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In their deliberations and preparations of reports and recommendations, academic review and appraisal committees shall be guided by the policies and procedures set forth in the respective *Instructions* that appear below.

210-1 Instructions to Review Committees That Advise on Actions Concerning Appointees in the Professor and Corresponding Series

The following instructions apply to review committees for actions concerning appointees in the Professor series and the Professor in Residence series; and, with appropriate modifications, for appointees in the Adjunct Professor series.

a. Purpose and Responsibility of the Review Committees

The quality of the faculty of the University of California is maintained primarily through objective and thorough appraisal, by competent faculty members, of each candidate for appointment or promotion. Responsibility for this appraisal falls largely upon the review committees nominated by the Committee on Academic Personnel or equivalent Committee and appointed by the Chancellor or a designated representative. It is the duty of these committees to ascertain the present fitness of each candidate and the likelihood of the candidate's pursuing a productive career. In judging the fitness of the candidate, it is appropriate to consider professional integrity as evidenced by performance of duties. (A useful guide for such consideration is furnished by the *Statement on Professional Ethics* issued by the American Association of University Professors. A copy of this *Statement* is appended to these instructions of 210-1 for purposes of reference.) Implied in the committee's responsibility for building and maintaining a faculty of the highest excellence is also a responsibility to the candidate for just recognition and encouragement of achievement.

b. Maintenance of the Committee's Effectiveness

- (1) *The membership, deliberations, and recommendations of the review committee are strictly confidential.* The chair of each such committee should remind members of the committee of the confidential nature of the assignment. This should be kept in mind in arranging for all written or oral communications; and when recommendations with supporting documents have been forwarded, all copies or preliminary drafts should be destroyed. Under the provisions of [Section 160](#) of the Academic Personnel Manual, the candidate is entitled to receive upon request from the Chancellor a redacted copy of all confidential academic review records in the review file (without disclosure of the identities of members of the *ad hoc* review committee).
- (2) The whole system of academic review by committees depends for its effectiveness upon each committee's prompt attention to its assignment and its conduct of the

review with all possible dispatch, consistent with judicious and thorough consideration of the case.

- (3) The chair of the review committee has the responsibility of making sure that each member of the committee has read and understands these instructions.

c. Procedure

- (1) **General** — Recommendations concerning appointment, promotion, and appraisal normally originate with the department chair. The letter of recommendation should provide a comprehensive assessment of the candidate's qualifications together with detailed evidence to support this evaluation. The letter should also present a report of the department chair's consultation with the members of the department, including any dissenting opinions. The letter should not identify individuals who have provided confidential letters of evaluation except by code. In addition to the letter of recommendation, the department chair is expected to assemble and submit to the Chancellor an up-to-date biography and bibliography, together with copies of research publications or other scholarly or creative work.
- (2) **Appointments** — The department chair should include in the documentation opinions from colleagues in other institutions where the nominee has served and from other qualified persons having firsthand knowledge of the nominee's attainments. Extramural opinions are imperative in cases of proposed appointments to tenure status of persons from outside the University.
- (3) **Promotions** — Promotions are based on merit; they are not automatic. Achievement, as it is demonstrated, should be rewarded by promotion. Promotions to tenure positions should be based on consideration of comparable work in the candidate's own field or in closely related fields. The department and the review committee should consider how the candidate stands in relation to other people in the field outside the University who might be considered alternative candidates for the position. The department chair shall supplement the opinions of colleagues within the department by letters from distinguished extramural informants. The identity of such letter writers should not be provided in the departmental letter except by code.
- (4) **Assessment of Evidence** — The review committee shall assess the adequacy of evidence submitted. If in the committee's judgment the evidence is insufficient to enable it to reach a clear recommendation, the committee chair, through the Chancellor, shall request amplification. In every case all obtainable evidence should be carefully considered.

If in assessing all obtainable evidence, the candidate fails to meet the criteria set forth in Section 210-1-d below, the committee should recommend accordingly. If, on the other hand, there is evidence of unusual achievement

and exceptional promise of continued growth, the committee should not hesitate to endorse a recommendation for accelerated advancement. If there is evidence of sufficient achievement in a time frame that is extended due to stopping the clock for reasons as defined in [APM - 133-17-g-i](#) or a family accommodation as defined in [APM - 760](#), the evidence should be treated procedurally in the same manner as evidence in personnel reviews conducted at the usual intervals. All evidence produced during the probationary period, including the period of extension, counts in the evaluation of the candidate's review file. The file shall be evaluated without prejudice as if the work were done in the normative period of service and so stated in the department chair's letter.

d. Criteria for Appointment, Promotion, and Appraisal

The review committee shall judge the candidate with respect to the proposed rank and duties, considering the record of the candidate's performance in (1) teaching, (2) research and other creative work, (3) professional activity, and (4) University and public service. In evaluating the candidate's qualifications within these areas, the review committee shall exercise reasonable flexibility, balancing when the case requires, heavier commitments and responsibilities in one area against lighter commitments and responsibilities in another. The review committee must judge whether the candidate is engaging in a program of work that is both sound and productive. As the University enters new fields of endeavor and refocuses its ongoing activities, cases will arise in which the proper work of faculty members departs markedly from established academic patterns. In such cases, the review committees must take exceptional care to apply the criteria with sufficient flexibility. However, flexibility does not entail a relaxation of high standards. *Superior intellectual attainment, as evidenced both in teaching and in research or other creative achievement, is an indispensable qualification for appointment or promotion to tenure positions.* Insistence upon this standard for holders of the professorship is necessary for maintenance of the quality of the University an institution dedicated to the discovery and transmission of knowledge. Consideration should be given to changes in emphasis and interest that may occur in an academic career. The candidate may submit for the review file a presentation of the candidate's activity in all four areas.

The University of California is committed to excellence and equity in every facet of its mission. Contributions in all areas of faculty achievement that promote equal opportunity and diversity should be given due recognition in the academic personnel process, and they should be evaluated and credited in the same way as other faculty achievements. These contributions to diversity and equal opportunity can take a variety of forms including efforts to advance equitable access to education, public service that addresses the needs of California's diverse population, or research in a scholar's area of expertise that highlights inequalities. Mentoring and advising of students and faculty members, particularly from

underrepresented and underserved populations, should be given due recognition in the teaching or service categories of the academic personnel process.

The criteria set forth below are intended to serve as guides for minimum standards in judging the candidate, not to set boundaries to exclude other elements of performance that may be considered.

- (1) **Teaching** - Clearly demonstrated evidence of high quality in teaching is an essential criterion for appointment, advancement, or promotion. Under no circumstances will a tenure commitment be made unless there is clear documentation of ability and diligence in the teaching role. In judging the effectiveness of a candidate's teaching, the committee should consider such points as the following: the candidate's command of the subject; continuous growth in the subject field; ability to organize material and to present it with force and logic; capacity to awaken in students an awareness of the relationship of the subject to other fields of knowledge; fostering of student independence and capability to reason; spirit and enthusiasm which vitalize the candidate's learning and teaching; ability to arouse curiosity in beginning students, to encourage high standards, and to stimulate advanced students to creative work; personal attributes as they affect teaching and students; extent and skill of the candidate's participation in the general guidance, mentoring, and advising of students; effectiveness in creating an academic environment that is open and encouraging to all students, including development of particularly effective strategies for the educational advancement of students in various underrepresented groups. The committee should pay due attention to the variety of demands placed on instructors by the types of teaching called for in various disciplines and at various levels, and should judge the total performance of the candidate with proper reference to assigned teaching responsibilities. The committee should clearly indicate the sources of evidence on which its appraisal of teaching competence has been based. In those exceptional cases when no such evidence is available, the candidate's potentialities as a teacher may be indicated in closely analogous activities. In preparing its recommendation, the review committee should keep in mind that a redacted copy of its report may be an important means of informing the candidate of the evaluation of the candidate's teaching and of the basis for that evaluation.

It is the responsibility of the department chair to submit meaningful statements, accompanied by evidence, of the candidate's teaching effectiveness at lower-division, upper-division, and graduate levels of instruction. More than one kind of evidence shall accompany each review file. Among significant types of evidence of teaching effectiveness are the following: (a) opinions of other faculty members knowledgeable in the candidate's field, particularly if based on class visitations, on attendance at public lectures or lectures before professional societies given by the candidate, or on the performance of students in courses

taught by the candidate that are prerequisite to those of the informant; (b) opinions of students; (c) opinions of graduates who have achieved notable professional success since leaving the University; (d) number and caliber of students guided in research by the candidate and of those attracted to the campus by the candidate's repute as a teacher; and (e) development of new and effective techniques of instruction, including techniques that meet the needs of students from groups that are underrepresented in the field of instruction.

All cases for advancement and promotion normally will include:

(a) evaluations and comments solicited from students for most, if not all, courses taught since the candidate's last review; (b) a quarter-by-quarter or semester-by-semester enumeration of the number and types of courses and tutorials taught since the candidate's last review; (c) their level; (d) their enrollments; (e) the percentage of students represented by student course evaluations for each course; (f) brief explanations for abnormal course loads; (g) identification of any new courses taught or of old courses when there was substantial reorganization of approach or content; (h) notice of any awards or formal mentions for distinguished teaching; (i) when the faculty member under review wishes, a self-evaluation of the faculty member's teaching; and (j) evaluation by other faculty members of teaching effectiveness. When any of the information specified in this paragraph is not provided, the department chair will include an explanation for that omission in the candidate's dossier. If such information is not included with the letter of recommendation and its absence is not adequately accounted for, it is the review committee chair's responsibility to request it through the Chancellor.

- (2) **Research and Creative Work** — Evidence of a productive and creative mind should be sought in the candidate's published research or recognized artistic production in original architectural or engineering designs, or the like.

Publications in research and other creative accomplishment should be evaluated, not merely enumerated. There should be evidence that the candidate is continuously and effectively engaged in creative activity of high quality and significance. Work in progress should be assessed whenever possible. When published work in joint authorship (or other product of joint effort) is presented as evidence, it is the responsibility of the department chair to establish as clearly as possible the role of the candidate in the joint effort. It should be recognized that special cases of collaboration occur in the performing arts and that the contribution of a particular collaborator may not be readily discernible by those viewing the finished work. When the candidate is such a collaborator, it is the responsibility of the department chair to make a separate evaluation of the candidate's contribution and to provide outside opinions based on observation of the work while in progress. Account should be taken of the type and quality of creative activity normally expected in the candidate's field. Appraisals of

their service, professors recognize the effect of their decision upon the program of the institution and give due notice of their intentions.

- V. As members of their community, professors have the rights and obligations of other citizens. Professors measure the urgency of these obligations in the light of their responsibilities to their subject, to their students, to their profession, and to their institution. When they speak or act as private persons they avoid creating the impression of speaking or acting for their college or university. As citizens engaged in a profession that depends upon freedom for its health and integrity, professors have a particular obligation to promote conditions of free inquiry and to further public understanding of academic freedom.

210-2 Instructions to Review Committees That Advise on Actions Concerning the Professor of Clinical (e.g., *Medicine*) Series

- a. The policies and procedures set forth in APM - 210-1-a, -b, -c, and -e shall govern the committee in the confidential conduct of its review and in the preparation of its report. The committee should refer to [APM - 275](#) for policies on the Professor of Clinical (e.g., *Medicine*) series.
- b. The review committee shall judge the candidate with respect to the proposed rank and duties, considering the record of the candidate's performance in: (1) teaching, (2) professional competence and activity, (3) creative work, and (4) University and public service.

The department chair is responsible for documenting the faculty member's division of effort among the four areas of activity. The chair should also indicate the appropriateness of this division to the position that the individual fills in the department, school, or clinical teaching faculty.

Appointees in the Professor of Clinical (e.g., *Medicine*) series are to be evaluated in relation to the nature and time commitments of their University assignments.

The criteria set forth below are intended to serve as guides for the review committee in judging the candidate, not to set boundaries to the elements of performance that may be considered.

Clinical teaching, professional activity, and creative work may differ from standard professorial activities in the University, but can be judged on the basis of professional competence, intellectual contribution, and originality.

- (1) **Teaching** — Excellent teaching is an essential criterion for appointment or advancement. Clinical teaching is intensive tutorial instruction, carried on amid the demands of patient care and usually characterized by pressure on the teacher to cope with unpredictably varied problems, by patient-centered immediacy of the subject matter, and by the necessity of preparing the student to take action as a result of the interchange.

Nevertheless, the criteria suggested in the instructions for the regular Professor series (see APM - 210-1) are applicable: the candidate's command of the subject; continuous growth in the subject field; ability to organize material and to present it with force and logic; spirit and enthusiasm which vitalize the candidate's learning and teaching; ability to arouse curiosity in beginning students and to stimulate advanced students to creative work; personal attributes as they affect teaching and students; the extent and skill of the candidate's participation in the general guidance and advising of students.

In addition, the clinical teacher should be successful in applying knowledge of basic health science and clinical procedures to the diagnosis, treatment, and care of a patient in a manner that will not only assure the best educational opportunity for the student, but also provide high quality care for the patient.

For appointment to a title in this series, the appointee should have a record of active participation and excellence in teaching, whether for health professional students, graduate students, residents, postdoctoral fellows, or continuing education students.

For promotion to or appointment at the Professor rank, the appointee should be recognized as an outstanding clinical teacher. Most candidates will have designed educational programs at a local level, and some will have designed such programs at a national level.

- (2) **Professional Competence and Activity** — There must be appropriate recognition and evaluation of professional activity. Exemplary professional practice, organization of training programs for health professionals, and supervision of health care facilities and operations comprise a substantial proportion of the academic effort of many health sciences faculty. In decisions on academic advancement, these are essential contributions to the mission of the University and deserve critical consideration and weighting comparable to those of teaching and creative activity.

(a) Standards for Appointment or Promotion

For entry level positions, the individual should have three (3) or more years of training and/or experience post M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent terminal professional degree. In addition, an appointee should show evidence of a high level of competence in a clinical specialty.

For promotion to or appointment at the Associate Professor rank, an appointee should be recognized at least in the local metropolitan health care community as an authority within a clinical specialty. A physician normally will have a regional reputation as a referral physician; another health professional normally will have a regional reputation as evidenced in such work as that of a consultant.

For promotion to or appointment at the Professor rank, the appointee will have a national reputation for superior accomplishments within a clinical specialty and may have a leadership role in a department or hospital. Appointees may receive patients on referral from considerable distances, serve as consultants on a nationwide basis, serve on specialty boards, or be members or officers of clinical and/or professional societies.

(b) Evaluation of Clinical Achievement

Evaluation of clinical achievement is both difficult and sensitive. In many cases, evidence will be testimonial in nature and, therefore, its validity should be subject to critical scrutiny. The specificity and analytic nature of such evidence should be examined; the expertise and sincerity of the informant should be weighed.

Overly enthusiastic endorsements and cliché-ridden praise should be disregarded.

Comparison of the individual with peers at the University of California and elsewhere should form part of the evidence provided. Letters from outside authorities, when based on adequate knowledge of the individual and written to conform to the requirements cited above, are valuable contributions. Evaluation or review by peers within the institution is necessary. The chair should also seek evaluations from advanced clinical students and former students in academic positions or clinical practice.

If adequate information is not included in the materials sent forward by the chair, it is the review committee's responsibility to request such information through the Chancellor.

- (3) **Creative work** — Many faculty in the health sciences devote a great proportion of their time to the inseparable activities of teaching and clinical service and, therefore, have less time for formal creative work than most other scholars in the University. Some clinical faculty devote this limited time to academic research activities; others utilize their clinical experience as the basis of their creative work.

An appointee is expected to participate in investigation in basic, applied, or clinical sciences. In order to be appointed or promoted to the Associate or full Professor rank, an appointee shall have made a significant contribution to knowledge and/or practice in the field. The appointee's creative work shall have been disseminated, for example, in a body of publications, in teaching materials used in other institutions, or in improvements or innovations in professional practice that have been adopted elsewhere.

Evidence of achievement in this area may include clinical case reports. Clinical observations are an important contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the health sciences and should be judged by their accuracy, scholarship, and utility. Improvements in the practice of health care result from the development and evaluation of techniques and procedures by clinical investigators. In addition, creative achievement may be demonstrated by the development of innovative programs in health care itself or in transmitting knowledge associated with new fields or other professions.

Textbooks and similar publications, or contributions by candidates to the professional literature and the advancement of professional practice or of professional education, should be judged as creative work when they represent new ideas or incorporate scholarly research. The development of new or better ways of teaching the basic knowledge and skills required by students in the health sciences may be considered evidence of creative work.

The quantitative productivity level achieved by a faculty member should be assessed realistically, with knowledge of the time and institutional resources allotted to the individual for creative work.

- (4) **University and Public Service** — The review committee should evaluate both the amount and the quality of service by the candidate to the department, the school, the campus, the University, and the public, paying particular attention to that service that is directly related to the candidate’s professional expertise and achievement. The department chair should provide both a list of service activities and an analysis of the quality of this service.

210-3 Instructions to Review Committees That Advise on Actions Concerning the Lecturer with Security of Employment Series¹

- a. The Bylaws of The Regents provide: “No political test shall ever be considered in the appointment and promotion of any faculty member or employee.” This provision is pertinent to every stage in the process of considering appointments and advancements.
- b. The policies and procedures set forth above in APM - 210-1-a, -b, -c, and -e, shall govern the committee in the confidential conduct of its review and in the preparation of its report. The committee should refer to [APM - 285](#) for policies on the Lecturer with Security of Employment series.
- c. A review committee shall evaluate the candidate with respect to the proposed rank and duties considering the record of the candidate’s performance in: (1) Teaching excellence, (2) Professional and/or scholarly achievement and activity, including creative activity, and (3) University and public service.

Superior intellectual attainment, as evidenced particularly in excellent teaching and secondarily in professional and/or scholarly achievement and activity, is an indispensable qualification for appointment or promotion to security of employment. This standard for appointees in the Lecturer with Security of Employment series is necessary for

¹ Until the earlier of a date specified by the campus or June 30, 2023, faculty appointed in the Lecturer with Security of Employment series prior to October 1, 2018, will continue to be evaluated under the criteria in effect as of September 30, 2018, and set forth in Appendix B to this policy. All other provisions of this policy apply effective October 1, 2018.

Until the earlier of a date specified by the campus or June 30, 2023, review criteria in this appendix shall apply to individuals appointed in the Lecturer with Security of Employment Series prior to October 1, 2018.

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It is the responsibility of the department chair to submit meaningful statements, accompanied by evidence, of the candidate's teaching effectiveness. Among significant types of evidence of teaching effectiveness are the following: (a) opinions of other faculty members knowledgeable in the candidate's field, particularly if based on class visitations, on attendance at public lectures or lectures before professional societies given by the candidate, or on the performance of students in courses taught by the candidate that are prerequisite to those of the informant; (b) opinions of students; (c) opinions of graduates; and (d) development of new and effective techniques of instruction.

All cases for advancement and promotion normally will include:

(a) evaluations and comments solicited from students for most, if not all, courses taught since the candidate's last review; (b) a quarter-by-quarter or semester-by-semester enumeration of the number and types of courses and tutorials taught since the candidate's last review which includes (i) the level of courses and tutorials taught, (ii) the enrollments of courses and tutorials taught, and (iii) for each course, the percentage of student course evaluations in relation to the total number of students in the course; (c) brief explanations for abnormal course loads; (d) identification of any new courses taught or of old courses which the candidate has substantially reorganized in approach or content; (e) notice of any awards or other acknowledgments of distinguished teaching; (f) when the faculty member under review wishes, a self-evaluation of his or her teaching; and (g) commentary by other faculty on teaching effectiveness. When any of the information specified in this paragraph is not provided, the department chair will include an explanation for that omission in the candidate's dossier. If such information is not included with the letter of recommendation and its absence is not adequately accounted for, it is the review committee chair's responsibility to request it through the Chancellor.

(2) Professional Achievement and Activity

A demonstrated distinction in the special competencies appropriate to teaching the particular subject is one of the criteria for appointment or promotion. The candidate's professional activities should be scrutinized for evidence of achievement and leadership. Intellectual leadership must be documented by materials demonstrating that the candidate has, through publication (either in traditional forms or in electronic format), creative accomplishments, or other professional activity, made outstanding and recognized contributions to the development of his or her special field and/or of pedagogy.

(3) University and Public Service

The review committee should evaluate both the quantity and the quality of service by the candidate to the department, the campus, the University, and the public, paying

Until the earlier of a date specified by the campus or June 30, 2023, review criteria in this appendix shall apply to individuals appointed in the Lecturer with Security of Employment Series prior to October 1, 2018.

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particular attention to that service which is directly related to the candidate's professional expertise and achievement.

Evidence of suitability for promotion may be demonstrated in services to the community, state, and nation, both in the candidate's special capacities as a teacher and in areas beyond those special capacities when the work done is at a sufficiently high level and of sufficiently high quality. Faculty service activities related to the improvement of elementary and secondary education represent one example of this kind of service. Similarly, contributions to student welfare through service on student-faculty committees and as advisers to student organizations should be recognized as evidence. The department chair should provide both a list of service activities and an analysis of the quality of this service.

The Standing Orders of The Regents provide: "No political test shall ever be considered in the appointment and promotion of any faculty member or employee." This provision is pertinent to every stage in the process of considering appointments and promotions.