

## Memorandum

TO: Academic Senate Executive Committee

FROM: Lincoln Davies  
Chair, Senate Faculty Review Standards Committee (SFRSC)

DATE: April 16, 2018

RE: Annual Report, 2017-2018

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### Report on Transition

As you know, beginning three years ago, this committee transitioned from a sole focus on tenure-line RPT standards to also evaluating and approving career-line review standards as well as TFR standards. That transition has gone very well, and it remains a benefit to the committee to have both tenure-line and career-line faculty in representation. This year, added to our responsibilities was approving Tenured Faculty Review (TFR) statements from units. Our primary work in that regard was commenting on and approving the general University-wide Guidelines on TFR statements, which we completed. We also have reviewed two versions of a TFR template and in our last meeting approved that template with some comments. I have a meeting scheduled for April 20 to discuss those comments on the template and final implementation of it with AVP Wildermuth.

### Meeting Schedule

We generally aim to meet once per month as a committee during the regular academic year, although at times we also conduct business via email or cancel meetings when they are not necessary. Our meetings typically last two hours and are working meetings to review proposed faculty review standards or conduct other business. The meeting dates for this year are as follows:

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September 27, 2017  
October 26, 2017  
November 15, 2017  
December 7, 2017  
March 2, 2018  
March 27, 2018  
April 26, 2018  
May 8, 2018

## **Department/College Reviews**

The following department/college statements have come to the SFRSC so far this academic year for review.

Approved by the SFRSC and sent to either SVP Watkins or Dr. Betz (College of Health):

1. College of Fine Arts Career-Line
2. Educational Psychology RPT
3. College of Law RPT
4. Faust Law Library RPT
5. Addendum to Bioengineering RPT
6. College of Nursing Career-Line
7. College of Health Career-Line

Approved conditionally and waiting further action to seek final approval:

8. CSBS Career-Line
9. School of Business RPT
10. College of Nursing RPT
11. Ethnic Studies RPT
12. Gender Studies RPT
13. Special Education RPT

Reviewed and currently working with relevant unit to conform to changes recommended by SFRSC:

14. College of Education Career-Line
15. Pharmacotherapy Career-Line
16. Theatre RPT
17. College of Social Work Career-Line
18. Educational Leadership RPT
19. Education, Culture, and Society RPT

## **Templates**

As you know, over the past several years, we successfully completed and implanted templates for both RPT and Career-Line review statements. These have been enormously helpful both to departments and the committee, and while we have made minor tweaks to the templates, we believe they are strong documents that have proven quite workable. One thing we have learned is that units can ease and expedite their reviews if they adhere stringently to the rule that, in drafting their RPT statements, they only modify the portions of the template designed to be altered (those highlighted in yellow). We continue to emphasize this to units. If a unit needs to alter anything not highlighted in yellow in the template, we would strongly encourage them to contact the SFRSC beforehand to facilitate that process. To this end, over the summer, we may work on additional ways to communicate this message to units.