PROMOTION WORKSHOP

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ACCESSING PRESENTATION MATERIALS

http://provost.uiowa.edu/faculty-development-new-and-early-career-faculty
Review of the tenure process at Iowa

General tips regarding promotion and tenure
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Phase I
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Phase II
Dossier assessed

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TENURE PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS

- Fair
- Transparent
- Thorough
- Methodical
- Accessible
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Access the Operations Manual

- III.10.4b/c: Qualifications for Specific Rank
- III.10.5: Review and Promotion Procedures
QUALIFICATIONS:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

III.10.4b. Associate Professor

(1) Convincing evidence that the candidate is an effective teacher of, as appropriate, undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, and professional students.

(2) Demonstration of artistic or scholarly achievement supported by substantial publications or equivalent artistic creations or performances, of high quality, as appropriate to the discipline(s).

(3) Departmental, collegiate, and/or University service and, if appropriate, professional service will be expected at an appropriate level.

(4) The quality and quantity of teaching, scholarship/artistic accomplishment, and serve should give unmistakable promise of promotion to full professor.

(5) A tenure appointment, except that for persons appointed from off the campus the initial appointment may be for a term of three years or less.
QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE OR FULL PROFESSOR

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III.10.5a

The question of promotion of faculty may be brought up at any time deemed appropriate, but if not considered earlier, it should be brought up for formal consideration between the dean and the DEO as follows: ....... assistant professors during the final year of the probationary period as defined by the college.

Promotion may take place earlier if the qualifications and promise of the individual concerned warrant such action.

Individual faculty members may request review for promotion, tenure, or both, at any time, and shall be afforded such review by the applicable department or non-departmentalized college.
A candidate for promotion shall be evaluated under the relevant, clearly defined standards of the faculty member's academic unit(s) that were:

1. in effect at the time of the faculty member's initial appointment or promotion to the rank currently held;

2. any such standards in effect since that time; or

3. any such standards in effect at the time of the evaluation, whichever of these the candidate elects.

The candidate shall make an election under this section no later than the end of the academic year prior to the academic year in which the candidate is considered for tenure and/or promotion or reappointment.
Extensions (10.1)

- **Automatic:** For each minor child (e.g., biological, adopted, stepchild, or by guardianship) added to the family of a probationary faculty member from two years prior to the initial appointment through September 1 of the tenure decision year, and upon relevant notification, the faculty member's probationary period shall be automatically extended twelve months per child (up to two children).

- **Discretionary:** .... because of a professional or personal impediment (e.g., additional responsibilities, failure to provide resources in timely manner, personal health reasons, ongoing care responsibilities)
Extensions (Automatic & Discretionary)

“Early” Tenure (Voluntary Review)
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Faculty Development
(5) Appointments at the rank of assistant professor shall ordinarily not exceed a total of seven years of service and thus shall be reviewed for tenure no later than during the sixth year of service. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the status of a faculty member who has served both as an instructor and as assistant professor in this University should be reviewed during the sixth year of service in the two ranks combined. A faculty member for whom a denial-of-tenure recommendation has been made by the Executive Vice President and Provost shall be given notification of a terminal year of appointment.
EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Research/Scholarly Productivity
- Teaching
- Service
WEIGHTING OF EFFORTS

- Research/Productivity
- Teaching
- Service
APPROVAL PROCESS

Department → Dean → Provost → Board of Regents
RELATIVE IMPACT ON PROMOTION DECISION

Department

Dean

Provost

Board of Regents
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Do good research/scholarship
- Be productive and steady
- Don’t dabble (and don’t be too well-known outside your field)
- Make an impact in the field
- Be technically sound (quality may be hard to judge)
- Bring in grants
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Friends (in the department) are good
- Cultivate contacts for letters
- Know department/college standards
- Ask for feedback during the annual review process
- Show up at meetings and social functions