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21 **6.1 General Principles.**

22 **(a)** The University and UFF recognize that Florida Polytechnic University is a new
23 institution, and as such, both parties accept that flexibility is required as we develop
24 an excellent faculty through the process of appointment and promotion. The
25 University and UFF share the desire to improve the quality of the University in all
26 areas, but particularly in the execution of teaching, research, and service by the
27 faculty. This article balances a recognition of the University’s unique history,
28 newness, and current situation with a shared desire for continuous improvement.

29 **(b)** Faculty are defined as individuals whose primary responsibilities include teaching,

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1 service, and where applicable, research. Faculty included in this contract are
2 designated by ranks of Instructor, Senior Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate
3 Professor, and Professor.

4 (c) The University and UFF further recognize that reappointment and promotions are
5 an important method by which the University recognizes excellence and rewards
6 its employees' contributions to advancing the mission of the University.

7 (d) Reappointment and promotion decisions are not determined by any sole factor and
8 are based upon a careful and rigorous assessment that relies upon faculty and
9 administrative review of:

10 (1) a faculty member's demonstrated teaching, scholarship, research service
11 contributions, and other work duties, as relevant, at the University;

12 (2) the assessment of the faculty member's continued positive contribution to
13 their department and the University, and;

14 (3) the faculty member's potential for continued appropriate contributions and
15 growth.

16 (e) Elements critical to the promotion process include, but may not be limited to:

17 (1) a faculty member's annual performance evaluations;

18 (2) a significant and careful review of credentials by a set of faculty that hold
19 at least the rank sought by the Candidate;

20 (3) an external set of recommendations appropriate for that faculty member by
21 subject matter experts in the Candidate's field, and;

22 (4) administrative review.

23 (f) Every Candidate for reappointment and/or promotion will be fairly evaluated, and
24 the integrity of the evaluation process will be maintained to the highest degree.

25 (g) Non-reappointments shall not be made in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

26 **6.2 Employment Contract.**

27 (a) All appointments will be made on the University employment contract and signed
28 by the President or designee, and the employee.

29 (b) No appointment or assignment will create any right, interest, or expectancy in any

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1 other appointment or assignment beyond its specific terms, except as provided in
2 this Agreement.

3 (1) No special commitment or conditions offered to new hires shall bind the
4 University indefinitely.

5 (2) A special commitment or condition will be observed unless it is no longer
6 financially or logistically feasible or circumstances have changed enough
7 that it is no longer in the legitimate interests of the University.

8 (3) If the university decides not to observe a special commitment or condition,
9 the university will inform the employee in a timely manner. Upon the
10 employee’s request, the university will provide a written justification of its
11 decision not to observe the special commitment or condition.

12 (c) Appointments expire on the date set forth in the faculty member’s employment
13 contract. No further notice of cessation of employment is required, unless otherwise
14 provided in this Agreement.

15 (d) If the University intends to offer a faculty member reappointment, the University
16 will inform the faculty member by August 15 following the academic year in which
17 the reappointment review was conducted.

18 (e) Resignation.

19 (1) An employee who wishes to resign has the professional obligation, when
20 possible, to provide the University with sufficient notice to avoid
21 scheduling and classroom disruptions or, where the employee does not have
22 an instructional assignment, a minimum of four (4) weeks' notice.

23 (2) Upon resignation, all consideration for reappointment and promotion will
24 cease.

25 **6.3 Faculty Appointment and Reappointment Contract Duration.**

26 (a) Contract duration for faculty appointments and reappointments are as follows:

27 (1) Instructor

28 a. Initial Contract duration: two (2) years

29 b. Reappointment Contract duration: two (2) years.

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- 1 c. Promotion Contract duration: Faculty promoted from Instructor to
- 2 Senior Instructor shall receive an initial appointment contract
- 3 duration of (3) years.
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- 5 (2) Senior Instructor
- 6 a. Initial contract duration: three (3) years
- 7 b. Reappointment contract duration: three (3) years
- 8 (3) Assistant Professor.
- 9 a. Initial Contract Duration: three (3) years.
- 10 b. Reappointment Contract Duration: three (3) years.
- 11 c. Promotion Contract duration: Faculty members promoted from
- 12 Assistant to Associate Professor shall receive an appointment
- 13 Contract duration of six (6) years
- 14 (4) Associate Professor
- 15 a. Initial Contract Duration: three (3) years, unless the University
- 16 determines that an initial term of four (4) or five (5) years is
- 17 appropriate or warranted. The reason for a longer initial term shall
- 18 be provided to the UFF upon request.
- 19 b. Reappointment Contract Duration:
- 20 1. Three (3) years based upon a Preliminary Review (see
- 21 Section 6.7(a)(1)).
- 22 2. Six (6) years based upon a Full Review (see Section
- 23 6.7(a)(2)).
- 24 c. Promotion Contract Duration: Individuals promoted from Associate
- 25 Professor to Professor shall receive an appointment term of six (6)
- 26 years.
- 27 (5) Professor

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1 delayed to the first spring semester following the completion
2 of a minimum of five (5) full, contiguous semesters
3 following their initial appointment.

4 3. May only be reappointed once and must apply, consistent
5 with the start of the process in the fall semester, for
6 promotion no later than at the completion of six (6) academic
7 years (fall to spring).

8 4. However, if hired prior to June 1, 2017, such faculty must
9 apply for promotion to Associate Professor no later than the
10 last year of their three-year reappointment term.

11 b. Promotion

12 1. Assistant Professors must be promoted to Associate
13 Professor by the end of their second (2nd) reappointment
14 term, noting 6.4(a)(3)a.3 above, in order to receive a contract
15 with a duration greater than a single terminal year.

16 2. The University may, at its sole discretion, permit a faculty
17 member to delay promotion review by granting a maximum
18 one (1) year extension at this rank due to a valid request for
19 FMLA or other appropriate leave.

20 3. Additional extensions beyond the extra year are not
21 permitted.

22 4. In order to be considered for promotion, a faculty member
23 must have a Full Review as described in Section 6.7(a)(2).

24 (4) Associate Professor

25 a. Preliminary Review (see Section 6.7(a)(1)).

26 1. Preliminary review for reappointment is only available to
27 Associate Professors as their first review after their initial
28 appointment if their initial appointment is less than six (6)
29 years.

30 2. Preliminary Review for reappointment begins at the start of

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the spring semester of the final year of their contract.

b. Full Review (see Section 6.7(a)(2)).

- 1. Full reviews are required to be completed before the expiration date of a candidate’s existing contract if the individual is not eligible for preliminary review.
- 2. Individuals that are employed on a contract based on a preliminary review must have the subsequent review be a Full review.
- 3. The full review may be used, at the Candidate’s election, to also request promotion to the rank of Professor.

(5) Professor:

- a. Reappointment is based upon a Full Review (see Section 6.7(a)(2))

6.5 Promotion Categories and Eligibility Criteria for Faculty.

(a) Subject to the requirements set forth herein, faculty holding the rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor and Associate Professor shall be eligible to apply for promotion to the next higher rank.

(b) Professional Ranks:

(1) Instructor to Senior Instructor.

- a. Senior Instructors are at their highest rank possible and cannot be promoted to Assistant Professor.

(2) Assistant to Associate Professor.

(3) Associate Professor to Professor.

(c) Notice of Intent. Faculty that seek promotion must declare their intent to seek promotion in writing to the Provost and their Department Chair or Division Director (if applicable), no later than the start of the fall semester in the academic year in which they will seek promotion.

(d) Minimum Qualifications.

(1) Faculty (including Instructors) must serve at least five (5) academic years at their current rank in order to qualify for promotional consideration to a

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- 1 higher rank.
- 2 (2) At least two (2) of the five (5) immediately preceding academic years must
- 3 be served at the University.
- 4 (3) The University, at its discretion, may provide exceptions to these minimum
- 5 qualifications upon request of a faculty member and approval of their Chair,
- 6 Director (when a Director is present), and the Provost or designee.

7 **6.6 Reappointment and/or Promotion Materials for Assistant Professors, Associate**
 8 **Professors, and Professors.** (Note: Instructors see Section 6.9)

- 9 (a) The candidate submits a “dossier” in support of their reappointment or promotion.
- 10 (b) The promotion “packet” is the body of material that includes the dossier, letters of
- 11 reference if required, any supplemental information considered by the committees
- 12 or Provost and the candidate’s response to that supplemental information, and
- 13 committee recommendations as specified by the process.
- 14 (c) Candidate Prepared Dossier. A Candidate for reappointment or promotion must
- 15 prepare a dossier for consideration, which must include: a personal statement from
- 16 the Candidate and elements that show the Candidate’s demonstrated abilities and
- 17 competencies in teaching, service, and research—including: performance reviews
- 18 received since their last reappointment if applicable (if not, all performance reviews
- 19 received), faculty activity reports from two (2) prior years of employment at the
- 20 University.
- 21 (d) Faculty Dossier contents:
- 22 (1) The faculty dossier is prepared by the faculty member and, within the
- 23 boundaries of the specified format, must show the candidate’s competencies
- 24 in teaching, service, and research.
- 25 (2) Intentional or significant misrepresentations contained in the Candidate’s
- 26 dossier shall serve as cause for termination.
- 27 (e) Faculty Dossier format.
- 28 (1) The Provost shall develop the format and guidelines for the Candidate
- 29 Prepared Dossier and send them to the Faculty Representative Council
- 30 (“FRC”) for review and comment by February 15 of the spring semester in
- 31 even numbered calendar years.

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- 1 **(6)** Request for Reference Letter template
- 2 **a.** The Provost (or designee) will draft a letter that specifies what
- 3 materials will be provided to the external referee and provide the
- 4 letter to the UEC.
- 5 **b.** The UEC will consider and then edit the letter and provide the letter
- 6 for use to the DEP for their use.
- 7 **(7)** The confidential reference letters shall be included for review with
- 8 Candidate’s dossier and any supplemental materials.
- 9 **a.** A list of the names of all individuals asked to provide a review and
- 10 whether any declined to provide this review, and reason given, if
- 11 any, will also be included in the Packet.

12 **6.7 Reappointment and/or Promotion Process: Types, Notices, and Committee**
13 **Memberships for Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors. .**

14 **(a)** Types of Review Processes.

15 **(1)** Preliminary Review.

- 16 **a.** A review that does not include external letters and is only conducted
- 17 by the Department Evaluation Panel (as described below in Section
- 18 6.7(c)).
- 19 **b.** Results of this review are provided directly to the Provost for
- 20 consideration.

21  **(2)** Full Review.

- 22 **a.** A review that includes external letters and is conducted by the
- 23 Department Evaluation Panel (“DEP”), then the University
- 24 Evaluation Committee (“UEC”).
- 25 **b.** Results of the reviews are then provided to the Provost for
- 26 consideration, except in Sections 6.7(d)(2)d & 6.8(c)(5)a, in which
- 27 the results of the reviews are directly provided to the President for
- 28 consideration.

29 **(b)** Notice of Review Requirement

30 **(1)** Individuals that require a Preliminary Review (as specified in Section

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- 1 6.7(a)(1)), due to their appointment expiring in the coming year, will be
- 2 notified of the requirement for review no later than December 10, prior to
- 3 the spring semester in which their review must be completed.
- 4 (2) Before the start of the fall semester in the year when an individual must seek
- 5 reappointment, the University will provide notice to professors who:
 - 6 a. must apply for promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor to
 - 7 maintain their appointment, or;
 - 8 b. must participate in a Full Review to renew their appointment.
- 9 (3) Notice from the University will provide information relevant to the
- 10 applicable reappointment/promotion process including instructions and
- 11 deadlines.
- 12 (4) Within fifteen (15) days of receiving such notice, eligible professors will
- 13 inform the University of their election to apply for promotion or proceed
- 14 with reappointment.
- 15 (5) Candidates for reappointment or promotion shall provide the University
- 16 with their dossier by the deadline set forth in the notice referenced herein.
- 17 (c) Department Evaluation Panel (“DEP”) Membership
- 18 (1) DEP Chair.
 - 19 a. The Division Director, if present, or if there is not a division, the
 - 20 Department Chair serves as the chair of the DEP if he or she holds
 - 21 the appropriate faculty appointment rank.
 - 22 b. If the Division Director or Department Chair does not hold the
 - 23 appropriate rank, the Provost will appoint a chair for the DEP.
- 24 (2) DEP Membership.
 - 25 a. For reviews of Assistant and Associate Professors, the DEP shall
 - 26 consist of faculty of a higher rank than the Candidate within the
 - 27 Candidate’s division, or if no division is present, within the
 - 28 Candidate’s department. When there are an insufficient number of
 - 29 faculty to meet the minimum requirements for a DEP, the process
 - 30 below will be used to form a DEP.

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- 1 **b.** Term duration will be staggered to have a “normal” term of three (3)
- 2 years in length and with overlap in UEC membership so that
- 3 institutional knowledge for the committee is maintained.
- 4 **c.** If fewer than three (3) individuals are eligible to staff the UEC, the
- 5 UEC will be chaired by the Provost with all eligible faculty serving
- 6 as members.

7 **(2)** Number of UEC Members.

- 8 **a.** If fewer than ten (10) individuals with the rank Professor are on staff
- 9 at the University, the UEC will consist of three (3) to five (5)
- 10 individuals at the discretion of the University.
- 11 **b.** With ten (10) to twenty (20) Full Professors on staff, the UEC will
- 12 consist of five (5) to seven (7) individuals at the discretion of the
- 13 University.
- 14 **c.** With more than twenty (20) Full Professors on staff, the UEC will
- 15 consist of seven (7) members.
- 16 **d.** If, during the review of an individual with rank Professor, if the
- 17 faculty member’s unit does not have a minimum of four (4)
- 18 individuals with the rank of Professor, the UEC will be the sole
- 19 reviewing committee for that faculty member.
- 20 **e.** The UEC must operate in executive session and in total
- 21 confidentiality.



22 **6.8** Reappointment and Promotion Procedure for Assistant Professors, Associate
23 Professors, and Professors.

24 **(a)** General Rules.

- 25 **(1)** Previously Promoted. If the University previously promoted the Candidate,
- 26 the promotion assessment shall be based on the Candidate’s performance
- 27 since the Candidate’s last promotion.
- 28 **(2)** Not Previously Promoted.
- 29 **a.** If the University has not previously promoted the Candidate, the
- 30 promotion assessment is cumulative and must include consideration

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1 of the Candidate’s achievements prior to employment at the
2 University.

3 **b.** However, the Candidate’s promotion assessment must also establish
4 that the Candidate has continued to progress and achieve in the
5 categories and criteria used for reappointment and/or promotion
6 while employed at the University.

7 **(3)** Reference Letters for Promotion and Full Reviews.

8 **a.** A single negative reference may not be the sole basis for not
9 reappointing a candidate or for not promoting a Candidate.

10 **b.** Promotion and reappointment decisions shall not be based solely on
11 the reference letters received.

12 **(4)** Department Inputs.

13 **a.** If the DEP includes no members from the candidate’s department,
14 the DEP will request input from the department chair before
15 finalizing its recommendation.

16 **b.** If the Department chair is the candidate and no member from the
17 chair’s department is a member of the DEP, the Provost or designee
18 shall select a member of the chair’s department to provide input to
19 the DEP before the DEP finalizes their recommendation.

20 **(b)** DEP Review and Recommendation.

21 **(1)** The University shall provide the Packet (as described in Section6.6) to the
22 DEP for review.

23 **(2)** For cases that are a Full Review, the DEP will meet to select individuals
24 that will receive requests for reference letters for the candidate. This
25 meeting should be early in the process to allow time for the receipt of the
26 letters.

27 **(3)** The DEP may acquire supplemental materials and/or other information as
28 appropriate.

29 **a.** If supplemental materials and/or other information is used as part of
30 the review, the Candidate will be informed of the use of this

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information and provided a minimum of five (5) days, but no longer than ten (10) days, to respond to the information.

(4) For Preliminary Reviews, the DEP will prepare and provide a report that is added to the candidate’s packet. The DEP recommendation is presented to the Provost directly.

(5) For Full Reviews, the DEP will prepare and provide a report that is added to the candidate’s packet. The DEP recommendation is presented to the UEC.

(6) The DEP must operate in executive session and in total confidentiality.

(7) All DEP reports, recommendations, and work product constitute faculty evaluative information and/or limited-access records, pursuant to Florida Polytechnic University Rule 6C13-6.008.

(c) UEC Report and Recommendation.

(1) If conducted, the DEP will add its report to the Candidate’s packet which includes the dossier, letters of recommendations, a table listing review requests, the DEP report and recommendation, and any supplemental materials and Candidate responses which were used as part of the decision in the review.

(2) The UEC will use the candidate’s packet to consider the reappointment or promotion request.

(3) The UEC may acquire supplemental materials and/or other information as appropriate.

a. If supplemental materials and/or other information is used as part of the review at any time during the process, the Candidate will be informed of the use of this information and provided a minimum of five (5) days, but no longer than ten (10) days, to respond to the information.

(4) Reference letters are to be used as an input to the overall evaluation by the committee.

a. A single negative reference may not be the sole basis for not reappointing a candidate or for not promoting a Candidate.

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- 1 as to the Candidate’s reappointment or promotion.
- 2 **a.** The Provost’s recommendation, if positive, is provided to the
- 3 President consistent with Section 6.8(e).
- 4 **b.** If the Provost’s recommendation is negative, the decision and
- 5 written justification are provided to the Candidate. Unless
- 6 overturned on appeal by the President, negative recommendations
- 7 from the Provost are terminal.
- 8 **c.** The process for appealing a negative recommendation from the
- 9 Provost is as follows:
 - 10 **1.** Within ten (10) days of the Provost’s written justification
 - 11 being provided the Candidate may submit a written appeal
 - 12 to the Office of the President (president@floridapoly.edu).
 - 13 **2.** Upon receipt of the Candidate’s appeal, the President will
 - 14 review the Provost’s negative recommendation, the UEC
 - 15 and DEP committee reports, and the Candidate’s packet.
 - 16 **3.** The scope of the President’s appellate review is limited to
 - 17 the correcting errors of judgment or process.
 - 18 **4.** Within twenty (20) days of receipt of the Candidate’s appeal,
 - 19 the President will render a decision either granting or
 - 20 denying the appeal on its merits.
- 21 **(3)** The Provost’s recommendation, Provost’s written justification, and the
- 22 President’s decision as a result of the appeal process constitute faculty
- 23 evaluative information and/or limited-access records, pursuant to Florida
- 24 Polytechnic University Rule 6C13-6.008.
- 25 **(e)** **President’s Review and Authority.** The President shall have the sole authority to
- 26 grant a Candidate’s reappointment or promotion and will act upon the request for
- 27 reappointment or promotion provided by the Provost.
 - 28 **(1)** The granting of reappointment or promotion should be based on the
 - 29 University’s criteria, clarifications produced by the Candidate’s unit or
 - 30 department, the reports and recommendations of the DEP and UEC, any
 - 31 documents relied upon by the DEP and UEC in creating their reports and

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1 recommendations, the Candidate’s packet, and the written recommendation
2 of the Provost.

3 (2) The President will consider the items listed above, noting that the committee
4 reports have provided a strong review of the candidate and, in his or her best
5 judgment, either:

6 a. grant reappointment or promotion, via written notice, within the
7 terms of this contract, or;

8 b. deny the request for reappointment or promotion.

9 (3) If the President’s final decision on reappointment or promotion is negative,
10 the President shall provide written justification to the Candidate within
11 twenty (20) days of the decision. .

12 (4) The President’s written notice of granting reappointment or promotion
13 (6.8(e)(2)a) and written justification denying the request for reappointment
14 or promotion (6.8(e)(3)), constitute faculty evaluative information and/or
15 limited-access records, pursuant to Florida Polytechnic University Rule
16 6C13-6.008.

17 (f) If a Candidate does not receive a promotion following formal consideration by full
18 review, the Candidate may not reapply for promotion until after the completion of
19 two (2) additional academic years. This clause shall not unreasonably deny a
20 Candidate their terminal promotion consideration to Associate Professor.

21 (g) The Candidate being considered for promotion may withdraw from consideration
22 provided that the withdrawal is made before the UEC begins its consideration of
23 the Candidate. Such withdrawal shall be without prejudice and will not render the
24 Candidate ineligible for the next promotional cycle.

25 (h) Promotion Date.

26 (1) Promotions for professors that are granted shall be effective on August 15
27 following the decision date.

28 (2) An individual may use their new title effective upon written notification of
29 their promotion.

30 **6.9 Reappointment and Promotion for Instructors and Senior Instructors.**

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- 1 **b.** Instructors are not required to seek promotion, nor may they be
- 2 penalized for not seeking promotion.
- 3 **c.** Once promoted, Senior Instructors likewise undergo reappointment
- 4 reviews.
- 5 **(2)** Notice of Reappointment or Promotion eligibility or requirement will take
- 6 place consistent with the notification requirement for other faculty.
- 7 **(3)** Criteria for Instructor and Senior Instructor reappointment and promotion
- 8 will be developed through the process outlined below in Section 6.10.
- 9 **(c)** Review Panel and Committees for Instructor-Level Reappointments and
- 10 Promotion.
- 11 **(1)** Instructor-DEP: Shall consist of the department DEP plus one (1) Assistant
- 12 Professor chosen by the Department Chair and one (1) out-of-department
- 13 Senior Instructor, Instructor, or Assistant Professor chosen by the Provost.
- 14 **(2)** Instructor-UEC: Shall consist of the UEC plus one (1) Senior Instructor. If
- 15 there is no individual with the rank Senior Instructor, the Provost will
- 16 choose one (1) Associate Professor from outside the Instructor’s
- 17 department.
- 18 **(d)** Reappointment and/or Promotion Process, the Instructor Review.
- 19 **(1)** The Instructor-DEP and Instructor-UEC follow the same process as they do
- 20 for other faculty, except there is no outside letter requirement for Instructor
- 21 promotion or Senior Instructor reappointment.
- 22 **(2)** For reappointment reviews of Instructors and Senior Instructors, the
- 23 Instructor-DEP provides its report directly to the Provost.
- 24 **(3)** Every third (3rd) reappointment review for Instructors and Senior Instructors
- 25 requires an evaluation by the UEC.
- 26 **(4)** Promotion reviews for Instructors require an evaluation by the Instructor-
- 27 UEC.
- 28 **(5)** Provost Review and Recommendation.

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- 1 a. Both Instructor-DEP and Instructor-UEC reviews for Instructors
- 2 and Senior Instructors culminate in either a positive or negative
- 3 recommendation by the Provost as described in Section 6.8(d)(2).
- 4 b. These processes shall be consistent with that outlined for other
- 5 faculty in Section 6.8(d)6.8(d).
- 6 (6) President’s Review and Authority. Actions on reappointments and
- 7 promotions by the President and Provost will be acted upon in the same
- 8 manner as described in Section 6.8(e).

9 **6.10 Development of Reappointment and Promotion Criteria for Instructors, Assistant**
10 **Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors.**

- 11 (a) The awarding of reappointment or promotion shall be based on written criteria,
- 12 which are established by the University and developed by each department in
- 13 accordance to this Article.
- 14 (b) University Criteria. No later than January 15 of every even-numbered calendar
- 15 year, the University shall establish the general criteria for the granting of promotion
- 16 or reappointment, and provide that criteria to each department’s Division Director,
- 17 or Chair if no Division Director is present. If a category of reappointment or
- 18 promotion criteria is not in place for an upcoming review cycle where a candidate
- 19 may request reappointment or promotion, the criteria will be developed to support
- 20 that cycle.
- 21 (1) Promotion and reappointment criteria shall consider the performance of the
- 22 work that the professor has been assigned (as reflected in FARE forms),
- 23 criteria for each rank as set forth in the most recent, BOT-approved Faculty
- 24 Handbook, and the faculty member’s responsibilities as a member of the
- 25 University and department community.
- 26 (2) The University criteria shall broadly recognize and consist of the following:
- 27 a. Instruction, including regular classroom and laboratory teaching,
- 28 classroom development, effective development/application of new
- 29 instructional methods, directing thesis or dissertation committees,
- 30 and other instructional activities;

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- 1 **b.** Research or other creative activities relevant to the department
- 2 mission, including scholarly publications, support and advising of
- 3 graduate students; and
- 4 **c.** Service to professional societies and contributions to the University
- 5 and department.
- 6 **(3)** The criteria shall also include, but are not limited to:
- 7 **a.** a demonstrated record of scholarly activity, teaching, and as
- 8 appropriate, course and/or curriculum development commensurate
- 9 with the University’s mission and relevant academic discipline(s);
- 10 **b.** evidence of a positive and growing reputation in his/her chosen sub-
- 11 field within the department’s mission, and;
- 12 **c.** promise of continued successful performance.
- 13 **(4)** The Provost will formally request input from the FRC as to the University
- 14 criteria before providing the finalized University criteria to each
- 15 department’s Division Director, or Chair if no Division Director is present.
- 16 **(c)** Department Clarifications of University Criteria. The department clarifications,
- 17 described in this section shall provide context for the broader University criteria
- 18 and:
- 19 **(1)** be consistent with university requirements and faculty work assignments;
- 20 **(2)** be detailed enough that a reasonable professor should be informed about the
- 21 expectations for performance or accomplishments which are necessary to
- 22 earn reappointment or promotion, assuming that the accomplishments are
- 23 of sufficient quality, quantity, and consistency, and;
- 24 **(3)** identify some representative examples of the achievements or performance
- 25 characteristics which, if the requirement or distinction were met, are
- 26 appropriate comparisons for reappointment or promotion.
- 27 **(d)** Criteria and Department-Specific Clarification Review Process. Criteria and
- 28 department-specific clarifications shall be developed and approved on a bi-annual
- 29 cycle according to the following procedures:
- 30 **(1)** Department Committee Formation and Membership.

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- 1 **a.** The Committee shall consist of:
 - 2 **1.** the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs (or Provost-designee);
 - 3 **2.** Department Chair (or if Division/Department Director is
 - 4 present, Division director, or designee) of each respective
 - 5 department, and;
 - 6 **3.** two (2) faculty members from the department, at least one
 - 7 (1) holding the most senior rank in the department, subject
 - 8 to the limitations below in 6.10(d)(1)c).
- 9 **b.** In years during which the clarifications are reviewed, department
- 10 faculty shall select their two (2) representative faculty members
- 11 during the first week of the fall semester
- 12 **c.** Exceptions to Department Committee Membership.
 - 13 **1.** The Department Committee requires senior-ranking
 - 14 membership, followed by overall membership. If a
 - 15 department has three (3) or more senior-ranking faculty
 - 16 members, a senior-ranking faculty member that will be
 - 17 reviewed in the next academic year’s review cycle may not
 - 18 serve on the Department Committee.
 - 19 **2.** Similarly, if a department has more than ten (10) faculty
 - 20 members, a junior-ranking faculty member that will be
 - 21 reviewed for reappointment in the next academic year’s
 - 22 review cycle may not serve on the departmental committee.
 - 23 **3.** Faculty members that have resigned, received a notice of
 - 24 non-reappointment or notice of layoff, instructors, and
 - 25 visiting/adjunct faculty are not eligible to serve on the
 - 26 Department Committee or participate in the Department
 - 27 Committee selection process.
- 28 **(2)** Development of Department-Specific Clarifications.
 - 29 **a.** The Provost shall provide a framework for department-specific
 - 30 clarifications and formally charge the Department Committee to
 - 31 develop and maintain written clarifications of the University’s

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- 1 reappointment and promotion criteria in terms aligned with the
- 2 department’s discipline(s) and assigned duties, and consistent with
- 3 University standards as established in the most recent BOT-
- 4 approved version of the Faculty Handbook.
- 5 **b.** Upon receiving the University criteria and clarification framework,
- 6 the Department Committee shall convene to develop clarifications
- 7 of the University criteria consistent with the department disciplines
- 8 in accordance with the procedures outlined herein.
- 9 **c.** The Department Committee shall complete its review and finalize
- 10 the department clarifications within fifteen (15) days of receiving
- 11 the University’s criteria.
- 12 **(3)** Department Faculty Vote. Within ten (10) days of the Committee finalizing
- 13 the department clarifications, the department faculty shall conduct a
- 14 confidential and anonymous vote on said clarifications.
- 15 **a.** Faculty that are in their terminal year of employment (as a result of
- 16 non-reappointment, resignation, or layoff), visiting/adjunct faculty,
- 17 and instructors are not eligible to vote on the clarifications.
- 18 **b.** If a majority of a department’s professors vote in favor of the
- 19 proposed department clarifications, the department clarifications are
- 20 forwarded to the Provost for review and approval.
- 21 **c.** If the majority of a department’s professors do not vote in favor of
- 22 the proposed department clarifications, the Department Committee,
- 23 shall reconsider the proposed clarifications prior to conducting a
- 24 second vote.
 - 25 **1.** The Department Committee shall have five (5) days to
 - 26 reconsider the proposed clarifications and conduct a second
 - 27 vote within five (5) days of finalizing the second round of
 - 28 department clarifications.
 - 29 **2.** If the second vote is also unsuccessful, the proposed
 - 30 clarifications shall be forwarded to the Provost for approval,
 - 31 noting the lack of department faculty support.
 - 32 **3.** If a vote does not occur within five (5) days of the

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Committee finalizing the department clarifications, the department clarifications shall be forwarded to the Provost for review, noting that no vote occurred.

(4) Provost Review. Within ten (10) days of receipt, the Provost shall review the proposed department clarifications to ensure compliance with this Agreement, the mission and goals of the University, and University standards as established in the most recent, BOT-approved version of the Faculty Handbook.

a. The Provost will either approve the proposed department clarifications, or return them to the Committee for reconsideration.

b. In the event the Provost returns the proposed department clarifications to the Committee for reconsideration, he/she shall provide objections to any such provision in writing.

(5) Committee Reconsideration. The Department Committee shall reconsider the Provost’s written objections and within ten (10) days after receiving them, shall resubmit the proposed written clarifications to the Provost, incorporating all, some, or none of the objections, along with a written explanation and justification for the resubmitted language.

(6) Provost Reconsideration. The Provost shall reconsider the department clarifications and issue final revisions or approvals within seven (7) days after receiving the revised department clarifications.

(e) Changes in Criteria for Reappointment and Promotion for Professors.

(1) Following the Provost’s approval of the criteria, the University may modify the approved University criteria for reappointment and promotion so long as the UFF has been notified of the proposed changes and been offered an opportunity to discuss such changes in consultation with the President or designee.

(2) Changes to discipline-specific departmental clarifications of the University criteria shall be developed and approved according to the process outlined above.

(f) Access to Criteria. The Reappointment and Promotion criteria shall be available on the Provost’s webpage (<https://floridapoly.edu/provost/>) and/or at the written

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request of any faculty member.

6.11 Non-Reappointment of Faculty

(a) Faculty members on multi-year appointments cannot be terminated during the contract period except for just cause, layoff, or termination of the funding source in the case of soft money appointments.

(b) Reappointment or Promotion Review. If a faculty member has participated in a reappointment or promotion review and is not provided with an offer of reappointment or promotion,

(1) a faculty member with a remaining contract term of more than one (1) year will be provided written notice of non-reappointment, advising that the existing contract will not be renewed with no right to continued employment, or;

(2) a faculty member with a remaining contract term of less than one (1) year will be provided a notice of non-reappointment that the existing contract will not be renewed, and the University shall offer a terminal contract which supersedes the existing contract and expires one (1) year from the date of the written notice, with no right to continued employment.

(c) If a professor chooses not to participate in a reappointment review, or in the case of an Assistant Professor, chooses not to participate in the promotion process, the professor will be administratively non-reappointed and the professor’s employment shall end on the last date of the professor’s existing contract.

(d) Non-reappointed employees are not eligible to receive any salary increases or bonuses during the notice period.

(e) Non-reappointed employees are not eligible to serve on departmental or university committees without prior approval of the Provost.

(f) Payout option.

(1) At the time of or following issuance of a notice of non-reappointment to any employee, the University may elect in its discretion to pay the employee for all or a portion of the remaining term of the contract, as may be allowed under Florida law.

(2) If the University elects this option, it will pay the employee an amount, less

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withholding, equal to the salary for that portion of the remaining term of the contract which the University is paying out, and the employee’s employment will terminate immediately.

6.12 Assistant Librarians and Wellness Counselors.

(a) Contract duration for appointments and reappointments are as follows:

(1) Assistant Librarian I & Wellness Counselor I.

a. Initial Contract Duration: two (2) years

b. Reappointment Contract Duration: two (2) years

c. Reappointment Cycle: two (2) years.

1. The University will review the Assistant Librarian I and Wellness Counselor I during the second full spring term of employment (or the first spring after four complete terms depending on hire date) and thereafter in the fourth (4th) semester of each contract cycle.

(2) Assistant Librarian II and Wellness Counselor II.

a. Initial Contract Duration: two (2) years

b. Reappointment Contract Duration: three (3) years

1. The University will review the Assistant Librarian II and Wellness Counselor II during the second full spring term after initial promotion and thereafter in the spring of the third year of the reappointment contract.

(b) Reappointment Review Requirements & Process

(1) Candidate Required Materials: Candidates for reappointment must provide the following materials in their reappointment “packet.”

a. The Employee Self-Review Worksheet provided by Human Resources;

b. The candidate’s previous performance reviews;

c. An updated curriculum vitae;

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1 **a.** Minimum Duration of Employment: Employees must have served
2 at least 5 successful academic years at their current rank in a full-
3 time capacity, with an overall evaluation rating of “Meets
4 Expectation” for each of those years, in order to qualify for
5 consideration of the next highest rank.

6 **b.** Minimum Requirements: Employees must have been in a position
7 of continued employment and not have been given notice of non-
8 reappointment or termination, and not initially hired at a rank higher.

9 **(4)** Promotion Review Requirements & Process.

10 **a.** Candidate Required Materials: Candidates for reappointment must
11 provide the following materials in their reappointment “packet.”

12 **1.** A personal statement addressing how the candidate fulfills
13 the responsibilities of the position and advances the mission
14 of the unit and the University.

15 **2.** The candidate’s previous performance reviews (including
16 self-evaluations) and other evaluations since initial hire at
17 the University.

18 **3.** An updated curriculum vitae.

19 **4.** If other materials are used as part of the review, the candidate
20 will be informed of this information, and provided a
21 minimum of five (5) days to respond to the information.

22 **(5)** Promotion Process.

23 **a.** Dates for Promotion notification and submission of materials to
24 Supervisor will coincide with those for Faculty.

25 **b.** Considerations for Promotion include:

26 **1.** A review of goals, objectives, and accomplishments
27 achieved over the total review period.

28 **2.** Specific goals, tasks, or assignments derived from annual or
29 periodic evaluations.

30 **3.** Candidate’s likelihood for continued success and

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appropriate contribution on institutional initiatives.

- 4. Any additional criteria established via the process for University Criteria for Reappointment and Promotion established for faculty positions.

c. Promotion Decisions

- 1. May include inputs from relevant campus stakeholders, such as students, faculty, and other staff.
- 2. Must be considered by the supervisor, the Provost, and the Vice Provost of Student Affairs.
- 3. Upon request, the Provost will provide a written justification for the promotion decision.

(d) Non-Reappointment.

- (1) Employees on multi-year appointments cannot be terminated during the contract period except for just cause, layoff, or termination of the funding source in the case of soft money appointments.
- (2) Non-Reappointment at Reappointment or Promotion Review: If an employee has participated in a reappointment or promotion review and is not provided with an offer of reappointment or promotion, that employee shall receive a terminal, 6-month contract that supersedes any existing contracts.
- (3) Non-reappointed employees are not eligible to receive any salary increases or bonuses during the notice period.
- (4) Non-reappointed employees are not eligible to serve on departmental or university committees without prior approval of the Provost.
- (5) Payout option.
 - a. At the time of or following issuance of a notice of non-reappointment to any employee, the University may elect in its discretion to pay the employee for all or a portion of the remaining term of the terminal contract, as may be allowed under Florida law.

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1 **b.** If the University elects this option, it will pay the employee an
2 amount, less withholding, equal to the salary for that portion of the
3 remaining term of the contract which the University is paying out,
4 and the employee’s employment will terminate immediately.

5 **6.13 Grievability.**

6 **(a)** The University’s decision to not offer reappointment or promotion to an employee
7 shall not be considered a disciplinary action.

8 **(b)** The decision to not offer reappointment or promotion is grievable according to
9 Article 11 - Grievance and Arbitration Procedure, as an employee may contest the
10 decision solely because of an alleged violation of a specific term of the Agreement
11 or because of an alleged violation of the employee’s constitutional rights.

12 **(c)** For the purposes of a grievance about a faculty reappointment or promotion
13 decision, the scope of materials relied upon the denial of a candidate’s
14 reappointment or promotion is limited to the Candidate’s packet, the DEP report
15 and recommendation, the UEC report and recommendation, and the Provost’s
16 recommendation. The University may not subsequently introduce new grounds for
17 that denial during the grievance process nor may it assert that there are other,
18 unwritten grounds for that denial.

19 **(d)** The remedy for any grievance filed under this provision, if successful, shall not
20 include an award of reappointment or promotion.

21 **(e)** Such grievances must be filed within thirty (30) days of the Candidate’s receipt of
22 the denial of promotion or reappointment from the President as described in
23 6.8(e)(3) or the President’s denial of an appeal as described in Section 6.8(d)(2)c.4.

24 **(f)** Reports and recommendations from the DEP, UEC, and Provost shall be available
25 for arbitration proceedings consistent with the requirements described in Florida
26 Polytechnic University Rule 6C13-6.008.

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