Preparator’s Packet

Tenure and Promotion Cases

2013-2014

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APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON TENURE AND PROMOTION

The individual proposing the candidate for consideration and the candidate should complete this form. In preparing this application, all questions should be retyped in the order listed, whether or not the questions are applicable to the particular candidate. The original and all copies of the completed form are to be included in the original and copies of the case delivered to the Committee on Tenure and Promotion. One copy is for the candidate; and one is for the chair/preparator of the candidate's department. The candidate and preparator should review the entire application to be sure that they understand the procedure, so that the necessary information can be transmitted in a timely fashion.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Name of candidate
B. Rank
C. Department
D. Consideration for
E. Full-time teaching experience at college or university level at rank of instructor or higher. (Begin with the most recent.)

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F. The nature of the candidate's original appointment at Tufts, exclusive of salary (e.g., rank, length of contract, credit for previous teaching experience).

G. Joint, adjunct, or associate appointments, within or outside the university, held by the candidate.

H. The nature of the candidate's present contract, exclusive of salary.

II. SCHOLARSHIP

A. Education

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B. Title of doctoral dissertation

C. Describe briefly the scholarship and research in which the candidate is currently engaged and future plans for such. (See statement of criteria of Committee on Tenure and Promotion.)

D. Publications and scholarship accomplishments and creative work (including published or other professional evaluations of the candidate's work, peer review comments on grant applications, etc.).

E. Invited participation in professional conferences and other similar activities.
F. Titles of grant applications, indicating dates of submission and agencies to which the applications were submitted.

G. Fellowships, awards, grants, or other prizes.

H. Consulting in his/her field.

III. TEACHING (indicate normal teaching load and department norm)

A. Titles of courses taught in past five years:

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<th>Academic Year</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th># Students Enrolled</th>
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B. Number and type of independent studies, theses, or dissertations directed in past three years.

C. Curriculum, course or instructional innovations candidate developed.

IV. DEPARTMENT, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
(Please indicate which activities have been particularly time-consuming or of special significance to the department, profession, community, or university.)

A. Departmental committees and special activities.

B. College and university committee appointments and special activities.

C. Inter-university appointments.

D. Memberships, offices in professional or scholarly societies and other relevant professional activities.

E. Civic activities, other appointments or offices.

V. OTHER INFORMATION which should be brought to the attention of the committee to support this request.

VI. NAME OF PREPARATOR

DEPARTMENT AND RANK

SIGNATURE AND DATE

VII. SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

DATE
TENURE AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE BYLAWS (effective 9/1/08)

(c) A Committee on Tenure and Promotion, consisting of six tenured members of this Faculty elected by the entire voting Faculty, and the Provost, without vote. At all times, the Committee membership shall include at least two members from the faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences and one member of the faculty from the School of Engineering. No more than one member of a single department may be a member of this Committee at any one time.

The Committee shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. In the event that an individual being considered is a member of the same department as the chairman of the Committee, the vice-chairman shall serve as chairman.

This Committee shall review the qualifications of all individuals who are proposed for consideration for a tenured position or who are proposed for promotion above the rank of assistant professor, or who request such consideration. It shall requisition and consider all evidence that has a bearing on the individual under consideration. This shall include a departmental statement, and a privately submitted evaluation and recommendation to the chairman of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion from each tenured member of the candidate's department(s); non-tenured members are invited to submit evaluations and recommendations but are not required to do so. After review of the confidential letters by the Committee on Tenure and Promotion, the Committee will forward these letters along with the rest of the candidate's dossier to the Administration, unless the case is tabled. Confidential letters will be kept secure by the Secretary of the Faculty for three years from the date of official action by the Board of Trustees on the candidate's application, at which time the letters will be destroyed, unless the Administration has been legally enjoined from doing so.

The departmental statement shall reflect the full range of opinion of department members who vote on the application, record the numerical vote, and be signed by all voting members. When department members cannot agree on a single statement, a signed minority statement shall be submitted. The statement(s), including a list of members who voted, shall be made available to the candidate who has the option to submit a timely written response to the department statement. When pertinent, the views of colleagues, both tenured and non-tenured, in other departments, and of individuals from outside the University shall be obtained. The Committee may ask any of the above persons, or the candidate himself/herself, to appear in person. Each department will maintain records of student opinion of faculty members, from which information about a candidate will be made available to the Committee when appropriate.

For each candidate under consideration for Tenure, the Committee on Tenure and Promotion shall create an external subcommittee. Each External Subcommittee shall consist of: (a) two members of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion, one of whom shall serve as chair; (b) two members of the department(s) concerned, elected by the tenured member(s) of the department; and (c) one member, hereafter referred to as the outside expert, selected by the tenured members of the department(s) concerned. This outside expert should be from the same discipline as the candidate, or a related field.

Members of the External Subcommittee shall review and meet to discuss all the evidence presented in a candidate's case. At the request of any single member of the External Subcommittee, the External Subcommittee shall meet with all of the voting members of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion for further deliberations. Such request may be expressed prior to the External Subcommittee meeting, in which case the larger meeting may take place immediately following the External Subcommittee meeting (for the convenience of the outside expert). Such request may also be expressed at the conclusion of the External Subcommittee meeting, in which case the larger meeting may have to take place on a later date. Following the External Subcommittee meeting, and, if requested, the larger meeting with all voting members of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion also present, the Subcommittee Chair will prepare a written report that reflects the discussions and findings of these meetings; this report shall be signed by all members of the External Subcommittee and shall become a permanent part of the case that goes forward to the Committee on Tenure and Promotion and to the Administration, unless the case is tabled. In no case shall the External Subcommittee vote on the qualifications of the candidate.
For candidates who already hold tenured positions at comparable institutions, and whose appointment at Tufts does not involve a promotion in rank, the Tenure and Promotion Committee may, upon request from the department and the appropriate Dean, review the case without the formation of an external subcommittee. In all other tenure cases or if after initial review of the case the Tenure and Promotion Committee feels that it is necessary, an external subcommittee shall be constituted and meet as described above.

For candidates under consideration for promotion to Full Professor or in any case where an external subcommittee is not convened, the Committee on Tenure and Promotion shall create an internal two-person Tenure and Promotion subcommittee responsible for overseeing and presenting the details of the case to the Committee. If after initial review of the case the Tenure and Promotion Committee feels that it is necessary, the Tenure and Promotion Committee retains the right to gather more information in accordance with the procedures outlined in Statement 11.

The Committee on Tenure and Promotion shall review and deliberate on all the available evidence in the case. The Committee on Tenure and Promotion shall (a) vote on the merits of each case, and it shall submit a written report of its findings for each case, including a record of the vote, to the appropriate Dean; or (b) vote to table the case and report the vote to table to the appropriate Dean.

The deliberations of the Committee shall be considered confidential; however, the Committee's final division on the vote shall be conveyed to the candidate and his/her chair by the chair of the Committee at the time such information is transmitted to the appropriate Dean. The Committee's procedures shall ensure that the candidate is made aware of the names of all proposed referees, subcommittee members, and consultants, and of authors of all unsolicited communications regarding the candidate, in sufficient time to permit written objections and/or alternative suggestions to be considered prior to relevant actions. Confidentiality of communications received by or on behalf of the Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be honored to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Committee shall also, in consultation with the Provost and the Deans of the Associated Schools, prepare and review periodically the general criteria for tenure and promotion. These shall be made available in writing to this Faculty.

Nomination and election of members of this Committee shall take place in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. With the exception of the Grievance Panel, membership on this Committee shall not preclude membership on any other committee of this Faculty. A member shall serve for three years; with the exception of the first election, one-third of the members shall be elected each year.
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<td>Candidate meets with preparator to discuss process</td>
<td>By March 1</td>
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<td>In consultation with the candidate, the preparator creates a comprehensive list of all mentees with input from the candidate</td>
<td>Spring</td>
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<td>The list of external evaluators must be submitted to the T&amp;P chair by</td>
<td>May 1</td>
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<td>Application must be ready to be sent out to external evaluators by</td>
<td>June 1</td>
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<td>Letters and materials sent to reviewers</td>
<td>June 1</td>
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<td>Completed mentee spreadsheet is sent to the secretary of the faculty</td>
<td>June 15</td>
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<td>Secretary of the faculty contacts mentees identified on mentee spreadsheets (omitting any agreed-upon exclusions)</td>
<td>Late June</td>
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<td>Secretary of the Faculty sends a reminder email or letter to mentees from whom s/he has not heard</td>
<td>August</td>
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<td>Deadline for mentee letters to be received by the secretary of the faculty</td>
<td>August 16</td>
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<td>Subcommittee meeting should be scheduled</td>
<td>September</td>
<td>September</td>
<td>August 16</td>
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<td>Letters back from external evaluators</td>
<td>September</td>
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<td>August 16</td>
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<td>Non-confidential Mentee Letters are delivered to preparators (prior to department meeting)</td>
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<td>Departmental vote</td>
<td>October</td>
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<td>late-September</td>
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<td>Department Statement complete; dossier distributed to subcommittee members, confidential letters to T&amp;P chair</td>
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<td>Trustees' decision</td>
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The schedule for lateral hires is to be negotiated with the Committee on Tenure and Promotion

Updated 12-12-12 by SoF for T&P Comm
Procedure for Evaluating Mentors

Definitions

Mentee: Those who have worked closely with the candidate in out-of-classroom settings
  o Those who have worked in the candidate’s laboratory (both undergraduate and graduate students)
  o Post-doctoral associates
  o Graduate students
  o Advisees for senior theses and projects (Summer Scholars, etc.)
  o Those who have done plays, projects, performances under the candidate’s direction.

Still at Tufts: Those mentees who are still a student or employee at Tufts.

No Longer at Tufts: Those mentees who are no longer affiliated with Tufts as a student or employee.

Procedures

1. In consultation with the candidate, create a comprehensive list of all mentees. Use the accompanying template to document this information.
   o For tenure cases, consider the entire time the candidate has been at Tufts.
   o For promotion cases and lateral hires, consider the past five years.

2. Once the list has been created, the candidate has the right to request exclusions. In consultation with the candidate’s department, T&P will decide whether an objection should be honored and a letter not be requested.
   o All objections should be recorded in writing and accompany the spreadsheet.
   o All correspondence about the objection should become a part of the case going forward.


4. Send completed spreadsheet to the secretary of the faculty, which includes the following information:
   o Names of students
   o Still at Tufts, No Longer at Tufts, or Never at Tufts: please indicate the category
   o Level of student: indicate if the student was/is an undergraduate, M.A. candidate, Ph.D. candidate or post doc
   o Relationship to candidate, e.g., Ph.D. advisor, Senior Thesis advisor, lab director, etc.
   o Any objections? Describe briefly in an accompanying document attached to the spreadsheet. These individuals should remain on the spreadsheet whether they will be asked or not.
   o Mailing information (paper and electronic) as supplied by the Alumni Office.
   o A copy of this spreadsheet and any accompanying objections should be included as a part of the original dossier.

5. All mentees, minus any agreed upon exclusions, will be sent a request letter from the secretary of the faculty on behalf of the chair of T&P.

6. All responses go directly to the secretary of the faculty. A secure designated mailbox has been established for this purpose.

7. Letters are sorted according to the annotated spreadsheet based on whether the mentee is still at Tufts or no longer at Tufts.
   o The secretary of the faculty sends a file of letters from mentees no longer at Tufts back to the preparator. The preparator should make these letters available to the tenured members of the
department prior to the department meeting so they can be taken into account during department discussions. The candidate does not receive a copy of these letters.

- The secretary of the faculty sends a file of letters from mentees no longer at Tufts and a confidential file of letters from mentees still at Tufts to T&P and relevant administrators. (Departments and candidates will not see these letters.)

8. Once the departmental statement has been submitted, departments should destroy all hard copies and electronic versions of the letters from mentees.

- T&P and relevant administrators will have access to these letters, so there is no need for departments to maintain a copy.
Requesting Alumni Address Information for Tenure and Promotion Process

- Advancement Information Systems (AIS) will provide alumni addresses for alumni identified by professors for the purpose of providing evaluations when the professor is a candidate for tenure and/or promotion on an as requested basis.
- Department staff will send an email to dev-request@tufts.edu and request a log on to Advancement Information Systems' online request system.
  - If you obtained a login the previous year, you can skip this step.
- Once set up with an account, the staff member will access the online request system through the following website: https://ais.admin.tufts.edu/request/.
- The department staff will complete an “ad-hoc report request” form.
- In the form, the department staff will include the list of alumni names; whether they would like the mailing and/or email address information; and the name of the professor making the request.
  - Department staff members are encouraged to ask for both mailing and email address information.
- There is a 14-day turnaround on ad hoc report requests.
- Department staff will use this information to populate the spreadsheet that will become a part of the case.
A copy of this letter will be sent to mentees:

Dear >>>>>>>

As faculty members charged to evaluate the scholarship, teaching, and service of our colleagues for tenure and promotion, we would like to ask for your input.

In our evaluation of colleagues who are candidates for promotion and /or tenure, we routinely examine course evaluations and a summary of these evaluations prepared by the Education Committee of the TCU Senate or by the Graduate Student Council. Because faculty members also do a lot of teaching in small, out-of-class settings, we now also solicit letters from those who have worked closely with the candidate. Typically, this would include lab workers, post-doctoral associates, graduate students, thesis writers, advisees on projects (such as Summer Scholars, etc.,) and supervised artists who have done plays, projects, and performances under the candidate’s direction.

In a letter addressed to [insert name], chair of the Tenure and Promotion Committee, we would like you to give us your evaluation of Professor >>>>>>>’s performance as a mentor. We would be grateful if you could specifically address the following points:

- What were you doing when you knew the candidate, and what are you doing now?
- What are the strengths and/or weakness of this person as a mentor?
- What are some specific incidents or practices that illustrate your evaluation of the candidate?

Your letter will be read by the Tenure and Promotion Committee (a committee elected by the faculty) and relevant administrators. It will NOT be seen by the candidate. Letters from those individuals still at Tufts will not be seen even by members of the candidate’s department.

To maintain strict confidentiality, please send your letter to: mentoreval@tufts.edu. Do NOT send it to anyone else, including the candidate or the candidate’s department.

Your thoughtful response by [insert deadline] will be greatly appreciated. Your evaluation will help us ensure that our faculty continues to be a vibrant community of productive scholars and dedicated teachers.

Respectfully,

>>>>>>>>>>>>

Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee
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<th>Relationship to candidate?</th>
<th>Any objections from candidate?</th>
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<td>1 Professional Lane</td>
<td>Ithaca</td>
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Example of Letter to External Evaluator for Tenure Cases

Suggested Mailing Date: Late Spring

Updated on January 9, 2012 by T&P Committee

GIVE A DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THE REQUESTED LETTER

Date

Dear Professor __________________:

Tufts University is currently considering the application of Assistant Professor __________ for promotion to the rank of associate professor without limit of time. He/she has been teaching our courses in ________________ and ________________ and his/her scholarship has concerned ________________ and ________________. We would be pleased if you would agree to assist us in the evaluation of his/her candidacy.

We evaluate candidates in three general areas: scholarship, teaching, and professional and university service. We would like to have your evaluation of Assistant Professor ____________’s scholarship. In particular, please comment on the candidate’s scholarly contribution to her/his field and compare her/him to the best scholars in the broad field at roughly the same stage in their careers. Please explain whether the candidate would be competitive for tenure at your institution based on the candidate’s scholarship. In addition, please also include a sentence or two regarding your relationship to the candidate.

Average teaching responsibilities in the department are _______ courses per year, and the university places a high value on teaching. If you have information that might shed light on the candidate’s teaching abilities or service, we would appreciate your assessment of them as well.

We have enclosed a copy of the candidate’s application for promotion and tenure, which includes a list of publications and other relevant information.¹

CONSULT THE CANDIDATE AND GIVE THE CANDIDATE THE OPTION OF WHETHER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TEXT IF THE TENURE CLOCK HAS BEEN EXTENDED:

Please note that Professor ______________’s tenure clock was stopped for ________________ year(s) under Tufts’ Tenure Review Deferral Policy. Your review of Professor ______________’s candidacy for tenure should be based on a five-year [for non-mandatory tenure cases use another number] probationary period without consideration of extra time. We request that your review of the candidate be performed without prejudice to the fact that Professor ______________ had a longer probationary period.

We request a signed hard copy of this letter on your institution’s letterhead. Your letter of evaluation will be seen only by the tenured members of this department, the faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee and its subcommittee, and by those members of the university administration involved in tenure decisions. Confidentiality will be maintained to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Example of Letter to External Evaluator for Tenure Cases  
When the faculty member is recommended for promotion to full Professor, as well as tenure  

Suggested Mailing Date: Early Spring  
Updated on April 19, 2005 by the T&P Committee

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Date

Dear Professor ______________: 

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Example of Follow-up Letter to External Evaluator for Tenure Cases

Suggestion: Send a copy of your previous letter with this follow-up letter.

REMINDER OF DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THE REQUESTED LETTER

Date

Dear Professor __________________:

I am following-up on my letter of __________________ (attached) asking if you would be willing to assist us in the evaluation of Assistant Professor ____________________’s application for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, without limit of time.

We hope your answer will be yes. Please let me know (you can call me at [phone#]) if you need any further information or additional materials.

Sincerely,

Name
Title
Department
LETTERS OF EVALUATION REQUESTED FROM EXTERNAL EVALUATORS

*Use this template to create the list of external evaluators, as outlined in Step 5 of Statement 11, which is included in the dossier.

List of Potential External Evaluators (SAMPLE)

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The list should consist primarily of senior scholars in the candidate’s field from prominent research universities.

It is important that the list include enough names to ensure a yield of at least eight letters in a tenure case and at least five letters in a promotion case, a significant number of which should be from evaluators suggested by the department.
Guidelines for the Department Statement on Tenure and/or Promotion Cases

The Department Statement on tenure and promotion cases should be prepared according to the description in Statement 11:

The department prepares a statement reflecting the full range of its tenured members’ opinions as expressed in the departmental discussion, to be signed by all members of the department who took part in the discussion and vote. This statement must preserve the confidentiality of all letter writers and all participants in the discussion. The content of this statement plays a major role in subsequent deliberations. Therefore, under the circumstance that the department cannot agree on one statement that adequately reflects its discussions, it should submit two statements signed by all voting members. For tenure cases, the statement(s) must be submitted to T&P along with the complete case at least two weeks before a scheduled subcommittee meeting. For promotion-only cases, the signed statement(s) must be submitted to T&P along with the complete case before or on the second week of October. (Part 1, Section 9; for expedited lateral hires see Part 3, Section 9)

The Tenure and Promotion Committee would like to amplify this description and emphasize certain points in it, based on current practice as we have observed it. Departments should keep the following in mind:

1) The statement should state which faculty members were present at the meeting and record the department vote numerically (e.g., 12 in favor, 2 against, 0 abstaining).
2) This recorded tally may include only those votes from faculty members present for the department discussion. Opinions of absent faculty members may be read at the discussion, but those faculty members may not vote and must not sign the department statement.
3) The statement should be drafted only after the department discussion and should reflect only what was said at the meeting.
4) The statement should reflect any substantial disagreements expressed during the meeting and not just the opinion of the majority.
5) Great care should be taken in the writing of the statement not to reveal the identity either of the individual discussants or of the external letter-writers, who should never be referred to by name or be identifiable from any other information.
6) The departmental discussion (and the departmental statement) should be organized under the three headings of research, teaching (including advising and mentoring) and service.

The opening of the statement might follow a form like the following:

To: The AS&E Tenure and Promotion Committee
From: The Department of Procedural Perfection
Re: The tenure and promotion case of Assistant Professor Hosea Ballou
Date: October 12, 2013

On the 22nd of September, 2013, the senior members of the Department of Theology met to discuss the tenure and promotion case of Assistant Professor Hosea Ballou. All senior members (Professors Eaton, Olin, West and Curtis and Associate Professors Barnum, Tisch, Braker and Aidekman) were present for the meeting except for Professor Sarah Smith, who was on leave and abroad. Professor Smith sent her opinion of the case by email, which the chair read aloud, but, because she was not able to take part in the discussion, her vote was not counted as part of the department's tally. After a thorough discussion of the required documents described in Statement 11, those present voted to support Professor Ballou's promotion to the rank of Associate Professor without limit of time by a vote of 5 in favor, 3 against, 0 abstentions.

The following statement represents the discussion of 9/22/13, and it is organized under the headings of research, teaching and service.
ROLE OF OUTSIDE EXPERT AND STRUCTURE OF EXTERNAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Document composed by the Tenure and Promotion Committee, September 19, 2007

In the interest of uniformity and fairness in the conduct of the external subcommittee meeting, the Tenure and Promotion Committee (T&P from here on) is sharing with department chairs and preparators the following guidelines. The external subcommittee meeting is attended by two department representatives, the outside expert and two representatives of T&P, one of whom has been designated as its chair by the chair of T&P.

As stipulated by Statement 11, the outside expert is chosen from a list of scholars who are qualified to serve as external evaluators on the tenure or promotion case. However, unlike those who are asked to write letters, the outside expert is specifically not asked to do so. Instead, he/she acts as adviser to the university, through participating in the external subcommittee meeting and in reviewing the Subcommittee Report. Most certainly, the outside expert is not expected to serve as an advocate for the candidate.

The subcommittee meeting starts with the chair explaining its purpose: to promote accurate communication of the case from the department level and the outside expert to the full T&P Committee. It is a fact-finding and not a deliberative meeting, and no vote is taken. The outside expert contributes by providing an interpretation of the candidate’s scholarship and an evaluation of the outside letters. The proceedings of this meeting are confidential and not shared with the candidate or any other persons (including other members of the department) other than the external subcommittee members, the T&P Committee, and those Tufts administrators charged with evaluating the case.

A report of the meeting will be drafted from the notes of the two T&P subcommittee members and circulated for approval and signature by all present as an accurate representation of this meeting. The report will include only points made in the discussion and will not summarize the case as a whole. The subcommittee report is not finalized until it has been approved by all members of the subcommittee. At the conclusion of this meeting, any member of the external subcommittee may request a meeting of the subcommittee with the full T&P Committee if he/she feels that the case cannot be represented effectively by a written report.

The following steps explain the role of the outside expert through outlining the structure of the meeting.

1. The outside expert explains his/her area of specialization.
2. The outside expert explains his/her relationship with the candidate.
3. The outside expert is asked about the field of the candidate’s research and significance of his/her work.
4. The outside expert reviews the candidate’s publications, explains the most important contributions and characterizes the candidate’s productivity and the quality of his/her intellectual contribution.
5. The outside expert reviews the candidate’s grant activity.
6. The outside expert comments on the External Evaluator Letters, including the qualifications and suitability of the external evaluators and whether any particularly appropriate scholars might have been left out.
7. The outside expert is asked to comment on the candidate’s future scholarly potential, rank the candidate against his/her cohort on the quality of scholarly work, and comment on his/her quality of mind.
8. The outside expert is asked to evaluate the Department Statement.
Initial Contact with the Outside Expert

The first contact with the outside expert should be by phone.

This simplifies planning, and additionally, it is more difficult for the individual approached to say no when they are actually speaking to a person rather than responding to an e-mail. It is important to identify the outside expert early and confirm their availability for the proposed time of the external subcommittee meeting (November/December for tenure and promotion cases).

The next document is the sample letter once the person agrees to serve.
Example of Letter to Outside Expert re: Subcommittee Meeting

Dear Professor___________

Thank you for agreeing to service as the outside expert on the upcoming tenure and promotion subcommittee meeting for Assistant Professor___________. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of what to expect from the subcommittee meeting to help you prepare for your participation.

1) The T & P subcommittee has 4 members in addition to yourself: 2 faculty members from the candidate’s department and 2 faculty members from the Tenure and Promotion Committee, one of whom will chair the meeting.

2) Subcommittee meetings generally last from 3-4 hours, but sometimes last longer. The subcommittee meeting cannot proceed unless all members are present.

3) The majority of the questions at the meeting will be soliciting information from you. We will ask you the following:

   a) To describe your relationship with the candidate.
   b) To describe the candidate’s scholarship; the field and/or sub-field and its significance.
   c) To review the candidate’s publications and comment on the stature of the journals and/or publishers.
   d) To review the External Evaluator Letters and comment on the position of the letter writer within the field. In addition, we may ask your help in interpreting aspects of each letter.
   e) To compare the candidate to the candidate’s cohort in the field.
   f) To provide your professional opinion of the candidate’s scholarly work and future potential.

4) The meeting will then turn to the department representatives who will be asked to comment on the candidate’s scholarship, teaching and service.

There is no vote taken at the subcommittee meeting as its purpose is only to gather and interpret the relevant information.

A report of the subcommittee meeting will be circulated to all subcommittee members. They will be asked to edit and then sign the final version. Only that which is discussed in the meeting can be included in the report. Therefore, no new information can be added after the meeting.

The report and the proceedings of the meeting are strictly confidential.

The Subcommittee Report will go to the full Tenure and Promotion Committee and then to the relevant members of the Tufts administration. It does not go to the candidate.

Again, thank you for agreeing to participate in this important process.

Yours truly,

P.S. An honorarium of $700 plus all travel-related expenses will be paid by Tufts University.
EXAMPLE OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO OUTSIDE EXPERT

Tenure and Promotion Subcommittee Meeting

Candidate: Joseph Smart

Department: Physics
Date:

Subcommittee:

Outside Expert: Thomas Noezitall, Professor
Department of Physics
University of Lower Slobovia

Physics Department: Jane Thinker, Professor
Ralph Reason, Associate Professor

Tenure & Promotion Committee: Steven Nevets, Associate Professor,
Biology Dept., Subcommittee Chair
Nancy Enivel, Professor, Math Dept.

Preliminaries

The purpose of this subcommittee meeting is to promote accurate communication of the case from the department level and the outside expert to the full T&P Committee. No vote is to be taken. The proceedings of this meeting are confidential and not shared with the candidate or any other persons other than the subcommittee members, the T&P Committee, and those Tufts administrators charged with evaluating the case.

A report of the meeting will be drafted from the notes of the two T&P subcommittee members and circulated for approval and signature by all present as an accurate representation of this meeting. The report will include only points made in this discussion and will not summarize the case as a whole. At the conclusion of this meeting any member of the subcommittee may request a meeting of the subcommittee with the full T&P Committee.

1. The Outside Expert

   1. Relationship with the candidate.
   2. The field and sub-field of the candidate’s research.
   3. The significance of the candidate’s scholarship and its contribution to the discipline.
   4. Review and assessment of the candidate’s publications.
   5. Review of the candidate’s other scholarly works.
   7. Professional assessment of the candidate and future scholarly potential.
   8. Rank the candidate against cohorts on quality of scholarly work.
   9. Assess grant activity.

II. Departmental Representatives

A. Scholarship

   1. Review department’s assessment of the candidate’s scholarship
   2. Discuss any areas of disagreement among department reviewers
   3. Compare the candidate with others in the department at same level, other recent candidates, etc.
B. Teaching
1. Department assessment
2. Student evaluations
3. Number, variety, and enrollments of courses taught
4. Letters on teaching

C. Service
1. Departmental
2. University
3. Professional (organizations, officer, editor, etc.)
4. Other (community/state/national/civic)

III. Question: Does anyone request a meeting of the subcommittee with the full T&P Committee?
Sample of permission slip to be given to TCU Senator prior to reading student evaluations

DEPARTMENT OF _______________________________

CONTACT: ________________________________________

DUE DATE: _________________________________

Permission to Review Student Course Evaluations

I understand that in reviewing student course evaluations in the Department of ______________________________ for the Tenure and Promotion Committee, I am participating in a confidential procedure. I agree not to violate that confidentiality. I also understand that the course evaluations should be read in the department and under no circumstances removed from the department.

Signature: ________________________________________

Please Print

Name: ________________________________________

Local Address: ________________________________________

Local Telephone: ________________________________________

Date: ________________________________________

Case Being Reviewed: ________________________________________
STATEMENT #1
(Issued 1970, revised May 8, 1989)

The criteria for awards of tenure and/or promotion are in general terms familiar to all: quality of mind, creativity, scholarship, teaching effectiveness, and contributions to the university and the profession. The Committee looks for evidence of excellence in all of these areas in every candidate, but does not apply a rigid formula.

We expect evidence of excellence in scholarship in all tenure and in all promotion cases. In tenure cases, clear promise of continued productive scholarship is particularly important. Cases involving promotion of previously tenured faculty should confirm that initial promise is being realized and that the candidate has achieved substantial professional recognition. The quality of the scholarship is traditionally judged by one’s peers through published works. Papers read at meetings of learned societies, lectures to knowledgeable public groups, and participation in colloquia or panel discussions at one’s own or other universities may also be given consideration. Creative works—literary, artistic, engineering, and other professional—are further kinds of evidence for the judgement of quality of mind.

We look for excellent teaching and advising. Innovative teaching in all areas is valued. We hold that research is directly and indirectly related to quality and substance of teaching and believe that creative engagement in new developments within the field is essential. Among the criteria used are student evaluations, peer assessments, and other appropriate measures. Unless a teacher is renewed intellectually, a high quality of teaching cannot be maintained.

Participation in the academic community is also part of the normal expected responsibilities of a Tufts professor. The quality of this kind of activity constitutes part of an individual’s credentials, as does the role an individual plays in the wider community. In the area of service, the Committee does distinguish between tenure and promotion-only cases. In promotion-only cases, we expect a solid record and commitment to university and professional life. Our expectations are less in tenure cases, but we always look for demonstrated capacity to serve and quality of service.
During the first six years of its existence, this Committee issued seven Statements to inform the Faculty of its standards and procedures. For the last five years, no such statement has seemed necessary, largely because the changes in its emphasis have been imperceptible, despite membership turnover. In this interval, other committees have discussed our standards and procedures. For example, the Executive Committee of the Tufts Chapter of the A.A.U.P. periodically distributes to new faculty its memorandum of 20 December 1976 “Policies and Practices Regarding Tenure of Arts and Sciences.” Last year, Dean Harleston named an Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure Policies whose report has been discussed by the Faculty at several of its meetings and some of the recommendations therein have been voted. With so much opportunity for change, and with the suspicion at large that change has occurred, it is important for us to specify all of the differences we detect.

When the Faculty and Trustees adopted the Bylaw creating this Committee, at the end of its first year, they believed (c.f. Statement #1): "...to be eligible for promotion no minimum length of service is required in any academic rank."* While that policy has not always held over the years, it is once again our policy. We will consider promotion to Associate Professor with tenure for a faculty member who is not yet in the sixth probationary year. We will consider initial appointments at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor with tenure. We do not encourage premature review, but, in some cases, a department must act to protect a valued colleague from the blandishments of other schools or private industry. When an individual consents to an early review, he or she can be assured that the length of the probationary period, while known to the Committee, will be neither an asset nor a liability in its eyes. The Department should be reminded that if it presents a weak case for early review, it risks a rejection by the Committee (and subsequent reviewers) which would not "protect" the individual in question and might prejudice a future review.

The same can be said, but with much less force, for promotions from Associate Professor to Professor. We have, on occasions in the past, tabled consideration of a case we felt was premature. While this has some of the negative aspects of a rejection, it should encourage the candidate to complete any work in progress so that a stronger case can be made. If the case can be reopened within a year, no new application is required.

In the very next statement of this Committee, there was a hint that tenure quotas, by department, would guide the application of criteria. Today we have no quotas. We do make our decisions on tenure late in the fall semester (almost never) or early in the spring semester (not so very early). By voting on the candidacies at one sitting, we reduce the risk of rejecting a candidate whose case is stronger than one we recommend. However, we do not consciously adjust our standards to fit the current candidates. Rather, we attempt to apply relatively constant standards from year-to-year.

Another rumor which we would like to put to rest is that teaching and service do not, in fact, count. One may argue in some cases that they do not count for much, but the fact is that they do, in some cases, count for a great deal. Service is, perhaps, seldom decisive and scholarship is, clearly, often decisive, but we feel you do your younger colleagues a disservice if you oversimplify our criteria, which is the same as outlined in Statement #1 of the Committee which was distributed to the faculty in 1970 and is included here for your reference.

Members of the Committee:
T.J. Anderson (Music)
M. Loutfi (Romance Languages)
Z. Luria (Psychology)
J. Schlesinger (Mathematics)
L. Shaffer (History)
P. Hill (Engineering Design)
Chairman

*This reference is to an earlier version of Statement #1
STATEMENT #12
March 30, 2005

The general criteria for the award of tenure and promotion are well known and have not changed since the publication of Statement #1 (1970, revised 1989; see excerpts below). Nevertheless the Tenure and Promotion Committee has found it useful to issue occasional clarifications. This is such a statement. It does not represent any change in policy.

The Committee reiterates that recommendations for tenure and promotion are based on an overall evaluation of the candidate’s scholarship, teaching and service, with the long-term goal of steadily improving the quality of the faculty. We emphasize that there is no objective minimum standard of scholarly productivity that entitles a candidate to a positive recommendation, and that teaching and service are given serious consideration, as reaffirmed in Statement #8 (1981; see excerpt below).

In evaluating teaching, the Committee welcomes evidence beyond the results of student evaluations, including examples of creative pedagogy, supervision of students in individual research, evidence of dedication to and enthusiasm for teaching, and comments from fellow faculty who are familiar with the candidate’s teaching.

In evaluating scholarship, the Committee looks for evidence of a history and promise of consistent, independent and significant scholarly accomplishment. It is helpful if the candidate’s application and the Department’s subsequent statement provide explicit evidence of such accomplishment, with attention to such issues as:

- Scholarly works in relation to time. While the totality of the candidate’s scholarly works will be considered, the period of primary interest will usually be the time since appointment to Tufts University or last promotion at Tufts University. For lateral hires or promotion cases soon after tenure, consideration of works over a longer period may be more appropriate. Periods during which the tenure clock is stopped will not be included.

- Forms of scholarship. Disciplines vary in their expectations regarding forms of scholarly output (e.g. books, journal articles, translations, artistic works). In all cases the Department’s statement should clarify those expectations.

- Evidence of scholarly contributions distinct from those of mentors and collaborators. In many fields collaboration is highly valued and frequently indispensable, and the ability to establish fruitful collaborations with excellent colleagues is viewed positively. In such cases, however, it is important that the individual contributions of the candidate be clearly explained and demonstrated.

- Significant contributions to the candidate’s field of study. The letters solicited from outside referees provide an indispensable measure of the candidate’s scholarly impact. It is therefore of the greatest importance that letters be obtained from a cross section of distinguished colleagues in the candidate’s field. It is equally important that the letters provide as informed and independent an evaluation of the candidate as possible.

George Norman, Economics Chair
Madeline H. Caviness, Art and Art History
Klaus A. Miczek, Psychology

Susan A. Ostrander, Sociology
Roger G. Tobin, Physics
Richard Vogel, Civil and Environmental Engineering
STATEMENT #11 Tenure and Promotion Process, 2013-2014

Before beginning the process described below, prospective candidates and preparators should familiarize themselves with university and school policies on tenure described in the Statement on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Retirement (http://provost.tufts.edu/policies/academic-freedom-tenure-retirement/) and Chapter 4 of the Arts, Sciences and Engineering Faculty Handbook (http://ase.tufts.edu/faculty/handbook/tenure/index.htm).

GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR TENURE AND PROMOTION

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The following sequence of steps summarizes the application and review procedures for tenure and promotion. Article IV, Section 2 of “The Bylaws of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences and Engineering,” states the rules for the faculty concerning the operation of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion (T&P). Additional practices, which are consistent with the bylaws, have been recommended by vote of the faculty or have been established by the committee in order to carry out its functions. These procedures, designed to ensure that every case is treated equitably, represent guidelines to be followed in each case. Exceptions to these guidelines, made to meet unusual circumstances, must be made in consultation with the T&P Committee.

Calendar

In mandatory tenure cases for present Tufts faculty members, the process begins on March 1, when the candidate meets with the preparator to review the application
requirements. All candidates and preparators should refer to the detailed timetable for the various steps to be completed, which is included in the preparators’ packet.

In promotion-only and non-mandatory tenure cases, the candidate should declare his/her intention to apply in writing to the chair of T&P (with a copy to the appropriate dean) by March 1. At the request of the appropriate dean, the calendar for such cases may be negotiated with T&P.

The department should meet to discuss tenure and promotion cases early in the fall semester. Since the T&P Committee normally discusses promotion cases first, all case materials for promotion cases should be delivered to the appropriate individuals listed in Step 12 by the second week of October.

For promotion-only cases within an interdisciplinary program, see Part 2.

For lateral hires, the calendar may be negotiated with T&P. If due to late notification, the elected T&P Committee cannot review the case within the usual time frame, the chair of T&P, in consultation with the chair of the Committee on Committees, will form a 6-member ad-hoc committee, consisting of available present members of T&P supplemented, if necessary, by former T&P members (from the past five years) to review the case, following all requirements in the bylaws and this statement. For additional information regarding lateral hires, see Parts 3 and 4.

**Procedures for Tenure and Promotion**

The procedures detailed below are divided into four parts, which correspond to the four different kinds of cases. Part 1 pertains to all internal tenure and/or promotion cases, with the exception of cases in interdisciplinary programs, which is covered in Part 2. Lateral hires are covered in Part 3 (expedited) and Part 4 (non-expedited).

**Part 1: Standard Tenure and Promotion Procedures**

1. A preparator is designated by the department from the ranks of the tenured faculty. The preparator and the department chair will manage the application process on the department’s behalf.

   The candidate and the preparator together review the materials forwarded to the candidate by the Secretary of the Faculty, including the Bylaws of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion (Article IV, Section 2 c) and this statement.
2. The candidate and the preparator prepare an application for tenure and/or promotion. If a candidate facing a mandatory tenure review decides not to apply for tenure, he or she must notify the appropriate dean in writing by June 1. If a candidate for tenure or for promotion-only wishes to withdraw the application after it has been submitted to T&P, the candidate must notify the T&P Committee and the appropriate dean in writing before the Board of Trustees makes its final decision on the case.

3. The Secretary of the Faculty provides the chair of the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate Education Committee with a list of all candidates to be reviewed during the coming academic year. This chair arranges for a TCU senator to review and summarize the written commentary and statistical data on the candidate's teaching but not to render a recommendation for or against tenure or promotion. The data, but not the mentee letters, are made available to the senator by the candidate’s department. The senator provides the department – if possible before the department meeting – with a written report signed by the chair of the Education Committee of the TCU Senate, which becomes part of the record. The candidate receives a copy of this report with its author’s name redacted. In the case of candidates who teach only graduate courses, the teaching record is reviewed by a representative of the Graduate Student Council (GSC).

4. It is the department’s responsibility to prepare a summary of the candidate’s teaching, including the following materials:

   a.) A tabular summary of the average rating for questions 8 (overall rating of the professor) and 15 (overall rating of the course) for each course the candidate has taught at Tufts, or for the past five years in promotion-only cases. The table should include course title and number; semester and year; enrollment; number of students who filled out the evaluation; averages for questions 8 and 15. The statement should also provide averages from other faculty teaching those same courses when the scores are available.

   b.) Accompanying the tabular summary of the candidate’s teaching, the department should also prepare a narrative statement that provides relevant information on the following: the teaching load of the candidate vis-à-vis the department; reasons for reduced or expanded teaching responsibilities, such as grants, released time, leave of absence, etc.; and types of teaching (required vs. elective courses, labs, recitations, undergraduate vs. graduate courses, co-teaching, teaching in other programs). One copy of the full set of teaching evaluations for the candidate should be included in the original case sent to the Secretary of the Faculty (see step 12(h) below).

5. With the help of the department, the candidate prepares an annotated table of all closely mentored individuals with whom he or she has worked either in one-on-one or
small-group settings, e.g., Ph.D. advisees, master’s thesis advisees, senior honors thesis advisees, Summer Scholars, lab and research collaborators, participants in directed performances and creative projects, and so on. The candidate should annotate this list by indicating whether the mentee is currently at Tufts, was previously at Tufts, or was never at Tufts. The candidate may also lodge any objections to soliciting a letter from a particular mentee. These comments should be included with this list, which becomes a part of the case going forward. In consultation with the candidate’s department, T&P will decide whether an objection should be honored and a letter not be solicited.

The department administrator is responsible for finding contact information for each mentee. Once the table is complete, it should be submitted to the Secretary of the Faculty, who will send out letters requesting evaluations of the candidate and organize the letters as they are received. Letters from mentees no longer at Tufts or who were never at Tufts will be sent to the candidate’s department for their consideration prior to the department meeting. Only T&P and relevant administrators will see letters from mentees who are still at Tufts. Any mentee who is not currently or who never was at Tufts, upon request, may also be granted confidentiality from the candidate’s department.

6. External evaluation of a candidate’s scholarly contributions is an important component of the tenure and promotion process. To this end, the department will ultimately be responsible for compiling and forwarding a list of suitable external evaluators for a given case to the T&P Committee for consideration, keeping in mind the process outlined below. The list should include names of evaluators who can objectively assess the quality of the candidate’s research while outlining the candidate’s individual contributions to the discipline. The majority of the names on the list must be individuals with whom the candidate has had no more than an arm’s length relationship and who can provide an objective assessment of the candidate’s scholarly contributions. There must be no perception of a connection that might compromise the objectivity of the letter. Evaluators may not be people who have a personal stake in the candidate’s career, such as close mentors, dissertation advisors or colleagues who within the last seven years have taught in the same department as the candidate, collaborated on a grant, or co-authored publications.

The process for designing the list and, in tenure cases, choosing an outside expert for the External Subcommittee, is as follows.

a.) The candidate and the department independently produce lists of external evaluators who could provide an objective evaluation of the candidate’s scholarship, creative works and other professional activities. These lists should consist primarily of senior scholars in the candidate’s field from prominent research universities. In
some cases, scholars at colleges and experts from other institutions are appropriate. The letters should represent a wide range of institutions in the United States and, where relevant, abroad. Departments are encouraged to secure the participation of all tenured members, including those on leave, in this and all subsequent deliberations.

From these lists, the department prepares and forwards to the Tenure and Promotion Committee a single list of potential external evaluators from whom to solicit letters (see (e) below). This list (hereafter called “List of External Evaluators”) should include enough names to achieve a yield of, ideally, at least eight External Letters in a tenure case and at least five External Letters in a promotion case. The format for this list should follow that of the template provided in the preparator’s packet.

The List of External Evaluators should:

i.) label each name as having been selected by the candidate, the department or both. The list should be constructed so that at least half of the names were suggested either by the department alone or independently by both the department and the candidate;

ii.) provide the institution, department, rank, research specialization and specific qualifications of each external evaluator;

iii.) provide a description of the candidate’s personal and professional relationship to each external evaluator.

An electronic record of all communications between the preparator, the chair and the candidate pertaining to the preparation of the list of external reviewers must be included on the CD or other designated electronic medium (see 12(f)).

If the candidate holds a joint or adjunct appointment in another department or program within the university, the candidate and the preparator or chair will consult with the appropriate dean and the chair of T&P to determine if a mechanism is necessary to assure an appropriate review of the candidate’s contributions to the university.

b.) For tenure cases, the department chooses from this list an outside expert to serve on the External Subcommittee. The choice should be made in consultation with the candidate. Keep in mind that the T&P Committee expects this person to be a knowledgeable, objective scholar who can comment on the External Letters. Unlike the other external evaluators, this outside expert should not be asked to write a letter of evaluation, but will serve instead as an impartial interpreter of the case. The outside expert should not have a close personal or professional relationship with the candidate.
c.) The preparator must consult with the chair of T&P to finalize the list of external evaluators and the choice of the outside expert. The candidate’s CV must accompany the proposed list (see (a)) that is forwarded to T&P. T&P will work with the departments to produce a mutually agreeable list of External Letters. The approved list and, in tenure cases, the name of the outside expert, will be given to the candidate. If the candidate objects to any of the department’s choices, the candidate may submit written objections to T&P, which are included in the internal administrative record (not sent to external evaluators or outside expert). The department is not required to make changes in response to the candidate’s objections to the list. If any changes are made, the list must be resubmitted to T&P for consultation.

d.) If deemed useful, the department may request additional letters – over and above the External Letters – from other evaluators, some of whom may be close collaborators with the candidate, colleagues, administrators at Tufts, or others. These letters will be treated as a separate category, hereafter called “Additional Letters,” which need not be vetted by T&P. However, prior to requesting Additional Letters, the department must notify candidates of the identity of these letter writers. Candidates can lodge a written objection to the chair of T&P, which will become a part of the case going forward. These letters should be directed to the chair of T&P and sent to the Secretary of the Faculty.

Also in the category of Additional Letters are letters not formally requested by the department. They could be prompted by the candidate or members of the candidate’s department, or arrive without any prompts (strictly unsolicited). These letters should be included in the dossier of the case.

e.) If the candidate’s department is in receipt of unrequested Additional Letters, the department must notify the candidate of the author of the letter within a week of its receipt, keeping the content confidential. If the candidate wishes to submit an objection, this must be done within a week of notification. Both the letter and any objection will be included in the internal administrative record (not sent to external evaluators or outside expert). If the Secretary of the Faculty is in receipt of such a letter, the same protocol applies.

7. The preparator solicits a confidential written evaluation of the candidate's scholarly work from the external evaluators on this list using a standard letter; a template for this letter may be found in the preparator's packet. Prior to sending out the formal letter of solicitation, the preparator may make initial contact with potential referees by phone or e-mail. Care must be taken in all contact with potential evaluators not to use language that might prejudice the objectivity of the reviews. As per 12(f), all written communication becomes part of the permanent record.
Those who agree to serve as external evaluators should be sent the candidate's application and CV and be provided with enough material to allow assessment of the candidate's scholarship. All evaluators should receive the same materials. The objective of the external letters is to obtain an accurate assessment of how the candidate and the candidate’s research are perceived by leaders in the field. In a case where the candidate has stopped his/her tenure clock, the preparator consults with the candidate concerning whether the standard letter will include language, as provided in the preparator’s packet, to guide external evaluators consistent with university policy. Such language will be included only with the approval of the candidate. If, in the opinion of a majority of the tenured members of the department, a candidate for tenure who holds the position of assistant professor has an exceptional record of scholarship, teaching, and service, the external evaluators can be asked to assess the candidate’s potential for direct promotion to professor.

8. After examining the opinions of the external evaluators and assessing the candidate’s scholarship, teaching, and service, all tenured members of the department meet to discuss and vote on a recommendation of tenure and/or promotion for the candidate. In those exceptional cases where the department has sought an assessment of the potential for direct promotion of a candidate for associate professor to professor there must be two votes: the first on tenure and promotion to associate professor and the second on promotion to professor. All votes must be taken by secret ballot. The numerical vote(s) must be reported in the Department Statement. Only department members who were present at the meeting(s) may vote. In cases where the provost or a dean who participates formally in the tenure process at the administrative level is a tenured member of the same department as the candidate, he or she will participate in neither the department discussion nor the department vote. In cases where a member of T&P belongs to a department with a tenure and/or promotion case, that member participates in the departmental discussion and vote(s) but recuses him or herself from the T&P committee discussion and vote.

In tenure cases, after the vote the tenured members of the department select two members to serve on the External Subcommittee. The department informs the candidate of this choice by letter or e-mail. The candidate has a right to object to the choice of the department members on the subcommittee, but the department is not obligated to make a substitution. The candidate’s objection may be filed in writing with the department, or confidentially with T&P, and becomes part of the administrative case going forward. If the department has fewer than two tenured members, T&P will direct the dean to work with the department chair to find a suitable substitute or substitutes to serve on the External Subcommittee.
If the department vote is not unanimous, T&P will expect the reasons to be explained in the Departmental Statement(s) (step 9 below). Department subcommittee members should represent the full range of opinions addressed in the Department Statement(s). For this reason the department subcommittee members should not be appointed before the department meeting, and the subcommittee meeting should be scheduled with this requirement in mind.

9. The department prepares a statement reflecting the full range of its tenured members’ opinions as expressed in the departmental discussion, to be signed by all members of the department who took part in the discussion and vote. The Department Statement(s) must preserve the confidentiality of all letter writers and all participants in the discussion. The content of this statement plays a major role in subsequent deliberations. Therefore, under the circumstance that the department cannot agree on one statement that adequately reflects its discussions, it should submit two statements signed by all voting members. For tenure cases, the statement(s) must be submitted to T&P along with the complete case at least two weeks before a scheduled subcommittee meeting. For promotion-only cases, the signed statement(s) must be submitted to T&P along with the complete case before or on the second week of October.

10. The department makes its statement(s) and an alphabetized list of all signers available to the candidate as soon as these are ready. The candidate must acknowledge receipt of the statement in a written response addressed to the chair of T&P (on departmental letterhead with an original signature) and sent in care of the Secretary of the Faculty, within two weeks of receipt. This response becomes part of the administrative case going forward.

11. The chair of T&P informs the candidate, the candidate’s department chair, and the preparator via e-mail which two members of T&P will serve on the External Subcommittee for his or her tenure case or on the Internal Subcommittee for promotion-only cases. The External Subcommittee consists of the outside expert, the two representatives from the department chosen after the department vote, and two T&P members. The Internal Subcommittee, for promotion-only and for expedited lateral hire cases, consists of two members of T&P. The subcommittee is chaired by one of the two members from T&P.

12. The dossier assembled by the department for each case should contain the following materials:

a.) The candidate's Application for consideration by the Committee on Tenure and Promotion, signed by the candidate;
b.) A current CV which includes publications categorized according to 1) refereed or non-refereed status, and 2) type, e.g., book, book chapter, articles, reviews, and so forth (Note: the bibliography and professional activities in the CV and Application should be identical);

c.) Reprints and other evidence of the candidate's scholarly and creative work (these should be the same works sent to external evaluators);

d.) Letters from external evaluators and a sample of the letters sent to them;

e.) A complete table of all considered external evaluators, indicating which names were supplied exclusively by the candidate, exclusively by the department, and by both candidate and department; which potential external evaluators were contacted and which were not; and the responses;

f.) An electronic record of all correspondence, including e-mail, with potential external evaluators, and all correspondence pertaining to the case, including email between the department chair and the candidate and between the preparator and the candidate. One hard copy of the correspondence should be included in the original case sent to the Secretary of the Faculty. This correspondence should not be included in the packet sent to the outside expert.

g.) The Department Statement(s) pertaining to the candidate's scholarship and other work, teaching, and service;

h.) The Department Summary of Teaching, including items (a) and (b) listed in step 4 above;

i.) A table with information on mentees as described in step 5 above together with particulars regarding relationship with candidate and comments by the candidate if appropriate;

j.) The TCU Senate Education Committee or GSC (for graduate only departments) Summary, if available;

k.) Any Additional Letters (as defined in step 6(c)) received by the department;

l.) A CV of the outside expert in tenure cases (not to be included in the outside expert’s packet).

The department delivers paper copies of the dossier containing the above materials (excluding the electronic record of all correspondence described in (f) and course
evaluations described in 4(b)) directly to each of the members of the appropriate subcommittee. In tenure cases this includes the two T&P members, the two department representatives, and the outside expert; in promotion-only cases this includes only the two members of T&P.

In addition, the following information must also be delivered to the Secretary of the Faculty:

i. The original of the dossier, including all signed letters, the electronic record of correspondence as described in (f) above, and one copy of the full set of course evaluations as per step 4(b) above, and;

ii. One paper copy of the dossier; and

iii. One electronic version of the dossier in PDF format.

In cases in which an external subcommittee meeting is to take place, this dossier must be delivered at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting. In promotion-only cases, it should be delivered by the 2nd week of October.

Updates to the dossier can be submitted to T&P up until the committee votes on the case.

13. The bylaws require that each tenured member of the candidate’s department write a confidential letter addressed to the chair of T&P but sent to the Secretary of the Faculty even if the tenured faculty member did not participate in the department meeting. The bylaws permit but do not require such a letter as well from non-tenured members. All such letters must be signed on departmental letterhead. Email is not acceptable. These letters, and any other letters not already in the file, should be sent to T&P within two weeks after the Department Statement is signed. The candidate should be notified of the existence of all letters from non-tenured members by the Secretary of the Faculty on behalf of the T&P Committee, and this should be done in sufficient time to permit written objections from the candidate to be considered prior to relevant actions by the committee. All letters become a part of the case going forward. Letters, including those from students and other mentees, will be kept secure and confidential by the Secretary of the Faculty and will be destroyed after three years, unless otherwise required by law. In cases that did not lead to tenure or promotion, all of the case materials, including letters, are kept for 12 years and then destroyed.

No additional letters or communications of any sort received after the final vote of the T&P Committee will be considered by T&P as a part of the case.
14. For tenure cases, the preparator or chair consults with T&P subcommittee members and the outside expert immediately after the department vote to schedule a time and place for the subcommittee meeting. At this meeting, the External Subcommittee reviews and discusses all of the evidence presented in a candidate's case. The subcommittee does not vote on the qualifications of the candidate. Before the end of this meeting, any single member of the subcommittee can request that the subcommittee meet with the full T&P Committee for further deliberations. Following the external subcommittee meeting, or the larger meeting if one is requested, the subcommittee chair will prepare a written report that details the discussions and findings of the meeting(s). The deliberations and the written report of the subcommittee are confidential and only available to the T&P Committee and the administration (not to be seen by the candidate or the department). When the Subcommittee Report is approved as accurate and signed by all members of the subcommittee, it is sent to the Secretary of the Faculty and becomes a permanent part of the case going forward.

For promotion cases, which have no external subcommittee meeting, internal subcommittee members will review and discuss all the evidence presented in a candidate’s case with the full T&P Committee, whose members will also be familiar with the case. No written report is produced.

15. If T&P requires the advice of additional external evaluators (including, if deemed useful, research collaborators of the candidate), Tufts faculty members, and/or mentees, the T&P Committee will inform the candidate, the department chair and preparator of the names of all additional external evaluators. This should be done in sufficient time to permit written objections from the candidate to be considered prior to relevant actions by the committee. Letters thus received by the committee, along with any objections filed by the candidate, will be forwarded to the administration as part of the case.

In addition, on behalf of the committee, the Secretary of the Faculty will notify the candidate of any unsolicited written communications that come directly to the committee.

16. T&P discusses the case, and its members vote on a recommendation for or against tenure and/or promotion. In cases where a T&P member is from the same department as a candidate, that member will not participate in the tenure and promotion proceedings in any way other than as a member of the department. Prior to taking a final vote, T&P meets with members of the administration to discuss the merits of the case.
17. Prior to making its recommendation to the administration, if T&P fails to support or divides equally on a recommendation of a candidate who was supported by two-thirds or more of the members of the department who voted, then T&P must meet with the preparator, the department chair (if different from the preparator) and, in the case of tenure cases, with department subcommittee members. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the position of the committee (while respecting the confidentiality of all participants) and to hear any comments from the department.

18. T&P transmits its vote and its findings in writing by letter to the appropriate dean. At the same time, the chair of T&P reports the committee’s vote in writing to the candidate and the candidate’s department chair and the preparator.

19. If the administration fails to support the recommendation of T&P, then the president of the university or his/her designee meets with T&P prior to any further action.

20. In a non-mandatory tenure or promotion-only case, T&P may choose to table a case. The chair of T&P will report such a recommendation in writing to the candidate, department chair and preparator. If the candidate rejects the recommendation to table, the candidate must inform the chair of T&P in writing within two weeks of receiving T&P’s recommendation. In that event, T&P will vote on the case according to the usual procedures described in this document. Otherwise, the case is tabled, without prejudice, and no vote is taken. The decision to table is reported to the appropriate dean, and the Secretary of the Faculty retains all case materials for one year.

21. A tabled promotion-only case may be reconsidered only upon the request of the candidate, which must be submitted in writing to the chair of T&P in accordance with the standard calendar. A tabled non-mandatory tenure case may be reconsidered upon the written request of the candidate if it remains non-mandatory or it must be reconsidered once it becomes mandatory, unless the candidate withdraws the case as per step 2. If the case is reconsidered the following year, the case materials of the tabled case are used, but the candidate and department may provide updated information. The chair of T&P should be consulted well in advance if there is a substantial amount of new material, under which circumstances it may be preferable for the candidate to file a new application. If a case has been tabled for more than one year, a new application must be filed to ensure the currency of all submitted materials. T&P may not table the case a second time.

22. When a new application is filed in a previously tabled case, the sequence of steps described in this statement, including the timetable, must be followed in detail, unless otherwise approved by T&P.
23. When steps 1-19 have been completed, the deans of the School of Arts and Sciences or the dean of the School of Engineering, the provost, and the president consider the matter. A recommendation is then sent to the Board of Trustees. Tenure and promotion become official only through trustee action. This action is reported by the Office of the Provost, via e-mail to the appropriate dean. The dean communicates with the candidate's department chair, who then communicates with the candidate. In addition, a letter notifying the candidate of the trustee decision is sent from the appropriate dean as soon as possible after the trustee vote. The Secretary of the Faculty notifies the chair of T&P.

Part 2: Promotion within an Interdisciplinary Program

Promotion-only within an interdisciplinary program is available for tenured associate professors with the following stipulations:

1. The interdisciplinary program for which promotion is being sought must offer a major;
2. Such promotion will be reviewed by T&P according to the standards of scholarship, teaching, and service used in promotion cases within departments;
3. Individuals promoted under the above conditions will receive the title “professor” of the appropriate program.

Part 3: Expedited Lateral Hires

There are two types of lateral hires: expedited and non-expedited. Expedited cases are meant to determine only the tenurability of someone coming to Tufts from another institution. Note that all proposed lateral faculty appointments must go through this process regardless of whether or not the person already has tenure at another institution. Non-expedited cases are concerned with tenure and possible promotion associated with an appointment (from assistant to associate, or associate to full professor). In either case, all lateral hires are handled on an ad-hoc schedule negotiated by the chair of T&P and the appropriate deans.

Criteria for expedited review (calendar to be negotiated with T&P):

1. The candidate must already hold a tenured position at another university with standards comparable to those at Tufts;
2. The proposed Tufts appointment must not be at a higher professorial rank than is already held at the candidate’s home institution;

3. Both the department and the appropriate dean must request the expedited process.

Process for expedited review:

Please note that the steps described below differ in many instances from those described above in Part 1.

1. The department designates a preparator from the ranks of the tenured faculty to oversee the progress of the case. The preparator and the department chair will manage the application process on the department’s behalf.

   The candidate and the preparator both review the materials forwarded to the candidate by the Secretary of the Faculty, including the Bylaws of the Committee on Tenure and Promotion (Article IV, Section 2 c) and this statement.

2. The candidate is not required to submit an application, but should provide a statement on research, teaching and service, including service to the profession.

3. The preparator requests from the candidate the fullest available record of teaching evaluations from the last five years. The chair of the Tufts Community Union (TCU) arranges for a TCU senator to review and summarize the written commentary and statistical data on the candidate's teaching but not to render a recommendation for or against tenure or promotion. The data, but not the mentee letters, are made available to the senator by the candidate’s department. After the senator’s review, and if possible before the department meeting, the senator provides the department with a written report signed by the chair of the Education Committee of the TCU Senate, which becomes part of the record. The candidate receives a copy of the TCU Senate Summary with its author’s name redacted. In the case of candidates who teach only graduate courses, the teaching record is reviewed by a representative of the Graduate Student Council (GSC).

4. It is the department’s responsibility to prepare a summary of the candidate’s teaching, including the following materials:

   a.) A tabular summary of the average rating for the closest equivalents to question 8 (overall rating of the professor) and question 15 (overall rating of the course) for each course the candidate has taught over the past five years if these materials are available. The table should include: course title and number; semester and year;
enrollment; number of students who filled out the evaluation; averages for closest equivalents to questions 8 and 15.

b.) Accompanying the tabular summary of the candidate’s teaching, the department should include a copy of any actual teaching evaluations available for the candidate in the original case sent to the Secretary of the Faculty (see step 12(h) below).

5. With the help of the department, the candidate prepares an annotated table of all closely mentored individuals with whom he or she has worked either in one-on-one or small-group settings, e.g., Ph.D. advisees, master’s thesis advisees, senior honors thesis advisees, lab and research collaborators, participants in directed performances and creative projects, and so on. The candidate may lodge any objections to soliciting a letter from a particular mentee. These comments should be included with this list, which becomes a part of the case going forward. In consultation with the candidate’s department, T&P will decide whether an objection should be honored and a letter not be solicited.

Once complete, this table, with contact information for the mentees, should be submitted to the Secretary of the Faculty, who will send out letters requesting evaluations of the candidate and organize the letters as they are received.

6. External evaluation of a candidate’s scholarly contributions is an important component of the tenure and promotion process. To this end, the department will ultimately be responsible for compiling and forwarding a list of suitable external evaluators for a given case to the T&P Committee for consideration, keeping in mind the process outlined below. The list should include names of evaluators who can objectively assess the quality of the candidate’s research while outlining the candidate’s individual contributions to the discipline. The majority of the names on the list must be individuals with whom the candidate has had no more than an arm’s length relationship and who can provide an objective assessment of the candidate’s scholarly contributions. There should be no perception of a connection that might compromise the objectivity of the letter. With the approval of T&P, however, two outside letters may be included from those obtained during the hiring process. In this case, the letter writers should be asked explicitly to address the candidate’s qualifications for a tenured position: would the candidate be tenured at the writer’s institution? If this question was not asked at the time of the search, an addendum should be requested. None of the other evaluators may be people who have a personal stake in the candidate’s career, such as close mentors, dissertation advisors or colleagues who within the last seven years have taught in the same department as the candidate, collaborated on a grant, or co-authored publications. The candidate is informed of the names of the reviewers and has the opportunity to object in writing. As with internal promotions, the list of outside evaluators must be sent to the T&P
committee for approval. The process of choosing external evaluators should yield at least five letters, including the two letters that were obtained during the hiring process.

The process for designing the list is as follows.

a.) The candidate and the department independently produce lists of external evaluators who could provide an objective evaluation of the candidate’s scholarship, creative works and other professional activities. These lists should consist of senior scholars in the candidate’s field from prominent research universities. In some cases, scholars at colleges and experts from other institutions are appropriate. The letters should represent a wide range of institutions in the United States and, where relevant, abroad. Departments are encouraged to secure the participation of all tenured members, including those on leave, in this and all subsequent deliberations.

From these lists, the department prepares and forwards to the T&P Committee a single list of potential external evaluators from whom to solicit letters (see (d) below). This list (hereafter called “List of External Evaluators”) should include enough names to achieve a yield of at least five External Letters, including two from the hiring process, if so desired. The format for this list should follow that of the template provided in the preparator's packet.

The list of External Evaluators should:
   i.) label each name as having been selected by the candidate, the department or both. The list should be constructed so that at least half of the names were suggested either by the department alone or independently by both the department and the candidate;

   ii.) provide the institution, department, rank, research specialization and specific qualifications of each external evaluator;

   iii.) provide a description of the candidate’s personal and professional relationship to each external evaluator.

An electronic record of all communications between the preparator, the chair and the candidate pertaining to the preparation of the list of external reviewers must be included on the CD or other designated electronic medium (see 12(f)).

b.) The preparator or chair must consult with the chair of T&P to finalize the list of external evaluators. The candidate’s CV must accompany the proposed list (see 6(a)) that is forwarded to T&P. T&P will work with the departments to produce a mutually agreeable list of External Evaluators. The approved list will be given to the candidate.
If the candidate objects to any of the department’s choices, the candidate may submit written objections to T&P, which are included in the internal administrative record (not sent to external evaluators). The department is not required to make changes in response to the candidate’s objections to the list. If any changes are made, the list must be resubmitted to T&P for consultation.

c.) If deemed useful, the department may request additional letters – over and above the External Letters from other evaluators – some of whom may be close collaborators with the candidate, colleagues, administrators, or others. These letters will be treated as a separate category, hereafter called “Additional Letters,” which need not be vetted by T&P. However, prior to requesting Additional Letters, the department must notify candidates of the identity of these letter writers. Candidates can lodge a written objection to the chair of T&P, which will become a part of the case going forward. These letters should be directed to the chair of T&P and sent to the Secretary of the Faculty.

Also in the category of Additional Letters are letters not formally requested by the department. They could be prompted by the candidate or members of the candidate’s department, or arrive without any prompts (strictly unsolicited). When received, the department should send original copies of these Additional Letters to the Secretary of the Faculty for proper recording with the case.

d.) If the candidate’s department is in receipt of unrequested Additional Letters, the department must notify the candidate of the author of the letter within a week of its receipt, keeping the content confidential. If the candidate wishes to submit an objection, this must be done within a week of notification. Both the letter and any objection will be included in the internal administrative record (not sent to external evaluators). If the Secretary of the Faculty is in receipt of such a letter, the same protocol applies.

7. The preparator solicits a confidential written evaluation of the candidate's scholarly work from the external evaluators on this list using a standard letter; a template for this letter may be found in the preparator's packet. Prior to sending out the former letter of solicitation, the preparator may make initial contact with potential referees by phone or e-mail. Care must be taken in all contact with potential evaluators not to use language that might prejudice the objectivity of the reviews. As per 12(f), all written communication becomes part of the permanent record.

Those who agree to serve as external evaluators should be sent the candidate's application and CV and be provided with enough material to allow assessment of the candidate's scholarship. All evaluators should receive the same materials. The
The objective of the external letters is to obtain an accurate assessment of how the candidate and the candidate’s research are perceived by leaders in the field.

8. After examining the opinions of the external evaluators and assessing the candidate’s scholarship, teaching, and service, all tenured members of the department meet to discuss and vote on a recommendation of tenure for the candidate. All votes must be taken by secret ballot. The numerical vote(s) must be reported in the Department Statement. In cases where the provost or a dean who participates formally in the tenure process at the administrative level is a tenured member of the same department as the candidate, he or she will participate in neither the department discussion nor the department vote. In cases where a member of T&P belongs to a department with a lateral case, that member participates in the departmental discussion and vote but recuses him or herself from the T&P committee discussion and vote. If the department vote is not unanimous, T&P will expect an accounting of the reasons in the departmental statement.

9. The department prepares a statement reflecting the full range of its tenured members’ opinions as expressed in the departmental discussion, to be signed by all members of the department who took part in the discussion and vote. The Department Statement must preserve the confidentiality of all letter writers and all participants in the discussion. The content of this statement plays a major role in subsequent deliberations. Therefore, under the circumstance that the department cannot agree on one statement that adequately reflects its discussions, it should submit two statements signed by all voting members. The statement(s) must be submitted to T&P along with the complete case, at least two weeks before T&P needs to vote on the case.

10. The department makes its statement(s) and an alphabetized list of all signers available to the candidate as soon as these are ready. The candidate must acknowledge receipt of the statement in a written response addressed to the chair of T&P (on departmental letterhead with an original signature) and sent in care of the Secretary of the Faculty, within two weeks of receipt. This response becomes part of the case going forward.

11. The chair of T&P informs the candidate, the candidate’s department chair, and the preparator via e-mail which two members of T&P will serve on the Internal Subcommittee.

12. The dossier assembled by the department for each case should contain the following materials:

a.) The candidate’s statement on research, teaching and service, signed by the candidate;
b.) A current CV that includes publications categorized according to 1) refereed or non-refereed status, and 2) type, e.g., book, book chapter, articles, reviews, and so forth;

c.) Reprints and other evidence of the candidate's scholarly and/or creative work;

d.) Letters from external evaluators and a sample of the letters sent to them;

e.) A complete table of all considered external evaluators, indicating which names were supplied exclusively by the candidate, exclusively by the department, and by both candidate and department, which potential external evaluators were contacted and which were not, and the responses;

f.) An electronic record of all correspondence, including e-mail, with potential external evaluators, and all correspondence pertaining to the case, including email between the department chair and the candidate and between the preparator and the candidate. One hard copy of the correspondence should be included in the original case sent to the Secretary of the Faculty.

g.) The Department Statement(s) pertaining to the candidate's scholarship and other work, teaching, and service;

h.) The Department Summary of Teaching, including items (a) (b) listed in step 4 above;

i.) A table with information on mentees as described in step 5 above together with particulars regarding relationship with candidate and comments by the candidate if appropriate;

j.) The TCU Senate Education Committee or GSC (for graduate only departments) Report, if available;

k.) Any Additional Letters (as defined in step 6(c)) received by the department;

The department delivers paper copies of the dossier containing the above materials (excluding the electronic record described in (f)] directly to each of the members of the appropriate subcommittee.

In addition, the following information must also be delivered to the Secretary of the Faculty:
a) The original of the dossier, including all signed letters, the electronic record of correspondence as described in (f) above, and one copy of the full set of course evaluations as per step 4(b) above; and
b) One paper copy of the dossier; and
c) One electronic version of the dossier in PDF format.

Updates to the dossier can be submitted to T&P up until the committee votes on the case.

13. The bylaws require that each tenured member of the candidate’s department write a confidential letter addressed to the chair of T&P but sent to the Secretary of the Faculty even if the tenured faculty member did not participate in the department meeting. The bylaws permit but do not require such a letter as well from non-tenured members. All such letters must be signed on departmental letterhead. Email is not acceptable. These letters, and any other letters not already in the file, should be sent to T&P within two weeks after the Department Statement is signed. The candidate should be notified of the existence of all letters from non-tenured members by the Secretary of the Faculty on behalf of the T&P Committee, and this should be done in sufficient time to permit written objections from the candidate to be considered prior to relevant actions by the committee. All letters become a part of the case going forward. Letters, including those from students and other mentees, will be kept secure and confidential by the Secretary of the Faculty and will be destroyed after three years, unless otherwise required by law. In cases that did not lead to tenure or promotion, all of the case materials, including letters, are kept for 12 years and then destroyed.

No additional letters or communications of any sort received after the final vote of the T&P Committee will be considered by T&P as a part of the case.

14. Internal Subcommittee members will review and discuss all the evidence presented in a candidate’s case with the full T&P Committee, whose members will also be familiar with the case. No written report is produced.

15. If T&P requires the advice of additional external evaluators (including, if deemed useful, research collaborators of the candidate) and mentees, the T&P Committee will inform the candidate, the department chair and preparator of the names of all additional external evaluators. This should be done in sufficient time to permit written objections from the candidate to be considered prior to relevant actions by the committee. Letters thus received by the committee, along with any objections filed by the candidate, will be forwarded to the administration as part of the case.
In addition, on behalf of the committee, the Secretary of the Faculty will notify the candidate of any unsolicited written communications that come directly to the committee.

16. T&P discusses the case, and its members vote on a recommendation for or against tenure. In cases where a T&P member is from the same department as a candidate, that member will not participate in the tenure and promotion proceedings in any way other than as a member of the department. Prior to taking a final vote, T&P meets with members of the administration to discuss the merits of the case.

17. Prior to making its recommendation to the administration, if T&P fails to support or divides equally on a recommendation of a candidate who was supported by two-thirds or more of the members of the department who voted, then T&P will meet with the preparator and the department chair (if different from the preparator). The purpose of this meeting is to explain the position of the committee (while respecting the confidentiality of all participants) and to hear any comments from the department.

18. T&P transmits its vote and its findings in writing by letter to the appropriate dean. At the same time, the chair of T&P reports the committee’s vote in writing to the candidate and the candidate’s department chair and the preparator.

19. If the administration fails to support the recommendation of T&P, then the president of the university or his/her designee meets with T&P prior to any further action.

20. When steps 1-19 have been completed, the deans of Arts and Sciences or the dean of Engineering, the provost, and the president consider the matter. A recommendation is then sent to the Board of Trustees. Tenure becomes official only through trustee action. This action is reported by the Office of the Provost, via e-mail to the appropriate dean. The dean communicates with the candidate’s department chair, who then communicates with the candidate. In addition, a letter notifying the candidate of the trustee decision is sent from the appropriate dean as soon as possible after the trustee vote. The Secretary of the Faculty notifies the chair of T&P.

Part 4: Non-Expedited Lateral Hires

The process for non-expedited lateral hires is similar to the process described in Part 3, above.

In addition:
1. External evaluators must be asked if the candidate would receive tenure and if they would be promoted to associate or to full professor, as appropriate, at his/her own institution.

2. A full External Subcommittee, as per Part 1, steps 6(b), 11, and 14 above, will be formed if the candidate does not already have tenure elsewhere, or if the candidate is being promoted from assistant to associate, or from associate to full professor. In this case, the dossier must be delivered at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting of the External Subcommittee.

This version of Statement 11 was approved by the T&P Committee on 12.21.12.