

UAF REGULATIONS FOR THE EVALUATION OF FACULTY: INITIAL  
APPOINTMENT, ANNUAL REVIEW, REAPPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, TENURE,  
AND SABBATICAL LEAVE  
AND LIBRARY SCIENCE UNIT CRITERIA STANDARDS AND INDICES

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN AMPLICATION OF UAF AND REGENTS CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE, SPECIFICALLY DEVELOPED FOR USE IN EVALUATING FACULTY IN LIBRARY SCIENCE. ITEMS IN BOLDFACE ARE THOSE ADDED OR EMPHASIZED BECAUSE OF THEIR RELEVANCE TO LIBRARY FACULTY, AND ARE CLARIFICATIONS OF UAF REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I

Purview

The University of Alaska Fairbanks document, "Faculty Appointment and Evaluation Policies," supplements the Board of Regents (BOR) policies and describes the purpose, conditions, eligibility, and other specifications relating to the evaluation of faculty at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). Contained herein are regulations and procedures to guide the evaluation processes and to identify the bodies of review appropriate for the university.

The university, through the UAF Faculty Senate, may change or amend these regulations and procedures from time to time and will provide adequate notice in making changes and amendments.

These regulations shall apply to all of the units within the University of Alaska Fairbanks, except in so far as extant collective bargaining agreements apply otherwise.

The provost is responsible for coordination and implementation of matters relating to procedures stated herein.

## CHAPTER II

### Initial Appointment of Faculty

A. Criteria for Initial Appointment

Minimum degree, experience and performance requirements are set forth in “UAF Faculty Appointment and Evaluation Policies,” Chapter IV. **A MASTER’S DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE (MLS) OR EQUIVALENT FROM AN AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) ACCREDITED PROGRAM IS THE RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATION FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS. IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, A MASTER’S OR PHD IN A SPECIFIED FIELD MAY SERVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE.** Exceptions to these requirements for initial placement in academic rank or special academic rank positions shall be submitted to the chancellor or chancellor’s designee for approval prior to a final selection decision.

B. Academic Titles

Academic titles must reflect the discipline in which the faculty are appointed.

C. Process for Appointment of Faculty with Academic Rank

Deans of schools and colleges, and directors when appropriate, in conjunction with the faculty in a unit, shall observe procedures for advertisement, review, and selection of candidates to fill any vacant faculty position. These procedures are set by UAF Human Resources and the Campus Diversity and Compliance (AA/EEO) office and shall provide for participation in hiring by faculty and administrators as a unit.

D. Process for Appointment of Faculty with Special Academic Rank

Deans and/or directors, in conjunction with the faculty in a unit, shall establish procedures for advertisement, review, and selection of candidates to fill any faculty positions as they become available. Such procedures shall be consistent with the university’s stated AA/EEO policies and shall provide for participation in hiring by faculty and administrators in the unit.

E. Following the Selection Process

The dean or director shall appoint the new faculty member and advise him/her of the conditions, benefits, and obligations of the position. If the appointment is to be at the professor level, the dean/director must first obtain the concurrence of the chancellor or chancellor’s designee.

F. Letter of Appointment

The initial letter of appointment shall specify the nature of the assignment, the percentage emphasis that is to be placed on each of the parts of the faculty responsibility, mandatory year of tenure review, and any special conditions relating to the appointment.

This letter of appointment establishes the nature of the position and, while the percentage of emphasis for each part may vary with each workload distribution as specified in the annual workload agreement document, the part(s) defining the position may not.

### CHAPTER III

#### Periodic Evaluation of Faculty

##### A. General Criteria

Criteria as outlined in “UAF Faculty Appointment and Evaluation Policies,” Chapter IV, AND LIBRARY SCIENCE UNIT CRITERIA AND INDICIES, evaluators may consider, but shall not be limited to, whichever of the following are appropriate to the faculty member’s professional obligation: mastery of subject matter; effectiveness in teaching; achievement in research, scholarly, and creative activity; effectiveness of public service; effectiveness of university service; demonstration of professional development and quality of total contribution to the university.

For purposes of evaluation at UAF, the total contribution to the university and activity in the areas outlined above will be defined by relevant activity and demonstrated competence from the following areas: 1) effectiveness in teaching; 2) achievement in scholarly activity; and 3) effectiveness of service.

##### Bipartite Faculty

Bipartite faculty are regular academic rank faculty who fill positions that are designated as performing two of the three parts of the university’s tripartite responsibility.

The dean or director of the relevant college/school shall determine which of the criteria defined above apply to these faculty.

Bipartite faculty may voluntarily engage in a tripartite function, but they will not be required to do so as a condition for evaluation, promotion, or tenure.

##### B. Criteria for Instruction

A central function of the university is instruction of students in formal courses and supervised study. Teaching includes those activities directly related to the formal and informal transmission of appropriate skills and knowledge to students. The nature of instruction will vary for each faculty member, depending upon workload distribution and the particular teaching mission of the unit. Instruction includes actual contact in classroom, correspondence or electronic delivery methods, laboratory or field and preparatory activities, such as preparing for lectures, setting up demonstrations, and preparing for laboratory experiments, as well as individual/independent study, tutorial sessions, evaluations, correcting papers, and determining grades. Other aspects of teaching and instruction extend to undergraduate and graduate academic advising and counseling, training graduate students and serving on their graduate committees, particularly as their major advisor, curriculum development, and academic recruiting and retention activities.

A CUSTOMARY TEACHING WORKLOAD FOR LIBRARY SCIENCE FACULTY MAY RANGE FROM 1-2 UNITS PER YEAR; TEACHING IS A SMALL PORTION OF THE LIBRARY SCIENCE WORKLOAD.

**1. Effectiveness in Teaching**

Evidence of excellence in teaching may be demonstrated through, but not limited to, evidence of the various characteristics that define effective teachers. Effective teachers

- a. are highly organized, plan carefully, use class time efficiently, have clear objectives, have high expectations for students;
- b. express positive regard for students, develop good rapport with students, show interest/enthusiasm for the subject;
- c. emphasize and encourage student participation, ask questions, frequently monitor student participation for student learning and teacher effectiveness, are sensitive to student diversity;
- d. emphasize regular feedback to students and reward student learning success;
- e. demonstrate content mastery, discuss current information and divergent points of view, relate topics to other disciplines, deliver material at the appropriate level;
- f. regularly develop new courses, workshops and seminars and use a variety of methods of instructional delivery and instructional design.  
LIBRARY FACULTY MEMBERS ENGAGE IN REGULAR REVISION OF THE CURRICULUM TO REFLECT CHANGES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH METHODS AND ACCESS TECHNOLOGIES. IN ADDITION TO TEACHING CREDIT COURSES, LIBRARY FACULTY MAY ALSO PROVIDE LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS FOR DISCIPLINE-BASED COURSES AT ALL LEVELS OF UAF'S ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN COOPERATION WITH COURSE INSTRUCTORS.
- g. may receive prizes and awards for excellence in teaching.

**2. Components of Evaluation**

Effectiveness in teaching will be evaluated through information on formal and informal teaching, course and curriculum material, recruiting and advising, training/guiding graduate students, etc., provided by:

- a. systematic student ratings, i.e. student opinion of instruction summary forms, and at least two of the following:
- b. narrative self-evaluation,
- c. peer/department chair classroom observation(s),
- d. peer/department chair evaluation of course materials.

C. Criteria for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity

Inquiry and originality are central functions of a land grant/sea grant/space grant university and all faculty with a research component in their assignment must remain active as scholars. Consequently, faculty are expected to conduct research or engage in other scholarly or creative pursuits that are appropriate to the mission of their unit, and equally important, results of their work must be disseminated through media appropriate to their discipline. Furthermore, it is important to emphasize the distinction between routine production and creative excellence as evaluated by an individual's peers at the University of Alaska and elsewhere.

**A CUSTOMARY RESEARCH WORKLOAD FOR LIBRARY SCIENCE FACULTY IS 2-3 UNITS OF THEIR TOTAL WORKLOAD. RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY ARE A SMALL PORTION OF THE NORMAL LIBRARY SCIENCE WORKLOAD.**

1. Achievement in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity

Whatever the contribution, research, scholarly or creative activities must have one or more of the following characteristics:

- a. They must occur in a public forum.
- b. They must be evaluated by appropriate peers.
- c. They must be evaluated by peers external to this institution so as to allow an objective judgment.
- d. They must be judged to make a contribution.

2. Components of Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity

Evidence of excellence in research, scholarly, and creative activity may be demonstrated through, but not limited to:

- a. Books, reviews, monographs, bulletins, articles, proceedings, **CASE STUDIES, PEER-REVIEWED TRANSLATIONS**, and other scholarly works published by reputable journals, scholarly presses, and publishing houses that

accept works only after rigorous review and approval by peers in the discipline.

- b. Competitive grants and contracts to finance the development of ideas, these grants and contracts being subject to rigorous peer review and approval.
- c. Presentation of research papers before learned societies that accept papers only after rigorous review and approval by peers.
- d. Exhibitions of art work at galleries, selection for these exhibitions being based on rigorous review and approval by juries, recognized artists, or critics.
- e. Performances in recitals or productions, selection for these performances being based on stringent auditions and approval by appropriate judges.
- f. Scholarly reviews of publications, art works and performance of the candidate.
- g. Citations of research in scholarly publications.
- h. Published abstracts of research papers.
- i. Reprints or quotations of publications, reproductions of art works, and descriptions of interpretations in the performing arts, these materials appearing in reputable works of the discipline.
- j. Prizes and awards for excellence of scholarship.
- k. Awards of special fellowships for research or artistic activities or selection of tours of duty at special institutes for advanced study.
- l. Development of processes or instruments useful in solving problems, such as computer programs and systems for the processing of data, genetic plant and animal material, and where appropriate obtaining patents and/or copyrights for said development. **DEVELOPMENT OF PEER-REVIEWED ADAPTATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TO SOLVE PROBLEMS RELEVANT TO INFORMATION ACCESS AND/OR DELIVERY OF LIBRARY SERVICES.**
- m. **PEER-REVIEWED EXHIBIT CURATION.**

D. Criteria for Public and University Service

Public service is intrinsic to the land grant/sea grant/space grant tradition, and is a fundamental part of the university's obligation to the people of its state. In this

tradition, faculty providing their professional expertise for the benefit of the university's external constituency, free of charge, is identified as "public service." The tradition of the university itself provides that its faculty assumes a collegial obligation for the internal functioning of the institution; such service is identified as "university service."

**A CUSTOMARY SERVICE WORKLOAD FOR LIBRARY SCIENCE FACULTY  
MAY RANGE FROM 16 TO 37 UNITS. UNIVERSITY SERVICE IS THE  
LARGEST PORTION OF THE LIBRARY SCIENCE WORKLOAD.**

1. Public Service

Public service is the application of teaching, research, and other scholarly and creative activity to constituencies outside the University of Alaska Fairbanks. It includes all activities which extend the faculty member's professional, academic, or leadership competence to these constituencies. It can be instructional, collaborative, or consultative in nature and is related to the faculty member's discipline or other publicly recognized expertise. Public service may be systematic activity that involves planning with clientele and delivery of information on a continuing, programmatic basis. It may also be informal, individual, professional contributions to the community or to one's discipline, or other activities in furtherance of the goals and mission of the university and its units. Such service may occur on a periodic or limited-term basis. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- a. Providing information services to adults or youth.
- b. Service on or to government or public committees.
- c. Service on accrediting bodies.
- d. Active participation in professional organizations.
- e. Active participation in discipline-oriented service organizations.
- f. Consulting.
- g. Prizes and awards for excellence in public service.
- h. Leadership of or presentations at workshops, conferences, or public meetings.
- i. Training and facilitating.
- j. Radio and TV programs, newspaper articles and columns, publications, newsletters, films, computer applications, teleconferences and other educational media.

- k. Judging and similar educational assistance at science fairs, state fairs, and speech, drama, literary, and similar competitions.
2. University Service  
University service includes those activities involving faculty members in the governance, administration, and other internal affairs of the university, its colleges, schools, and institutes. It includes non-instructional work with students and their organizations. Examples of such activity include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Service on university, college, school, institute, or departmental committees or governing bodies.
    - b. Consultative work in support of university functions, such as expert assistance for specific projects.
    - c. Service as department chair or term-limited and part-time assignment as assistant/associate dean in a college/school.
    - d. Participation in accreditation reviews.
    - e. Service on collective bargaining unit committees or elected office.
    - f. Service in support of student organizations and activities.
    - g. Academic support services such as library and museum programs.

ALONG WITH UNIVERSITY SERVICE, LIBRARIANS MUST ALSO PERFORM SERVICE IN THE UNIT. AS SUCH, LIBRARIANS MUST DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCE AND EVIDENCE OF DEVELOPING EXCELLENCE IN HIS/HER PRIMARY AREA(S) OF RESPONSIBILITY WHICH ARE DESCRIBED BELOW. LIBRARY FACULTY WORKLOADS MAY SHOW ACTIVITY AND/OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THESE SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND MAY ALSO INCLUDE ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN INDIVIDUAL WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS.

#### REFERENCE

REFERENCE SERVICES PROVIDE A LINK BETWEEN USERS SEEKING INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION SOURCE. SERVICES INCLUDE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING BASIC INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION IN THE SELECTION AND USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES AND RESEARCH TOOLS.

#### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH LIBRARIANS DETERMINE THE MATERIALS TO BE INCLUDED IN

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS THROUGH: SELECTION OF MATERIALS CHOSEN TO SUPPORT THE CURRICULUM AND THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION; DEVELOPMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS; MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE; COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF DATA FOR COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION/ASSESSMENT; AND DIRECTING LIBRARY PARTICIPATION IN CONSORTIAL OR OTHER JOINT PROJECTS SUCH AS COOPERATIVE PURCHASES AND SHARING OF ONLINE RESOURCES WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

#### MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

THIS AREA INCLUDES MANAGING BUDGETS; SUPERVISING AND EVALUATING LIBRARY STAFF; BROAD-BASED PLANNING; AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT, DATA ANALYSIS, AND REPORT WRITING RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE LIBRARY.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVOLVES ASSESSING AND USING CURRENT TECHNOLOGIES TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC INTERFACES THAT DEVELOP OR IMPROVE ACCESS TO LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND INFORMATION RESOURCES, INCLUDING: PLANNING, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE SYSTEMS; CREATION OF SOFTWARE AND DESIGN OF WEB SITE ARCHITECTURE; AND WRITING AND IMPLEMENTING POLICIES TO SUPPORT AND CARRY OUT LIBRARY SYSTEMS/TECHNOLOGY WORK.

#### ARCHIVES

ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FACILITATING DONOR RELATIONSHIPS AND DONATIONS, RESULTING IN NEW ACQUISITIONS AND/OR FUNDING FOR ARCHIVAL PROJECTS; APPRAISAL OF COLLECTIONS TO DETERMINE ADMINISTRATIVE OR HISTORICAL VALUE; ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS TO FACILITATE RESEARCHER ACCESS; PRESERVATION OF FRAGILE MATERIALS AND/OR OBSOLETE MEDIA; DEVELOPMENT OF OUTREACH PROGRAMS; AND PROVISION OF RESEARCH SERVICES TO ASSIST PUBLIC ACCESS TO HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF PAPERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER UNIQUE AND UNPUBLISHED MATERIALS.

- h. Assisting other faculty or units with curriculum planning and delivery of instruction, such as serving as guest lecturer.
- i. Mentoring **OF NEW FACULTY**.

- j. Prizes and awards for excellence in university service.
- 3. Professional Service
  - a. Editing or refereeing articles or proposals for professional journals or organizations.
  - b. Active participation in professional organizations.
  - c. Active participation in discipline-oriented service organizations.
  - d. Committee chair or officer of professional organizations.
  - e. Organizer, session organizer, or moderator for professional meetings.
  - f. Service on a national or international review panel or committee.

4. Evaluation of Service

Each individual faculty member's proportionate responsibility in service shall be reflected in annual workload agreements. In formulating criteria, standards and indices for evaluation, promotion, and tenure, individual units should include examples of service activities and measures for evaluation appropriate for that unit. Excellence in public and university service may be demonstrated through, e.g., appropriate letters of commendation, recommendation, and/or appreciation, certificates and awards and other public means of recognition for services rendered.

ALTHOUGH ALL FACULTY MEMBERS ARE INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, A HIGH PROPORTION OF COOPERATIVE WORK IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF LIBRARIANSHIP. THEREFORE, EVALUATION OF LIBRARY SCIENCE FACULTY IS BASED UPON INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE PRACTICE OF LIBRARIANSHIP, SCHOLARLY, RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY AND SERVICE.

EFFECTIVENESS IN SERVICE MAY BE EVALUATED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

- A. DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS.
- B. LETTERS SUPPLIED BY COLLEAGUES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY EVALUATING PERFORMANCE, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY AND ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND/OR GROUPS.
- C. UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS DEMONSTRATING OUTCOMES AND/OR EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

**D. HONORS AND AWARDS FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE  
WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING LIBRARY AND  
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.**