PREAMBLE: This section describes the creation and use of position descriptions that define responsibilities for faculty. This section was original to the 1979 Handbook; it has been editorially revised at intervals. In July 1998 the year covered by a position description was changed from an academic year to a calendar year. In July 2001 section B underwent some clarifying changes while the form itself underwent extensive revisions. In July 2007 the form underwent substantial revisions to address enforcement and accountability issues in the UI promotion and tenure process as well as to align the form with the Strategic Action Plan. In 2009 the form was revised to better integrate faculty interdisciplinary activities (including ensuring communication among all parties and eliminating the need to obtain multiple signatures) and FSH 3140 was incorporated into this policy. In January 2015 assessment language was added to the form. In 2016 a pilot form was introduced that reduced the amount of detail requested from faculty, streamlining the process and ratified in January 2017 with minor edits. Further information may be obtained from the Provost's Office (208-885-6448). [rev. 7-98, 1-08, 7-09, ed. 7-01]

A. GENERAL. The position description establishes the expectations for each faculty member in the major responsibility areas identified in FSH 1565 C, Teaching and Advising, Scholarship and Creative Activities, Outreach and Extension, and University Service and Leadership. Expectations must be consistent with the unit(s) context statement. Faculty should ensure that the description fully encompasses the range of their expected activities. The position description serves as a reference for a faculty member’s annual performance evaluation [see 3320], and is one component of the independent process for tenure and promotion [see 3520 and 3560]. [rev. 7-98, 1-17, ed. 7-00, 7-02, 7-09, 1-12]

B. PROCEDURE.

B-1. A position description shall be provided to each faculty member by the unit administrator within a reasonable period of time after the faculty member begins employment. The faculty member, and the unit administrator(s), and/or center director, must approve the position description. [rev. 7-98, 1-08, 7-09, ed. 7-01]

B-2. The position description shall remain in effect unless revised to reflect substantial changes in expectations. Such a change may include the assumption of administrative responsibilities, a change in teaching load, an increase in research responsibilities, leave or sabbatical, etc. The faculty member and the unit administrator(s), and/or center director, must approve the revised position description.

(Form follows on the next pages.)