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**Article 10**  
**PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**

10.1 Purpose and Scope of Evaluation. The basic purpose of faculty evaluation is to recognize, reward, and improve faculty performance in the functions of teaching, research, service, and administrative and related duties that may be assigned.

10.2 Sources and Methods for Evaluation. Evaluations shall be based only upon assigned duties and shall carefully consider the nature of the assignments and quality of the performance. Evaluations shall be based upon the assignments of responsibility, as described in Article 9, and any dual compensation appointments, if applicable, for the period under evaluation, and shall take into account the proportions, duties and nature of the assignments.

(a) All evaluations shall be performed during the spring semester and shall take into account performance of assigned duties over a period consistent with approved department criteria and may include multiple years. For faculty members who have been employed at the University less than that period, the annual evaluation shall take into account their performance since the start of employment at the University.

(b) An evaluation may only be changed through the appeal process as outlined in the provisions of this article or through other provisions of the Agreement.

(c) The faculty of each department/unit shall develop and maintain specific written criteria and procedures by which to evaluate faculty members consistent with the criteria specified in this Article and subject to the approval of the unit's dean. These criteria and procedures shall be the sole basis upon which faculty performance is measured.

(d) Development Process for Criteria and Procedures. If criteria and procedures for evaluating faculty performance are not on file, they shall be developed. If such criteria and procedures are already on file, the faculty of the department/unit shall review and revise them after ratification of this Agreement.

(1) The department/unit administrator shall discuss with the department/unit faculty members who are to participate in the development or revision process the existing criteria and procedures of the department/unit, the mission and goals of the department/unit and the University, the provisions of the BOT-UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement, and relevant state law. A copy of the BOT-UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement and the relevant portions of state law shall be provided to each department/unit at the outset of the process.

(2) These criteria and procedures, and any revisions thereof, shall be recommended by a secret ballot vote of a majority of the faculty members in the department/unit.

(e) These criteria and procedures shall

(1) Be consistent with the criteria and procedures specified in this Article and with all the other provisions of this Agreement.

(2) Satisfy all provisions of Article 23 with regard to department/unit criteria and evaluative procedures for the distribution of merit-based salary increases.

(3) Be adaptable to various assigned duties, so that all faculty have an equal opportunity to earn favorable performance evaluations. The criteria must provide that the FTE allocated to each part of the faculty member's annual assignment shall be used to weight the performance of each

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42 part for determination of the overall assessment of performance/merit.

43 (4) Take into consideration the department’s mission and reasonable expectations for  
44 different classifications/ranks, experience, and stages of career.

45 (5) Provide for a peer review component in the annual evaluation.

46 (6) Specify a new effective date.

47 (7) Be detailed enough that any reasonable faculty member can understand what  
48 performance is required to earn each performance evaluation rating.

49 (8) Ensure that faculty members on approved leave are not penalized in the evaluation  
50 process.

51 (9) Faculty members in Departments/Units – Legacy bylaws that used a five point scale for  
52 criteria for evaluations prior to Fall 2024 shall combine the top two rating categories (“Exceeds  
53 FSU’s High Expectations” and “Substantially Exceeds FSU’s High Expectations”) to conform to  
54 the four point scale in this article review the criteria and update their bylaws or develop written  
55 criteria, based on a four-point scale. Prior to adoption of revised bylaws that use a four-point scale,  
56 the criteria for “Exceeds FSU’s High Expectations” and the criteria for “Substantially Exceeds  
57 FSU’s High Expectations” shall apply to the category of “Exceeds Expectations.”

58 (f) The criteria and procedures shall be periodically reviewed by the faculty for consistency,  
59 revised as appropriate, and subjected to a reaffirmation ballot whenever a change is made to this  
60 Article. Subsequent revisions may be initiated by a majority vote of at least a quorum of the faculty  
61 members subject to evaluation or upon the initiative of the department/unit administrator.

62 (g) Departments/units are encouraged to exchange and discuss drafts of their faculty evaluation  
63 criteria and procedures during the formulation and revision processes.

64 (h) Approval Process.

65 (1) Deans shall review and approve proposed criteria and then send the proposed criteria  
66 to The the University President or representative for review shall review the proposed criteria  
67 and procedures or revisions thereof to ensure that they comply with the provisions of this Article.  
68 The President or representative shall notify the college and department/unit of his or her approval  
69 or non-approval within sixty (60) days of receipt, if practicable. However, final notification shall  
70 occur no later than ninety (90) days after receipt. In the case of a non-approval, the notification  
71 will provide a written statement of reasons.

72 (2) In the case of non-approval, the department/unit has ninety (90) days after notification  
73 to revise and resubmit the proposal, and the President or representative shall review it within sixty  
74 (60) days of receipt and notify the department of approval or non-approval, and in the case of non-  
75 approval, provide a written statement of reasons. In the event that the next version is also not  
76 approved, the criteria shall be forwarded to the Vice President for Faculty Development and  
77 Advancement who will resolve any discrepancies and the criteria and procedures shall be imposed.

78 (i) Approved or imposed faculty evaluation criteria and procedures, and revisions thereof, and  
79 any related recommendations shall be kept on file in the department/unit and college offices, in  
80 the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement, and posted on the department/unit and  
81 college/unit websites. Faculty members in each department/unit shall be provided a copy of that  
82 department’s/unit’s current faculty evaluation criteria and procedures at the start of the spring  
83 semester.

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84 (j) No faculty member shall be evaluated according to new criteria and procedures prior to the  
85 President or representative's final approval of these criteria and procedures or until they are  
86 imposed by the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement.

87 (k) No evaluations shall require a forced or pre-specified distribution of ratings.

88 10.3 Annual Evaluations. Annual performance evaluations shall be based upon the assignments  
89 of responsibility, as described in Article 9, for the period under evaluation, and shall take into  
90 account the proportions, duties and nature of the assignments. The faculty member's history of  
91 annual evaluation summary forms, narratives, optional responses, and letters of progress towards  
92 promotion shall be considered in recommendations and final decisions on promotions and  
93 appointment and non-reappointment.

94 (a) Sources for Annual Evaluations. In preparing the annual evaluation, the person(s)  
95 responsible for evaluating the faculty member may consider, in light of the department/unit's  
96 faculty evaluation criteria, pertinent information from the following sources: immediate  
97 supervisor, peers, students, faculty member/self, other University officials who have responsibility  
98 for supervision of the faculty member, and individuals to whom the faculty member may be  
99 responsible in the course of a service assignment, including public school officials when a faculty  
100 member has a service assignment to the public schools.

101 (b) Teaching effectiveness. Includes effectiveness in presenting knowledge, information, and  
102 ideas by means or methods such as lecture, discussion, assignment and recitation, demonstration,  
103 laboratory exercise, practical experience, and direct consultation with students.

104 (1) The evaluation shall include consideration of effectiveness in imparting knowledge and  
105 skills, and effectiveness in stimulating students' critical thinking and/or creative abilities, the  
106 development or revision of curriculum and course structure, and adherence to accepted standards  
107 of professional behavior in meeting responsibilities to students.

108 (2) The evaluation shall include consideration of class size format, preparation time,  
109 whether the course is required or elective, availability of assistance, and other University teaching  
110 duties, such as advising, counseling, supervision of interns, or duties described in a Position  
111 Description, if any, of the position held by the faculty member.

112 (3) The teaching evaluation must take into account any relevant materials submitted by the  
113 faculty member. Examples of such materials include class notes, syllabi, student exams and  
114 assignments, supplementary material and peer evaluations of teaching. The teaching evaluation  
115 may not be based primarily on student perceptions when additional information has been made  
116 available to the evaluator.

117 (4) Observation/Visitation.

118 a. The faculty member, if assigned teaching duties, shall be notified at least two (2)  
119 weeks in advance of the date, time, and place of any direct classroom observation or visitation  
120 (including visitation or monitoring of a course website) made in connection with the faculty  
121 member's annual evaluation. If the faculty member determines that this date is not appropriate,  
122 because of the scheduled class activities, the faculty member and the person(s) responsible for  
123 performing the observation or visitation will mutually agree upon an alternate date.

124 b. Upon request, a faculty member is entitled to an evaluation of teaching based on  
125 direct observation or visitation by one or more peers.

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126 c. Whenever a person conducts a classroom visit for the purpose of evaluation, a  
127 report of his/her observations must be submitted to the faculty member within ten (10) working  
128 days of the observation. Otherwise, nothing from the visit may be used in the evaluation process.

129 i. The report must suggest corrective actions for any shortcoming that is  
130 identified.

131 ii. No corrective actions that impinge upon academic freedom may be suggested.

132 d. A faculty member who challenges an observation report may choose a colleague to  
133 observe his or her class and submit a report. The colleague may be from the same department/unit,  
134 from a department/unit with a compatible discipline, a retired colleague, or a colleague in the  
135 discipline from another university. Such a report shall be given equal consideration with other  
136 reports of classroom visitation.

137 (c) Contribution to the discovery of new knowledge. Includes development of new educational  
138 techniques, and other forms of creative activity.

139 (1) Evidence of research and other creative activity shall include, but not be limited to,  
140 published books, chapters in books, articles in refereed and un-refereed professional journals,  
141 musical compositions, exhibits of paintings and sculpture, works of performance art, papers  
142 presented at meetings of professional societies, reviews, and research and creative activity that has  
143 not yet resulted in publication, display, or performance.

144 (2) The evaluation shall include consideration of the faculty member's productivity,  
145 including the quality and quantity of the faculty member's research and other creative programs  
146 and contributions during the period under evaluation. The evaluation of quality shall include  
147 consideration of recognitions by the academic or professional community.

148 (d) Service. Evaluation of service shall include consideration of contributions to:

149 (1) the orderly and effective functioning of the faculty member's academic unit (program,  
150 department, school, college) and/or the total University, including participation in regular  
151 departmental or college meetings;

152 (2) the University community, including participation in the governance processes of the  
153 institution through significant service on University committees and councils, in UFF activities,  
154 and in Faculty Senate activities;

155 (3) the local, state, regional and national communities, and scholarly and professional  
156 associations, including participation in professional meetings, symposia, conferences, workshops,  
157 service on local, state, and national governmental boards, agencies and commissions; and service  
158 to public or private schools;

159 (4) other assigned University duties, such as academic administration, of the position held  
160 by the faculty member. Evaluations for department chairs should consider responsibilities of the  
161 chair such as departmental planning and goal setting, assignment of work responsibilities and  
162 resources, fiscal responsibilities, recruitment and hiring, mentoring, evaluation of faculty, handling  
163 of personnel issues involving faculty and staff, academic program responsibilities, implementation  
164 of University policy, and communication both within the department and with administrators  
165 regarding the department;

166 (5) such other responsibilities as may be appropriate to the assignment.

167 (e) These criteria may be elaborated, augmented, and refined by recommendation of the  
168 faculty of the department/unit, as provided in this Article.

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169 (f) Methods for Annual Performance Evaluations

170 (1) Evaluator. The evaluator will normally be the administrator of the department/ unit in  
171 which the faculty member holds an appointment at the time the evaluation is performed. Faculty  
172 members holding concurrent appointments in more than one department/unit shall be evaluated by  
173 the administrators of each unit in which they hold an appointment. Faculty members earning or  
174 holding tenure in a unit in which they do not hold an appointment shall also be evaluated by the  
175 administrator of the unit in which they are earning or hold tenure.

176 a. Department/unit administrators who are faculty members shall be evaluated by  
177 their respective deans.

178 b. Each evaluator shall be familiar with the provisions of this Agreement, any  
179 applicable Florida Statutes and Board policies, and the department/unit criteria and procedures  
180 specified by this Article for the annual evaluation of the faculty.

181 (2) The performance of faculty members, other than those who have received notice of  
182 non-reappointment under Article 12 or are not entitled to receive notice of non-reappointment  
183 under Article 12, shall be evaluated. The evaluation shall be consistent with the criteria specified  
184 in Section 10.2.

185 (3) Evidence of Performance Report. The administrator responsible for the annual  
186 evaluation shall request each member of the faculty to submit to him or her, annually, a report of  
187 Evidence of Performance in teaching, research or creative activities, service, and other University  
188 duties where appropriate.

189 a. The Evidence of Performance report (EOP) shall be submitted after the end of each  
190 calendar year, and shall cover the preceding calendar year.

191 b. Each department/unit shall specify in detail the required format and minimal  
192 content of the EOP, pursuant to this section.

193 c. The EOP shall also include any interpretive comments or supporting data that the  
194 faculty member deems appropriate in evaluating his or her performance.

195 d. Any materials required for the EOP that depend on the University administration  
196 shall be provided to the faculty member no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date upon  
197 which the Evidence of Performance report is due.

198 e. If a faculty member fails to submit an EOP report (after notification of such failure),  
199 this may result in an overall evaluation of "Does Not Meets FSU's High Expectations."

200 (4) Those persons responsible for supervising and evaluating shall endeavor to assist the  
201 person being evaluated in correcting any performance deficiencies reflected in the evaluation.

202 a. The supervisor may informally coach or counsel faculty with the goal of improving  
203 performance. Such advice is not disciplinary, nor may it be part of the evaluation file.

204 b. The supervisor may offer advice for improvement in the annual Progress towards  
205 Promotion letter and/or the annual Narrative Report.

206 c. The supervisor may create a structured improvement plan via a Performance  
207 Improvement Plan (PIP) as outlined in Section 10.5 (3).

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209 (5) The Annual Performance Evaluation shall provide for an assessment of performance  
210 for each faculty member using the following ratings:

211 a. ~~Substantially Exceeds FSU's High Expectations~~

212 b. ~~Meets Exceeds FSU's High Expectations~~

213 c. ~~Meets FSU's High Expectations~~

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214 cd. Official Concern  
215 de. Does Not Meet FSU's High Expectations

216 10.4 Merit Evaluations.

217 (a) The determination of meritorious performance for the distribution of funds allocated for  
218 merit-based salary increases pursuant to Article 23 shall be according to each department/unit's  
219 faculty evaluation criteria and procedures developed pursuant to this section, which must be  
220 consistent with the criteria for faculty evaluation specified elsewhere in this Article. All faculty  
221 members will be reviewed for merit.

222 (b) These criteria and procedures may include any refinements of the methods for the  
223 distribution of salary increase funds that are permitted by Article 23 and are based on a period of  
224 time consistent with approved department criteria, which may include multiple years of  
225 performance.

226 (c) Merit distribution criteria:

- 227 (1) Must define meritorious performance as "performance that meets or exceeds the
- 228 expectations for the position classification and department/unit."
- 229 (2) May permit, but not mandate, a merit pay award for all members of the department/unit.
- 230 (3) Must establish distinctive levels of merit reflecting the differences in performance.

231 (d) Merit distribution plans are subject to the approval of the department chair (or in non-  
232 departmentalized units, the dean). If the chair makes any changes to the merit distribution plan  
233 proposed by a faculty evaluation committee, she/he shall report such changes to the faculty  
234 evaluation committee, if there is such a body. The original merit distribution plan along with any  
235 recommendations by the chair shall be submitted to the dean and the provost or designee. The dean  
236 and the provost or designee provide final approval of merit distribution plans. Any changes at this  
237 level to the merit distribution plan shall be reported to the chair by the dean's office, and the chair  
238 will inform the faculty evaluation committee, if there is such a body.

239 10.5 Annual Evaluation Reporting Procedures

240 (a) Evaluation Summary Form. The evaluator shall annually prepare the faculty member's  
241 written annual performance evaluation on the Annual Evaluation Summary Form provided in  
242 Appendix "F." The completed form and its attachments comprise the annual evaluation report.

243 (1) This Evaluation Summary Form and its attachments shall be distributed to the faculty  
244 member no later than June 15.

245 (2) Faculty members holding joint appointments in other areas, departments or divisions  
246 shall be evaluated concurrently using the same criteria and procedures as other faculty in the  
247 department/unit. Each evaluator shall evaluate the faculty member only with respect to principal  
248 duties within that department/unit. Such concurrent summaries shall be forwarded to the  
249 administrator responsible for review of evaluations for the department/unit as specified in (c)  
250 below.

251 (3) Faculty members eligible for promotion or for tenure (except for Assistant Professors  
252 in the years in which they receive their Tenure Review Report, as outlined in Section 15.3 (e)(2))  
253 shall be apprised annually in writing of progress towards promotion or tenure in order to provide  
254 assistance and counseling in working toward that goal. This appraisal shall be included as a  
255 separate section Progress toward promotion or tenure may be included in the narrative

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256 accompanying the annual evaluation, or as a separate narrative, as outlined in Article 10.5(a)(4).

257 (4) All faculty members, including those ineligible for promotion, shall receive a narrative  
258 evaluation appended to the Evaluation Summary Form.

259 (5) The provision on the Annual Evaluation Summary Form under the heading  
260 "TEACHING" for certification of Spoken English Competency shall be utilized only:

261 a. to certify competency following completion of options for remediation specified  
262 following an "Official Concern" evaluation in this area given either in the previous annual  
263 evaluation or with an original appointment, or

264 b. to call into question a previous certification of competency.

265 (6) If "Official Concern" is noted in the Spoken English Competency category, options for  
266 remediation shall be in writing with a copy attached to the Annual Evaluation Summary Form.

267 (7) The evaluation report shall be signed and dated by the person performing the  
268 evaluation.

269 (b) Discussion. After completion of the Annual Evaluation Summary Form, the evaluator shall  
270 discuss the Summary with the faculty member concerned.

271 (1) The faculty member may attach to the Summary any statement he or she desires.

272 (2) The persons responsible for supervising and evaluating shall endeavor to assist the  
273 person being evaluated in correcting any performance deficiencies reflected in the evaluation.

274 (3) ~~For non-tenured faculty members, in~~ the case of an evaluation rating of "Does Not  
275 Meet FSU's High Expectations," the evaluator shall fully document the rating prior to discussion  
276 with the faculty member. ~~Non-tenured~~ Faculty members whose overall performance is rated  
277 "Does Not Meet FSU's High Expectations" in any given year or whose performance in any single  
278 domain (i.e. research, teaching or service) in three (3) or more of the previous six (6) evaluations  
279 is rated below "Does Not Meets FSU's High Expectations", may be placed on a  
280 Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). ~~A tenured faculty member whose overall performance in~~  
281 ~~any performance domain (i.e., research, teaching or service) is rated "Does Not Meet FSU's High~~  
282 ~~Expectations" in three (3) or more of the previous six (6) evaluations may be placed on a PIP.~~ A  
283 PIP shall be developed in one or more areas of assigned duties. The PIP shall be developed by the  
284 faculty member's supervisor in concert with the faculty ~~member, and~~ member and shall be written.  
285 It shall include specific performance goals and timetables to assist the faculty member in achieving  
286 at least a "Meets FSU's High Expectations" rating. Specific resources identified in an approved  
287 PIP, shall be provided by the department/unit. Examples of recommendations/resources include,  
288 but are not limited to: audit a course; participate in a webinar or webcast; work with or observe the  
289 work of an outstanding professor; etc. If the faculty member and the supervisor are unable to agree  
290 on the elements of the PIP, the dean shall make the final determination on the elements of the PIP.  
291 The PIP shall be approved by the President or representative and attached to the Annual Evaluation  
292 Summary Form. The supervisor shall meet periodically with the faculty member to review  
293 progress toward meeting the performance goals. It is the responsibility of the faculty member to  
294 successfully complete the PIP.

295 (4) After discussion is ~~completed and~~ completed and attachments made, the faculty  
296 member will indicate that the evaluation has been reviewed by signing the Annual Evaluation  
297 Summary Form and indicating the number of pages attached to it. The required signature of the  
298 person being evaluated certifies that the required discussion of the rating has taken place. It does  
299 not imply that the person being evaluated has agreed with the rating. Those not agreeing should be  
300 referred to the procedure for appealing an Annual Evaluation Summary, in Section 10.7.

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301 (5) A copy of the Annual Evaluation Summary Form and attachments shall be made  
302 available to the person being evaluated.

303 (c) Review. The Annual Evaluation Summary Form and attachments shall be reviewed by the  
304 appropriate administrative officer. The reviewer will normally be the dean of the college in which  
305 the faculty member holds the faculty position. When the dean of a college is the evaluator, the  
306 Annual Evaluation Summary shall be reviewed by the Vice President for Faculty Development  
307 and Advancement.

308 (1) Upon the completion of the discussion with the faculty member, the Annual Evaluation  
309 Summary Form and attachments shall be forwarded to the appropriate reviewer.

310 (2) The reviewer shall sign the Annual Evaluation Summary Form and attachments if he  
311 or she agrees with it.

312 (3) If the reviewer disagrees, he or she may discuss the area of disagreement with the  
313 evaluator, at which time two courses of action are available to the reviewer: The reviewer may  
314 submit his or her own Evaluation Summary Form and attachments or may revise the original.  
315 When the reviewer prepares his or her own Faculty Evaluation Summary, the original Evaluation  
316 Summary Form and attachments must be appended to the reviewer's summary.

317 10.6 Disposition of the Evaluation Summary Form and attachments.

318 (a) After the Evaluation Summary Form and attachments have been reviewed and signed by  
319 the appropriate reviewer(s), they shall be forwarded to the Vice President for Faculty Development  
320 and Advancement and retained in filed in the faculty member's official evaluation file. The  
321 contents of the faculty evaluation file shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except to the  
322 faculty member evaluated and those whose duties require access.

323 (b) For faculty holding joint appointments copies of all evaluations shall be filed in the official  
324 evaluation file.

325 ~~(c) When the overall performance is rated "Does Not Meet FSU's High Expectations," a copy~~  
326 ~~of the Evaluation Summary Form and attachments must be forwarded to the Provost and Vice~~  
327 ~~President for Academic Affairs and the President of the University through the Vice President for~~  
328 ~~Faculty Development and Advancement.~~

329 10.7 Provision for Appeal of Annual Evaluations

330 (a) If a faculty member is not satisfied with the Evaluation Summary prepared by the evaluator  
331 (department chair or equivalent), including the determination of failure to successfully complete a  
332 PIP, the faculty member may register his or her disagreement in writing and attach it to the  
333 Evaluation Summary to be placed in the evaluation file.

334 (b) In addition, the faculty member may submit a written request for review of the evaluation  
335 by appropriate higher-level reviewer (dean or equivalent) within thirty (30) days after being  
336 informed of the evaluation. In colleges without departments, the written request for review of the  
337 evaluation is sent to the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement. The reviewer,  
338 like the evaluator, shall have complete freedom of action, consistent with this Agreement, in  
339 seeking to settle or resolve differences concerning evaluations and presumably his or her efforts  
340 will be largely conciliatory. The reviewer shall meet with the faculty member to discuss the request  
341 within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written request for review. Within fifteen (15) days of

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342 receipt of the written request, the reviewer shall reach a decision and report it to the faculty  
343 member.

344 (c) If the faculty member is not satisfied with the reviewer’s decision, the faculty member may  
345 request in writing a review from the ~~Provost or designee and Vice President for Academic Affairs~~  
346 ~~(or designee) Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement~~ within fifteen (15) days  
347 after the reviewer’s decision. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written request, the ~~Provost~~  
348 ~~or designee or designee~~ Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement shall meet with  
349 the faculty member to discuss the request. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written request,  
350 the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement shall reach a decision and report it  
351 to the faculty member.

352 (d) ~~An appeal of the decision of the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement~~  
353 ~~may be made to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Such a request for review~~  
354 ~~shall be made in writing within fifteen (15) days after the Vice President for Faculty Development~~  
355 ~~and Advancement’ decision. Within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the written request, the~~  
356 ~~Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall reach a decision and report it to the faculty~~  
357 ~~member.~~

358 10.9 Proficiency in Spoken English. No faculty member shall be evaluated as deficient in oral  
359 English language skills unless proved deficient in accordance with the appropriate procedures and  
360 examinations for testing such deficiency.

361 (a) Faculty members involved in classroom instruction, other than in courses conducted  
362 primarily in a foreign language or courses not requiring facility in spoken English, who are found  
363 by their supervisor, as part of the annual evaluation, to be potentially deficient in English oral  
364 language skills, shall be tested in accordance with appropriate procedures and examinations  
365 established herein for testing such skills. No reference to an alleged deficiency shall appear in the  
366 annual evaluation or in the personnel file of a faculty member who achieves a satisfactory  
367 examination score determining proficiency in oral English as specified in the rule (currently “50”  
368 or above on the Test of Spoken English).

369 (b) Faculty members who score at a specified level on an examination established herein for  
370 testing oral English language skills (“45” on the Test of Spoken English), may continue to be  
371 involved in classroom instruction up to one (1) semester while enrolled in appropriate English  
372 language instruction, as described in paragraph (d) below, provided the appropriate administrator  
373 determines that the quality of instruction will not suffer. Only such faculty members who  
374 demonstrate, on the basis of examinations established by statute and rule, that they are no longer  
375 deficient in oral English language skills may be involved in classroom instruction beyond one (1)  
376 semester.

377 (c) Faculty members who score below a minimum score on an examination established herein  
378 for determining proficiency in oral English (currently “45” on the Test of Spoken English) shall  
379 be assigned appropriate non-classroom duties for the period of oral English language instruction  
380 provided by the Board under paragraph (d) below, unless during the period of instruction the  
381 faculty member is found, on the basis of an examination specified above, to be no longer deficient  
382 in oral English language skills. In that instance, the faculty member will again be eligible for

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383 assignment to classroom instructional duties and shall not be disadvantaged by the fact of having  
384 been determined to be deficient in oral English language skills.

385 (d) It is the responsibility of each faculty member who is found, as part of the annual  
386 evaluation, to be deficient in oral English language skills by virtue of scoring below the satisfactory  
387 score on an examination established herein to take appropriate actions to correct these deficiencies.  
388 To assist the faculty member in this endeavor, the Board shall provide appropriate oral English  
389 language instruction without cost to such faculty members for a period consistent with their length  
390 of appointment and not to exceed two (2) consecutive semesters. The time the faculty member  
391 spends in such instruction shall not be considered part of the individual assignment or time worked,  
392 nor shall the faculty member be disadvantaged by the fact of participation in such instruction.

393 (e) If the Board determines, as part of the annual evaluation, that one (1) or more  
394 administrations of a test to determine proficiency in oral English language skills is necessary, in  
395 accordance with this section, the Board shall pay the expenses for up to two (2) administrations of  
396 the test. The faculty member shall pay for additional testing that may be necessary.

397 10.10 Post-Tenure Review. For 2023-2025, the university will proceed with Post-Tenure Review  
398 in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including the Board of Governors Regulation  
399 10.003 (4)(f) and (i). The parties agree that this article will be reopened for negotiations during  
400 2025-2028 full-book negotiations. If the Board of Governors Regulation 10.003 or Florida Statutes  
401 Section 1001.706(6)(b) is modified, overturned, or enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction  
402 Section 10.10 Post-Tenure Review will be nullified.

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404 (a) Definitions: The following definitions apply for the purposes of Post-Tenure Review for  
405 2024-2025.

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407 (1) Tenure – Article 15.1(b) states that tenure means a faculty member “shall have the  
408 status of a permanent member of the faculty and remain in the employment of the  
409 University, guaranteed annual reappointment for the academic year” until s/he resigns,  
410 retires, is laid off, or “terminated for just cause in accordance with the provisions of  
411 Article 16 Disciplinary Action and Job Abandonment of this agreement.”

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413 (2) Administrative Role – a position or role at FSU in which a tenured faculty member is  
414 in one of the following positions: 1) Chairs or equivalent 2) Deans and 3)  
415 Assistant/Associate Vice Presidents and above. Chairs or equivalent in the bargaining  
416 unit will be reviewed annually per the BOG regulation and provisions of this  
417 Collective Bargaining Agreement. ~~by the University via a separate process that shall~~  
418 ~~be bargained before implementation.~~

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420 (3) Eligible Faculty Member- a faculty member who has been tenured or promoted to Full  
421 Professor at FSU for five years or more. Not included in this definition are tenured  
422 faculty members who are in Administrative Roles listed above, have submitted a letter  
423 of resignation/retirement, are active candidates for promotion from Associate to Full  
424 Professor, or have been subjected to Post-Tenure Review in the past four years.

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(4) Materials- items specified under 10.10(f) prepared by an Eligible Faculty Member, and subsequently supplemented by the department chair/unit head and dean, highlighting the Eligible Faculty Member’s accomplishments, and demonstrating performance relative to assigned duties for the Review Period. Subsequent responses to deans’ and chairs’ letters by the Eligible Faculty Member will also be included.

(5) Review Period- The Review Period shall be the five (5) calendar years previous to the spring Post-Tenure Review.

(6) Performance Rating Scale- as defined by the Board of Governors Regulation 10.003 (4)(f) and (i).

(b) Selection of Eligible Faculty Members

(1) All Eligible Faculty Members who were tenured, hired with tenure on appointment, or promoted to Full Professor with an effective date of Fall 2019 participated in post-tenure review in Spring 2024.

(2) In addition, 20% of Eligible Faculty Members who were tenured (including those hired with tenure on appointment) or promoted to Full Professor prior to Fall 2019 were included in post-tenure review in Spring 2024. Eligible Faculty Members were offered the opportunity to volunteer to participate in the 2024 review. Sufficient numbers of faculty volunteered to meet the target of 20% of eligible faculty.

(c) Criteria for Determining the Performance Rating

(1) In conducting Post-Tenure Review, the University shall not consider or otherwise discriminate based on a faculty member’s political, or ideological view, or properly disclosed and approved outside activities or field of study. The Post-Tenure Review shall abide by the Academic Freedom and Responsibility Article 5 and Nondiscrimination Article 6.2 of the CBA.

(2) Criteria for Post-Tenure Review Ratings. Because of the variety of academic disciplines in the university and the differences in the nature of the work tenured faculty do across disciplines, the relevant evidence in support of PTR ratings will vary across academic disciplines. The criteria shall consider research, teaching and service. Deans and the Provost must take into consideration the criteria used by academic units to evaluate the performance of faculty for promotion, tenure, merit, and annual evaluations.

(3) Examples of evidence to support the rating of Exceeds Expectations include awards,

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466 honors, annual evaluations, and meeting criteria identified by academic units as  
467 meritorious performance in the units' bylaws and relative to the faculty member's  
468 AOR.

470 (4) Examples of evidence to support the rating of "Meets Expectations" shall include  
471 annual evaluation criteria relative to the academic units' bylaws and relative to the  
472 faculty member's AOR.

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474 Examples of evidence to support the rating of "Does Not Meet Expectations" shall  
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476 (5) include previous annual evaluation ratings of "Official Concern" and "Does Not  
477 Meet Expectations" and include annual evaluation criteria relative to the academic  
478 units' bylaws and relative to the faculty member's AOR.

479 previous annual evaluation ratings of "Official Concern" and "Does Not Meet FSU's  
480 High Expectations" and include citation(s) from the unit's bylaws and relative to the  
481 faculty member's AOR.

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483 (6) Examples of evidence to support the ratings of Unsatisfactory include annual  
484 evaluation criteria relative to the academic units' bylaws and relative to the faculty  
485 member's AOR, evidence failure to meet expectations that reflect disregard or of  
486 failure to follow previous formal-written feedback on performance or conduct, advice  
487 to provide correction or assistance and evidence of performance that involves  
488 incompetence or misconduct, in accordance with Article 16, Disciplinary Action and  
489 Job Abandonment and applicable university regulations and policies.

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491 (d) Timing and Selection of Reviews Subsequent to 2024

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493 (1) In addition to inclusion of tenured faculty in their 5th year following the award of tenure  
494 or their promotion to Full Professor, each Spring Semester in 2025, 2026, 2027 and  
495 2028 approximately 20% of the tenured faculty of the University who were tenured  
496 prior to 2019 and who have not yet been subject to Post-Tenure Review will be  
497 randomly selected for Post-Tenure Review, subject to college proportionality. An  
498 exception to random selection will be made for faculty members who were eligible for  
499 a Sustained Performance Increase in 2023-24 and 2024-25 and request inclusion in the  
500 2025 PTR cohort. A faculty member may request to be included in the upcoming PTR  
501 cohort process if they would have been eligible to receive a Sustained Performance  
502 Increase in August 2024 or August 2025.

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504 (2) The process for random selection and any algorithm used will be disclosed to the UFF  
505 before faculty are selected to be reviewed.

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508 (3) Beginning in Spring Semester 2029, each tenured faculty member will be subject to

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509 Post-Tenure Review in the fifth year following their tenure award, latest promotion,  
510 hire date (if hired with tenure) or latest Post-Tenure Review, whichever is more recent.

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512 (e) Postponement of Post-Tenure Review

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514 (1) A faculty member's Post-Tenure Review may be postponed, upon approval by the  
515 Provost or designee, for extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to being  
516 on approved extended leave (e.g., FMLA, parental leave, or leave of absence), being  
517 on a sabbatical, or having served in an Administrative Role or as chair or equivalent  
518 during the Review Period. To request a year-long postponement, faculty members  
519 must submit a Postponement Request Form by the specified deadline. All requests  
520 shall be reviewed by the Provost or designee. The same standards for granting  
521 postponement requests shall apply to all faculty members.

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523 (f) Participants and Their Responsibilities

524 (1) Participating faculty members shall prepare and submit the following materials to the  
525 department chair/school director (or to the dean for chairs/directors and colleges  
526 without departments or schools):

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528 a. Faculty members shall submit the FEAS Post-Tenure Review Report. The FEAS  
529 Post-Tenure Review Report shall, for the reporting period, consist of:

- 530 1. The Curriculum Vita (CV)
- 531 2. The Assignment of Responsibilities (AOR)
- 532 3. SPCI reports, grade distributions, and other evidence of effective teaching.

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534 b. Faculty members shall submit a summary of their accomplishments (1-page limit;  
535 required) for the Review Period. They may also provide additional evidence or  
536 explanation of their teaching, research and service accomplishments and  
537 performance (3-page limit; optional).

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539 (2) Department chairs/school directors shall prepare and submit to deans a report for each  
540 participating faculty member, including the following:

541  
542 a. Annual Evaluations for the Review Period. This includes narratives and the  
543 summary forms.

544 b. Substantiated findings of any investigations that resulted in disciplinary action  
545 ~~beyond a letter of reprimand and indicates an ongoing pattern due to of due~~  
546 ~~misconduct~~ to misconduct or incompetence, which includes noncompliance with  
547 university policies, or applicable laws or regulations within the scope of their  
548 university employment during the review period. This information will be  
549 provided by the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement.

550 c. A letter assessing their performance for the Review Period (for in-unit faculty  
551 this shall include input from a faculty committee). This letter shall include  
552 reference to the section 10.10(c). "Criteria for Determining the Performance  
553 Rating".

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554 (3) Participating faculty members may review their Materials, including additions by their  
555 chair/director, and shall have up to five days to provide a response that will be included  
556 in the participating faculty member’s Materials. This response may include any  
557 explanations of disciplinary actions or negative evaluations, including timelines and  
558 any steps that were taken to improve.

560 (4) Deans shall submit to the Provost a report for each faculty member under review that  
561 includes the following information:

562 a. A letter assessing the performance of each faculty member. The Deans shall be  
563 encouraged to which may shall, if available, include input from a college faculty  
564 committee of tenured faculty, if practicable.

565 b. A rating of each faculty member using the Performance Rating Scale. The rating  
566 shall take into consideration the participating faculty member’s annual evaluations  
567 for the review period.

569 (5) Participating faculty members may review their Materials, including additions by  
570 their dean, and shall have up to five days to provide a response that will be included  
571 in the participating faculty member’s Materials.

573 (6) The Provost shall review supplemented Materials received from the dean, including  
574 the dean’s recommended performance rating, which the Provost will accept, reject,  
575 or modify. The Provost will rate the Eligible Faculty Member’s performance using  
576 the Performance Rating Scale in consultation with the President and, if requested by  
577 the Provost, if requested by the Provost if requested by the Provost, with input from  
578 a faculty advisory committee. The Provost shall notify in writing all faculty  
579 members under review of their ratings, justification, and outcomes.

580 (g) Outcomes from Post-Tenure Review

581 (1) Faculty members with the rating of “Meets Expectations” or “Exceeds Expectations”  
582 will receive a monetary reward as specified in Article 23, Salaries.

584 (2) Faculty members who receive a rating of “Does Not Meet Expectations” shall be placed  
585 on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) in accordance with the BOG Regulation  
586 10.003 (5)(c). Additionally, the drafter of the PIP may consider changes to the faculty  
587 AOR to better suit the strengths of the faculty member and the needs of the University.  
588 The faculty member shall have a period of 12 months to achieve the requirements of  
589 the PIP. If any faculty member placed on a PIP does not meet the requirements of the  
590 PIP by the stated deadline, the Provost shall issue a notice of intent to terminate  
591 employment of such faculty member, pursuant to applicable University processes.

593 (3) Faculty members who receive an “Unsatisfactory” rating from the Provost, the Provost  
594 shall issue a Notice of Intent to Terminate letter in accordance with BOG Regulation  
595 10.003(5)(d). Any proposed termination will be in accordance with Article 16 of the  
596 CBA.

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(1)(4) Final decisions from the Post-Tenure Review process may be appealed via the applicable collective bargaining agreement (CBA) or to the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee. In-unit faculty members may file a grievance pursuant to the CBA. Florida Statute Sec. 1001.741(2) prohibits arbitration on decisions relating to Post-Tenure Review. Should this legal prohibition become invalidated, arbitration will be governed pursuant to Article 20.:

10.11010 Employee Assistance Programs. Neither the fact of a faculty member’s participation in an employee assistance program nor information generated by participation in the program shall be used as evidence of a performance deficiency within the evaluation process described in this Article, except for information relating to a faculty member’s failure to participate in an employee assistance program consistent with the terms to which the faculty member and the Board have agreed.

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