessment results to improve course. For any General Studies courses taught, the faculty member designed his/her 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. SRI's are compared to same level courses (lower or upper division) within the prefix. The SRI's are consistently above 4.25 for congregated classes and above 4.00 for online classes. Only courses in which a least 30 percent of the students have participated in the SRI process should be counted in making determinations. If below the levels mentioned above, faculty 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 content and/or design and/or delivery and incorporating feedback from student commentary. Peer observation(s) indicate that the faculty member employs sound pedagogy to facilitate student learning. Faculty member thoroughly and accurately advises students, using professional knowledge and contacts when possible.

Promotion: The Lecturer must satisfy the conditions for promotion to Senior Lecturer established in Chapter IV of the *Handbook*. Senior lecturers in the History Department are required to have a master's degree in history, but are not required to have a doctorate.

1. The faculty member will make a request for promotion to the Department Chair and submit a Portfolio as described above for comprehensive review;
2. The Department Chair will submit the recommendation for or against promotion to the Dean;
3. The Dean will submit a recommendation for or against promotion to the Provost; and
4. The Provost will approve or disapprove the recommendation for promotion.

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3. Peer Observations:

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- (2) All Category III faculty members will be observed, once in the first semester of their employment as a Category III faculty member. They may be observed in other semesters at the discretion of the department.