

Proposed Changes to the Faculty Manual: Committee on Professional-Track Faculty

Justification

This change proposes two revisions to the UCPTF committee description. First, we propose expanding the committee membership. The committee’s first charge includes “reviewing and approving college, school, and academic policies regarding professional-track faculty.” As the university begins to move forward updating professional-track faculty policies, some of which have not been updated since 2011 or earlier, the number of proposals coming forward will increase. A more robust representation of professional-track faculty university-wide will allow for a more thorough and timely review, as well as provide a sufficient number of faculty to handle the workload.

Second, the proposed revision clarifies the committee’s second charge, “proposing and reviewing university wide policies regarding professional-track faculty,” including a charge that mirrors that of the University Committee on Tenure and Promotion to publish guidance for promotion criteria and procedures. The UCPTF has prepared a draft guidelines document based on the [University Committee on Tenure and Promotions Guidelines for Units: Preparing Criteria and Files](#); this proposed revision provides clear authority to issue such guidance.

Current Faculty Manual Text	Proposed Text
<p>COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL-TRACK FACULTY</p> <p>The University Committee on Professional-Track Faculty is responsible for 1) reviewing and approving college, school, and academic policies regarding professional-track faculty; 2) proposing and reviewing university wide policies regarding professional-track faculty; and 3) advising the Faculty Senate and the administration regarding issues related to professional-track faculty. The committee shall consist of seven members: five elected faculty members including a majority of professional-track faculty members, one member elected by the University Committee on Tenure and Promotion, and a representative of the Office of the Provost serving as an ex-officio member (voting) of the committee.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL-TRACK FACULTY</p> <p>The University Committee on Professional-Track Faculty is responsible for 1) reviewing and approving college, school, and academic <u>criteria and procedures</u> regarding professional-track faculty; 2) proposing and reviewing university-wide <u>criteria and guidance</u> regarding professional-track faculty, <u>including publishing guidelines for promotion criteria and procedures</u>; and 3) advising the Faculty Senate and the administration regarding issues related to professional-track faculty. The committee shall consist of <u>eleven</u> members: <u>six</u> elected <u>professional-track</u> faculty members <u>representing unique colleges or schools</u>, one member elected by the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions, <u>two members appointed by the provost, one of whom may be a tenure-track faculty member</u>, and <u>two</u> representatives of the Office of the Provost serving as ex-officio members (<u>non</u>-voting) of the committee.</p>