FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NON-TENURE TRACK PROMOTION

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II. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

The key question:

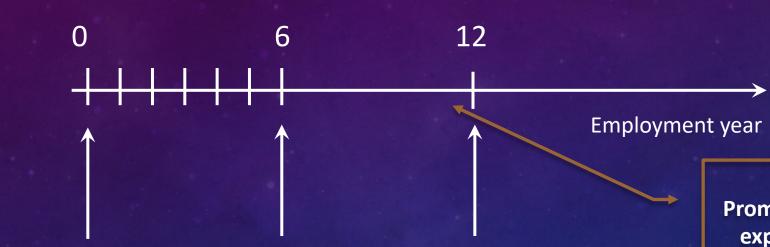
Does the candidate's record reflect both the commitment and the promise to sustain a career-long record of effective teaching and advising, scholarship as applicable, and effective service?

It's not a matter of clearing the bar. Your colleagues will be trying to predict your <u>future</u> performance.

How do we answer this question?

- Strong teaching, demonstrated early.
- Capacity to remain effective throughout their careers.
- Review of scholarly work, if applicable, by nationally or internationally recognized peers, as well as by FAU faculty. You have to be a player in the game.
- Service University/College/School/Department specific

III. NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY CAREER PATH



Hired as Instructor; Assistant Research Professor/Scientist/ Engineer/Librarian Typical
Promotion to Senior
Instructor; Associate
Research
Professor/Scientist/
Engineer/Librarian

Promotion to
University
Instructor; (Full)
Research
Professor/Scientist/
Engineer/Librarian

Promotion here carries an expectation of notably consistent, increasingly high levels of performance and career achievement.

IV. PORTFOLIO

Documentation of performance

- Teaching evaluations (students, peers, administrators)
- Research record, if applicable (publications, grants, creative work)
- Service, if applicable (FAU committees, statewide service, professional organizations)

Evidence of progress

- Job description and expectations
- Record of previous years' recommendations at all levels
- Written evaluations by candidate, peers, and administrators

External & Internal evaluations

• Quantity of letters solicited is a decision made by the candidate and supervisor.



Tip #1
Organize
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- Systematically design your packet.
 - Follow the Provost's guidelines
 - Follow the College Guidelines
 - Follow ePortfolio order



Tip #2
Prepare your packet
for the
"stranger"

- Know your audience.
- Don't assume that your colleagues will understand your research (if applicable), teaching, and service.
- The further your packet makes it through the system, the less familiar your audience will be.
- Seek out external feedback.



Tip #3 Self-Evaluation Connect the Dots!

Provide evidence of progress by drawing connections between your research (if applicable), teaching, and service performance to:

- School/Department (Discipline) Expectations
- College Mission
- University Mission/Academic Plan



How to construct the self-evaluation (narrative)

- Precise and concise statement that "connects the dots."
 - Remember your audience.
 - It is not about *educating* your audience about your research, teaching or service.
 - It **is** about *providing evidence* of your scholarship, teaching effectiveness, and service.

SELF-EVALUATION DOES YOUR REFLECTION ON TEACHING DO THIS?

- Explain why you choose teaching strategies and methods?
- Illustrate how you use feedback (i.e., student, peer, self) to modify and/or retain teaching strategies and methods?
- Show connections to research- or evidence-based best practice?
- Show a trajectory of improvement and/or sustained excellence?

SELF-EVALUATION DOES YOUR REFLECTION ON RESEARCH, IF APPLICABLE, ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS:

Where am I now? Where am I going? How will the reviewer know I got there?

- What is my research plan?
- How does my research contribute to the body of knowledge in my discipline?
- What is the impact of my research?
- How is my research novel?
- What makes my research relevant and meaningful?

SELF-EVALUATION DOES YOUR REFLECTION ON RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY, IF APPLICABLE:

- Show trajectory ... connect the dots.
- Illustrate how:
 - grants lead to publications/scholarship/creative activity?
 - presentations lead to publications/scholarship/creative activity?
 - publications lead to publications/ scholarship/creative activity?

SELF-EVALUATION DOES YOUR REFLECTION ON SERVICE?

- Provide evidence of contributing to the service mission of the university/college/school/department?
- Reflect public engagement beyond the university community?
- Provide evidence of your leadership role in service activities?

V. REVIEW PROCESSES



VI. Process Timeline example: Preparing the Portfolio (see Department/College guidelines for specific dates)

Spring Semester prior to going up:

- Candidate begins portfolio preparation.
- Candidate prepares teaching, research, and/or creative activity material for external/internal review.
- Departmental selection of external/internal reviewers with input from candidate, chair, and dep't colleagues. NO STAKEHOLDERS.
 - Wise to solicit more than 3 all solicited must be included
 - Including more reviews may be helpful
- Chair solicits reviews (must inform external/internal reviewer of candidate's wishes to waive nor not waive review of letters)
 - all request letters must be in portfolio
- Materials sent to external/internal reviewers.
- Check for your College/Department date for due date of reviews.

THE ONLINE & WORKFLOW SYSTEMS

- Promotion processes use Interfolio Review, Promotion, & Tenure (RPT):
 - Candidates are required to apply through Interfolio. Only electronic submissions via Interfolio will be accepted.
- Faculty reviewers will interact with the system to view documents.
- Candidates will access the case in the online system, upload documents, and be able to view the packet and all actions through the workflow process.
- All documents must be uploaded to the case prior to submission for committee review.

PROVOST NON-TENURE TRACK PROMOTION GUIDELINES MEMO

- Ordering of Materials in the Promotion Portfolio (begin page 2 of Provost's Memo)
- Pages 2-6 detail the requirements of the contents of each section of the portfolio.

Sections 1-4

- 1. Materials for external/internal reviewers typically include a brief CV, self eval., Promotion criteria, examples of scholarly activity (see school/college criteria for additional items not listed).
- 2. Signed Waiver of Right of Review Letter from External/Internal Reviewers
- 3. Status Letters (letters that indicate date of hire or last promotion)
- 4. Up-to-date Curriculum Vita

Sections 5 & 6

- 5. Annual Assignments, if applicable, for the period under review.
- 6. Instruction, if applicable
 - Includes SPOTs and SPOT summary reports
 - Three (3) recent Peer Evaluations of Teaching
 - Other documentation of quality of instruction
 - For non-instructional faculty
 - Material described in "B" in the P&T Guidelines memo if you've taught courses
 - Information about working with students, such as mentoring, research projects, or thesis or dissertation committee

Sections 7 & 8

- 7. Scholarship, Research, and /or Creative Activity, if applicable
 - Research faculty includes an annotated version of parallel section of vitae with detailed info on publications, presentations, grants, contracts, and performances, or other activities
 - Instructors/lecturers may include material described in section 7 of P&T Guidelines if engaged in such activities
- 8. Service, if applicable
 - An overview of service to the unit, institution, profession or community, if applicable. Work on curriculum development, assessment, advising of students and community engagement may be included here.

Sections 9-13

- 9. Professional Development, if applicable
 - Degrees earned while in this position may be included here. In addition, courses undertaken to enhance performance in the particular role are also important to be detailed.
- 10. Self-evaluation
- 11. Unit Criteria for non-tenure track promotion
- 12. Annual Performance Evaluations for the period under consideration
- 13. Supplementary material, if applicable
 - Similar to tenure-track promotions, candidates may include supplementary materials with examples of accomplishments in instruction and/or scholarship, research, creative activity.

Sections 14-20

- 14. External Letters of Evaluation
- 15. Internal Letters of Evaluation
- 16. Certification of Completeness of Promotion Portfolio
- 17. Report of the Unit, if applicable
- 18. Letter for the Unit Head
- 19. Report of the College Committee
- 20. Letter from the Dean

VII. QUESTIONS ABOUT PORTFOLIO AND CONTENTS

