FACULTY PROMOTIONS

PREAMBLE: This section discusses promotion in rank and the procedures by which a faculty member is evaluated, at the department, college, and university level, for a possible promotion. In particular the charge of the University Level Promotions Committee is given (subsection G). This section was an original part of the 1979 Handbook and has been revised in very minor ways several times since. In July 1994 it was more substantively revised: subsections A and B were largely rewritten to emphasize the faculty’s responsibility for promotion, G-2 (add a "presumption in favor" of the candidate under certain conditions at the university level) and the last sentence of H (providing feedback to the candidate) added. Again in July 1998 there were substantial revisions to E-2 (making formal the requirement and procedures for an external review), and E-5 and F-5 (providing a feedback loop between candidate and subsequent evaluators). In July 2000 section B was revised to make clear that eligibility for promotion in rank necessitated a history of position descriptions that required activities consistent with the criteria for that rank. In July 2002 section D was edited to clarify promotion schedules at each rank. In July 2007 the form underwent substantial revisions to address enforcement and accountability issues in the UI promotion and tenure process as well as align the form with the Strategic Action Plan. In January 2008 the section underwent some minor editing and revising to bring it into greater conformity with other sections of the Handbook. In January 2010 this section was again revised to reflect changes in the faculty position description and evaluation forms intended to simplify the forms while better integrating faculty interdisciplinary activities into the evaluation process. In July 2012 the university promotions committee membership was revised to reflect current practice and align membership to college reorganizations. In July 2014 the cap on non-tenure-track faculty appointments in a unit was adjusted and promotion processes from FSH 1565 were moved into this policy and revised. Except where otherwise noted, the text is as of July 1996. Further information may be obtained from the Provost’s Office (208-885-6448). [rev. 7-00, 7-02, 7-07, 1-08, 1-10, 7-12, 7-14]

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A. GENERAL. Promotion to a rank requires the faculty member to meet the requirements for that rank. Responsibility for the effective functioning of promotion procedures rests with faculty and administrators. Decisions are based on thorough and uniform evaluation of the faculty member’s performance in relation to the expectations as listed in his/her position description. Performance of university administrative duties as a unit administrator is not a consideration in promotion. [ed. 1-08, 7-14, rev. 1-10]

B. CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION. Promotion is awarded only to faculty members who demonstrate effective performance in the responsibility areas (FSH 1565 C) consistent with university, college and unit criteria. Promotion in rank is granted only when there is reasonable assurance, based on performance that the faculty member will continue to meet the criteria for promotion. Each faculty member shall be evaluated based on the faculty member’s individual position description. The faculty of each college and unit shall establish specific criteria for promotion consistent with the university requirements. The criteria shall include a statement regarding the role of interdisciplinary activity and shall be included in college and unit bylaws.