

3344-12-07 Policies pertaining to adjunct professors.

(A) Procedures for Appointment

Nominations for appointment to adjunct faculty status shall be made by joint recommendation of a peer review committee or its equivalent and a department chairperson. Nominations recommended by the dean shall be forwarded by him or her to the provost who shall appoint all nominees acceptable to him or her. Nominations should specify the appropriate rank (assistant, associate, or full), depending on qualifications.

(B) Procedures for Termination of an Adjunct Faculty Appointment

Recommendations for the termination of an adjunct faculty member's appointment may originate with the peer review committee, the chairperson, or the dean. Whatever the origin, the committee, the chairperson, and the dean shall consider the faculty member's qualifications and make recommendations to the provost. The provost shall consider the recommendations and forward them, together with personal recommendations, to the president for action.

(C) Privileges and Responsibilities

Since adjunct faculty meet essentially the same standards as regular status faculty, they may, upon mutual agreement, be assigned teaching and research duties comparable in kind to those assigned regular status faculty. Their service is considered to be part-time service; however, they shall not be assigned duties exceeding one-half of the duties of a full-time faculty member. Assignment of mutually agreed upon duties shall be at the convenience of the university. Adjunct faculty members have the same right as regular status faculty members to attend appropriate faculty meetings, whether these are committee, departmental, college, Faculty Senate, or university faculty meetings, and within the requirements of good order, to debate issues. They may serve on faculty committees and vote in faculty meetings only when provided for in relevant bylaws.

(D) Joint Appointment

Persons may be granted joint adjunct appointments to two or more departments, colleges, or academic units through the procedures for appointment in each such department, college, or academic unit.

(E) Graduate College Membership

Adjunct faculty members may be selected for and removed from the faculty of the College of Graduate Studies according to the procedures establish in the Bylaws of the College of Graduate Studies.

(F) Change of Status

With mutual agreement between the University and an adjunct faculty member, the adjunct faculty member may be appointed to regular faculty status, following procedures for any new appointment.

(G) Tenure Rights

Service as an adjunct faculty member does not accrue tenure rights such as the accumulation of tenure probation time served.

(H) Termination

Appointment to adjunct faculty status is predicated upon the mutual benefit derived for the university and the person appointed, especially including the opportunity for a person with special expertise to provide valued services to his or her profession and the community by sharing knowledge and collaborating in the search for knowledge. The appointment may be terminated by the adjunct faculty member or the University when, in the judgment of either party, the appointment is no longer mutually beneficial.

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