



## **UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STANDARDS FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE**

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We proudly acknowledge that the University of Saskatchewan main campus is located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis and that we have a special relationship with the Indigenous and Métis Peoples of our province.

### **A. PRINCIPLES**

The award of tenure represents a long-term commitment of the University to a faculty member. It is a status granted as a result of judgement, by one's peers, on both the performance of academic duties and the expectation of future accomplishments. Promotion of colleagues involves an assessment of their success in performing their academic duties and an evaluation of the likelihood of future accomplishments.

1. Courageous curiosity: empower a daring culture of innovation with the courage to confront humanity's greatest challenges and opportunities.
  2. Boundless collaboration: invigorate the impact of collaboration and partnership in everything we do.
  3. Inspired communities: inspire the world by achieving meaningful change with and for communities.
- Our mission: The University of Saskatchewan advances the aspirations of the people of the province and beyond through interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to discovering, teaching, sharing, integrating, preserving, and applying knowledge, including the creative arts, to build a rich cultural community. An innovative, accessible, and welcoming place for students, educators, and researchers from around the world, we serve the public good by connecting discovery, teaching, and outreach, by promoting diversity and meaningful change, and by preparing students for enriching careers and fulfilling lives as engaged global citizens.
  - Our vision: We will contribute to a sustainable future by being among the best in the world in areas of special and emerging strengths, through outstanding research, scholarly, and artistic work that addresses the needs and aspirations of our region and the world, and through exceptional teaching and engagement. We will be an outstanding institution of research, learning, knowledge-keeping, reconciliation, and inclusion with and by Indigenous Peoples and communities.

These standards are intended to reflect the core principles of the University, including the Indigenous Strategy Framework *ohpahotân | oohpaahotaan*, as gifted to the University by the Indigenous Peoples and communities of the province of Saskatchewan.

- We will increase the impact of our research, scholarly and artistic work.
- We will provide excellent instructional programs offered to students.
- We affirm that the 'teacher-scholar' model is our adopted approach for faculty development. This model builds on the principle that universities acquire their distinctive character through their capacity to unite scholarship with teaching. While assigned duties may determine the emphasis of measured performance across teaching and research, every candidate for tenure and promotion will be considered in light of both teaching and research performance.
- We will respond to the needs of Indigenous Peoples, historically underrepresented, and equity-owed candidates who face systemic barriers. In addition to conventional forms of academic practices, we embrace interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and community-engaged approaches to teaching and research.

### **B. AUTHORITY**

This document contains standards defining the expectations of performance for the award of tenure and promotion at the University of Saskatchewan.<sup>1</sup> The University Review Committee establishes the University's criteria and standards for renewal of probation, tenure, and promotion. Given the broad array of colleges and disciplines represented at the University of Saskatchewan, differences will exist from department to department and from college to college. Colleges and departments will propose their own standards and these must be consistent with the intent and the framework of the University standards. All college standards must be approved by the University Review Committee before implementation at the college level. All department standards must be approved by the College Review Committee before implementation at the department level.

**C. CATEGORIES OF EVALUATION**

There are seven categories under which a candidate for tenure or promotion may be evaluated. These categories are:

1. Academic Credentials
2. Teaching Ability and Performance
3. Knowledge of Discipline and Field of Specialization
4. Research, Scholarly and/or Artistic Work or
5. Practice of Professional Skills
6. (a) Contributions to Administrative Responsibilities of the Department, College or University  
(b) Contributions to the Extension Responsibilities of the Department, College or University
7. Public Service and Contributions to Academic and Professional Bodies

Standards of performance are established for each category in Section D below. All faculty are assessed under category four unless the letter of appointment states category five.

The categories in which candidates must meet the standards for tenure in the professorial ranks and for promotion to Associate Professor and Professor are shown in Table I. Each candidate will be evaluated for all categories that are applicable to the candidate's position and to the tenure or promotion decision under consideration. For a candidate to be awarded an overall rating of "meets the standard" for tenure and promotion, they must have a rating of "meets the standard" in each and every category under consideration. If a department or college committee rates a candidate as "does not meet the standard" in any category they must vote no to the question "shall tenure or promotion be recommended".

Tenure will be awarded on the basis of three primary categories: academic credentials (Category One); effectiveness in teaching (Category Two); and, achievements in either research, scholarly and/or artistic work (Category Four) or practice of professional skills (Category Five). If faculty are being assessed in Category Five it will be stated in their letter of appointment. The promise of future development as a teacher, scholar and professional, achievement in scholarly activity beyond that demonstrated at appointment, and the attainment of a national or international reputation in the discipline, will be important criteria in the evaluation process.

Promotion through the ranks requires a judgement of performance against increasing expectations for effectiveness in teaching, significance of the scholarly or creative work, practice of a profession, and contributions to service within and outside the University community. With respect to teaching, research, scholarly and/or artistic work or practice of professional skills, candidates for promotion must have maintained and extended their knowledge of the discipline or field. In some cases, additional training and academic/professional credentials may be pre-requisites for promotion.

The standard for renewal of probationary appointments will be satisfactory progress towards meeting the tenure standards for the appropriate rank in all relevant categories. For this purpose, 'satisfactory progress' will be taken to mean that the candidate's teaching and RSAW or professional practice activities as applicable, indicate a reasonable likelihood that the tenure standards can be met within the allotted timeframe.

In this document, the term 'college' is understood to include the University Library, the School of Environment and Sustainability, the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, and the School of Public Health. Standards of performance and details of all categories for Librarian ranks are described in the University Library Standards; and, for Assistant Professors (Crop Development Centre – CDC), Associate Professors (CDC) and Professors (CDC) in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources standards. It is expected that these standards will parallel the progressive requirements of other members of faculty.

The requirements listed in Table I are considered the minimum expected performance. If a College Review Committee identifies more demanding requirements as appropriate for that college, it will submit a proposal to the University Review Committee. Because Table I does not provide requirements for tenure as Instructor, Lecturer or for promotion to Assistant Professor, in colleges where such appointments are common, the college standards will specify the minimum requirements. In other cases, the requirements for specific appointments should be established by the Search and Appointment Committees at the time of appointment.

These standards introduce a requirement for the creation of a tenure or promotion case file which includes the required evidence to demonstrate that the standards are met. The case file will also include a self-assessment to explain how the evidence is linked to the appropriate standards. One tenure or promotion case file will be submitted for each candidate under consideration. See Section E for a description of the required documentation.

**Table 1: Required Categories**

<b>Categories (see section D)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>(5)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>(6)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(7)<sup>3</sup></b>
Tenure as Assistant Professor, Librarian	yes	yes	yes	one of		no	no
Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor, Librarian	yes	yes	yes	one of		yes	no
Tenure as or Promotion to Professor, Librarian	yes	yes	yes	one of		yes	no
Tenure as Assistant Professor of Teaching	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor of Teaching	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no
Tenure as or Promotion to Professor of Teaching	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no

Tenure as Assistant Professor, Academic Programming	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor, Academic Programming	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no
<p>Note 1: A candidate is required to meet the standard in category 4 (research, scholarly and/or artistic work) except where the approved college standards state that category 5 (practice of professional skills) is an acceptable alternative for a department or other unit, or when the letter of offer designates category 5 as the alternative to category 4.</p> <p>Note 2: For all ranks, a candidate is required to meet the standard in extension service only if designated in the assigned duties or the letter of offer, or the college standards.</p> <p>Note 3: College standards may require evidence in this category.</p> <p>Important: This table should be considered in conjunction with the text as a whole. Please see section D where the standards (for promotion and tenure) in each category are described.</p>							

#### **D. STANDARDS FOR EACH CATEGORY OF EVALUATION**

The minimum acceptable standards for tenure and promotion at the University of Saskatchewan are described below.

##### **1. ACADEMIC AND/OR PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

Academic credentials will be reviewed as part of tenure and promotion decisions, but they are of particular importance in tenure considerations. Expectations regarding credentials and qualifications will be included in the candidate's letter of appointment.

The standard required academic credential for tenure and promotion is a Ph.D., or its discipline-specific counterpart, from a university/institution recognized by the University of Saskatchewan. Colleges will indicate in their standards which qualifications constitute the acceptable counterpart for the discipline in question. Each college will specify whether additional expectations will be required, e.g. professional credentials (such as specialty certification, registration or licensure in the profession). In cases where the Ph.D. or other qualifying credentials are not completed at the time of appointment, the letter of appointment will indicate that tenure cannot be awarded without the required credentials as specified in this section.

In cases where alternative qualifications will be accepted when such qualifications are deemed to be equivalent to the academic credentials typically expected in the discipline, the acceptable alternative qualifications must be stipulated in the candidate's letter of appointment.

##### **2. TEACHING ABILITY AND PERFORMANCE**

Teaching performance that is consistent with the University's commitment to providing excellent academic programs is expected of all faculty. Evaluation of teaching will form an essential component of tenure and promotion considerations. University teaching requires more than classroom performance. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in their subject area(s) or discipline(s), to make thorough preparation for their classes, to communicate effectively with their students, to show a willingness to respond to students' questions and concerns, and to exhibit fairness in evaluating students.

Both before and after tenure is awarded, faculty are expected to remain committed to improving/enhancing their teaching performance and to remedy problems identified with their teaching. As faculty progress through the ranks, they will be expected to extend their knowledge of their field(s) or discipline(s), i.e. with respect to classes, currency of the material presented, and new teaching methods.

For tenure and promotion, assessment of teaching performance will be based on a **series of evaluations** of a candidate's teaching performance and teaching materials **over a period of time**. The assessment will involve both peer and student evaluation of aspects of teaching and evidence of performance described in Table II. Evaluations by peers and feedback from students will be obtained on an **ongoing basis** and should be shared with candidates for formative purposes.

Teaching performance may include, but is not limited to, all presentation of teaching, including lectures, seminars and tutorials, course material including online course websites, individual and group discussion, supervision of individual students' work or other means by which students derive educational benefit including mentorship and Indigenous-based and/or community-based teaching. An individual's entire teaching contribution over the review period should be assessed.

Evaluation of teaching performance may include, but is not limited to command over subject matter, familiarity with recent developments in the field, preparedness, presentation, accessibility to students and influence on the intellectual and scholarly development of students. The methods of teaching evaluation may vary and may include, but are not limited to, student feedback, peer assessment, evaluations from the Department Head or the Dean or designate, and outside references concerning Indigenous-based and/or community-based teaching, course material and examinations, the caliber of supervised assignments, essays and theses. Consideration may be given to the ability and willingness of the candidate to teach a range of subject matters and at various levels of instruction, as well as program design and revision and student advising.

Table II (Evaluation of Teaching) provides a summary of the range of teaching roles, key aspects to be assessed, and types of activities under consideration. College standards may specify which of the various teaching roles and aspects identified in Table II are to be evaluated and how the overall assessment of teaching performance is to be made, i.e., what items or activities are to be reviewed and by whom. College standards will specify those situations in which candidates must demonstrate satisfactory performance in specific teaching roles or aspects of teaching in order to receive an overall assessment of meeting the standard in this category. When evaluating a candidate's teaching performance, it may be appropriate in some cases to consider aspects and review items other than those listed in Table II; however, any additional elements must be included in the college standards and must be approved by the University Review Committee.

<b>TABLE II - EVALUATION OF TEACHING</b>		
<b>Teaching Roles</b>	<b>Aspects to be assessed</b>	<b>Items and Activities to be reviewed</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· teaching in introductory undergraduate courses</li> <li>· teaching in advanced undergraduate courses</li> <li>· teaching in graduate courses</li> <li>· clinical teaching in undergraduate or graduate courses</li> <li>· teaching and/or supervision of students performing clinical work, practica or other types of field work, study-abroad or international exchange programs</li> <li>· supervising honours students</li> <li>· advising and supervising graduate students, post-doctoral fellows</li> <li>· teaching courses in certificate or diploma programs</li> <li>· co-ordination or administration of multiple section or multiple instructor courses</li> <li>· contributions to internationalization of educational experience</li> <li>· teaching at a distance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· organization of class/course</li> <li>· preparation for classes</li> <li>· appropriateness of material presented; i.e., volume, level, currency</li> <li>· clarity of communication</li> <li>· ability to stimulate students' interest</li> <li>· responsiveness to students' questions and concerns</li> <li>· fairness and adequacy of evaluation of students' performance</li> <li>· willingness to try different or new teaching methods and technologies</li> <li>· availability for students outside of class time</li> <li>· adequacy of support and direction provided to graduate students</li> <li>· fairness in dealing with students</li> <li>· teaching innovation in curricular design</li> <li>· incorporation of teaching innovations into teaching pedagogy</li> <li>· extent to which scholarly work is brought into the classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Self-assessment</b></li> <li>· teaching in the classroom</li> <li>· teaching in clinical or laboratory settings</li> <li>· course outlines/syllabi</li> <li>· instructional materials -- written course materials, laboratory manuals, audio-visual resources, computer programs</li> <li>· examinations</li> <li>· involvement on graduate advisory and/or examination committees</li> <li>· supervision of undergraduate and graduate student work</li> <li>· progress/success of graduate students supervised</li> <li>· teaching dossier</li> <li>· development and supervision of academic exchange and/or study abroad programs</li> <li>· pedagogical research, publications and presentations</li> </ul>

The following evidence will be provided by the candidate:

**Self-Assessment:** The self-assessment should articulate a clear narrative of how the provided evidence demonstrates that the relevant standards for teaching are met and should include a teaching philosophy statement that details the candidates particular pedagogical strategies, as well as descriptions, reasons/rationale, and reflections/insights related to the criteria for effective teaching outlined in Table II. The self-assessment should highlight reflection and iterative growth. If not included in the CV, it will also include a list of courses taught in the period of review; this may take the form of a table and should include the course code, name, level and number of students, and delivery method (in-person, remote, hybrid, etc.). It should also include an assessment of the peer evaluations and student feedback of teaching performance.

**Peer Review of Teaching Practices:** Peer review of teaching practices should include all relevant aspects of teaching described here. All peer reviews of teaching practices must culminate in a written assessment; each written assessment should specify which teaching activities are being reviewed and which criteria are being assessed.

**Student Feedback on their Learning Experience:** The following methods of undergraduate and graduate student feedback are acceptable:

- Written appraisals, obtained by the Department Head or Dean (or designate), and signed by students. If based on a specific course, the number of students enrolled in that course will be provided.

- Questionnaires, approved at the department or college level, administered by a college or department official (other than the instructor) appointed for this purpose, and completed by students when the designated completion rate is satisfied. A summary, including an interpretation, of the numeric results and any qualitative comments will be provided by the department or college at the time of tenure or promotion. Results of the questionnaire will include the enrolment in the course and the number of completed evaluations received.

**The following considerations of student feedback are to be made:**

- Student feedback is an important component of teaching quality assessment however, it is important that this feedback is used and interpreted appropriately. This data is student feedback on their learning experiences, rather than assessments of teaching quality. When used with other forms of data, they can be one element of a rich picture of teaching practice for use in collegial processes.
- Student feedback is subject to equity bias; research shows that faculty members with minoritized identity characteristics consistently receive less favourable feedback than their peers, disadvantaging faculty along lines of gender, sexuality, racialization, disability, country of origin, and age, etc. Collegial process committee members reviewing student feedback should be aware of the potential for bias and should assess student feedback within the larger context of the material contained in the case file pertaining to teaching practice. Candidates are invited to note in the self-assessment, where they believe bias in student feedback is relevant. Best practices include comparing the trajectory of feedback metrics over time for a single instructor, and avoiding instructor comparisons, and interpreting qualitative feedback with caution as the equity bias is often pronounced in the comments provided by students.
- Student feedback should be examined primarily for teaching effectiveness, which is understood to be only one of several considerations that inform student feedback such as personal experiences which can affect responses to complex subjects that evoke strong opinions and thus influence the evaluation of instructor performance.

**Peer reviews of teaching practices and student feedback on their learning experience will be:**

- coordinated by the Dean or Department Head (or designates),
- coordinated in consultation with the candidate to ensure that all committees have the necessary information upon which to base a decision;
- obtained on a regular basis over a period of time (ideally once a year at minimum) in the case of peer reviews; candidate will provide an explanation that their absence, including reasons that are beyond a candidate's control. Obtained on a regular basis over a period of time (ideally with every class delivered) in the case of student feedback; and
- shared with the candidate for formative purposes.

**Evaluation by Department Head or Dean or Designates:** the same guidelines used in the unit for evaluation by peers shall be used for evaluation by Department Heads or Deans or their designates, except that the Dean shall determine the appropriate frequency of evaluation, which may differ from Instructor to Instructor. The Dean or Department Head may request written comments from the coordinator of multiple section or multiple instructor courses or other instructors of the course as part of the assessment.

**Specific Requirements by Rank:** In addition to the above general requirements, the following will form the basis of the recommendation:

**Tenure as Assistant Professor or Assistant Professor of Teaching:** For tenure to be recommended, there must be compelling evidence of satisfactory teaching performance beyond that expected at appointment. The evidence will demonstrate a commitment to performance that is consistent with the University's intent to provide excellent academic programs. The evidence will demonstrate ongoing professional development and reflexivity for teaching improvement.

**Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor or Associate Professor of Teaching:** For the award of tenure or promotion to be recommended, the evidence will demonstrate a record of performance that is consistent with the University's commitment to providing excellent academic programs above that expected at the rank of Assistant Professor or Assistant Professor of Teaching, as appropriate. The evidence will demonstrate that the candidate is knowledgeable of current developments in their respective discipline(s), and in the field of teaching and learning and ongoing professional development and reflexivity for teaching improvement.

**Tenure as or Promotion to Professor or Professor of Teaching:** For the award of tenure or promotion to be recommended, the evidence will demonstrate a record of performance that is consistent with the University's commitment to providing excellent academic programs above that expected at the rank of Associate Professor or Associate Professor of Teaching, as appropriate. The evidence will demonstrate that the candidate is contributing to the University's commitment to offer excellent instructional programs. The evidence will demonstrate that the candidate is knowledgeable of current developments in their respective discipline(s), and in the field of teaching and learning, and demonstrates the implementation of this knowledge in teaching performance.

### 3. KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISCIPLINE AND FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION

Candidates for tenure and promotion will have developed an academic field of specialization and/or an area of focus and will demonstrate knowledge of the field of specialization and its relation to the discipline. Evidence to be used to evaluate performance in this category will primarily focus on the breadth of the candidate's work and its relationship to the discipline. Evidence used to evaluate the candidate's knowledge of the discipline will include either:

- a written statement by the candidate, submitted in either Category 4 (Research, Scholarly and/or Artistic Work) or Category 5 (Practice of Professional Skills), outlining the candidate's program of RSAW or professional practice and its relationship to the discipline. It is the candidate's responsibility to demonstrate its relevance.

AND/OR

- a dedicated seminar to colleagues at the University of Saskatchewan, at tenure, or at each rank for promotion, outlining the candidate's research program and its relationship to the discipline.

**Candidates are required to explain the quality and significance of their activities and that these activities are externally recognized. Aspects to be considered in this category may include, but not limited to:**

- offices held in professional organizations

- membership on editorial boards of journals relevant to the candidate's RSAW or professional practice. (Align with the other areas)
- involvement in the organization of panels and conferences
- invited lectures and presentations at conferences related to the program of RSAW
- peer-reviewed activity for journals, research proposals, or other relevant entities in the discipline
- serving on research grant selection committees
- holding peer-reviewed grants
- serving as external examiner for graduate students
- Expert advice or services provided to communities, Government and their agencies or similar organizations, educational institutions, professional bodies, and media
- Improvement of qualifications
- Other honours or offices bestowed by communities or organizations engaged by the candidate
- additional criteria specified by the college and/or department standards

To assess this category, Department and College Review Committees must indicate the evidence used in making the evaluation.

#### 4. RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY AND/OR ARTISTIC WORK

Subject to college standards candidates may provide evidence in one or several of the categories of RSAW (research, scholarly, and/or artistic work).

Research, scholarly and/or artistic work is expected of all tenure-stream faculty, but not all faculty are assessed under this category. For the purposes of this document, and for faculty evaluated under this category, research, scholarly and/or artistic work is creative, intellectual work which is in the public realm, and which has been reviewed by peers external to the University of Saskatchewan. Evaluation of research, scholarly and/or artistic work for tenure and promotion at all ranks will address the quality and significance of the work.

Candidates will provide an up-to-date curriculum vitae and, in collaboration with the Department Head/Dean, will provide a case file with relevant evidence for the purposes of this assessment. Table III outlines the categories of scholarship and sources of evidence that are used to assess faculty at all ranks. Some faculty may have work in only one category; other faculty may have work in multiple categories. For faculty who are only assessed within the artistic work category, this is determined at appointment. Primary and essential sources of evidence are indicated and deemed necessary. Other sources of evidence are outlined: this list is not exhaustive, and not all items apply in every situation. College standards may specify the type and weighting for the sources of evidence to be assessed in this category.

**Table III. Categories of Scholarship and Sources of Evidence**

<b>Primary and essential evidence must include:</b>	
Artistic Work	Presentation in appropriate peer-reviewed venues such as exhibitions and performances and publications.
Research & Scholarly Work	Publication in appropriate peer-reviewed outlets.
<b>Secondary evidence may include but is not limited to:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Award of research funding that employs a process of peer evaluation (unless specified as primary and essential evidence in department or college standards)</li> <li>- Funding from non-peer reviewed sources</li> <li>- Knowledge mobilization/transfer outcomes</li> <li>- Research-related patents, intellectual property, commercialisations, copyrighted materials</li> <li>- Audio-visual materials and web-based content</li> <li>- Practice-changing creative and/or professional outputs (e.g., design specifications, software, datasets with documented external uptake, teaching/training materials derived from research)</li> </ul>	
Additional secondary evidence for Indigenous and/or community engaged work may include the following evidence;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publication or other forms of dissemination of research findings that demonstrate the impact of the research with Indigenous Peoples and/or community(ies).</li> <li>- Implementation/adoption of research-based programs, policies, practices, activities, interventions, initiatives, services, etc. (or research-based modifications to these) within community(ies) and/or by Indigenous Peoples and/or their leaders and/or their delegates.</li> </ul>	

- Requests/invitations to expand awareness and/or adoption of research-based programs, policies, practices, activities, interventions, initiatives, services, etc. to other community(ies) and/or Indigenous Peoples
- Metrics that capture awareness of research outcomes such as number of downloads; number of views; distribution by end users, government and/or NGOs; media reach; number of attendees. Statements from communities, leaders, Elders, knowledge keepers, NGOs, government agencies, or others that speak directly to the quality of relationship and the impact of the faculty member's scholarly work in the relevant community. Comments or testimonials that reflect the impact of the research on community(ies) and/or Indigenous Peoples

#### Self-assessment for all evidence

Must address the quality and significance of the work and the broader impact of the work on the field of specialization and if applicable society, the environment, the economy, etc. If applicable, clearly state the interdisciplinary and/or collaborative nature of the work, including the role of the faculty member in the research team.

Candidates, including evidence of Indigenous and/or community engaged work may include explanations and/or narratives to assist in the assessment of the work (e.g. process and timelines for building and fostering relationships and connections) and address benefits to (the) community(ies).

**Specific Requirements by Rank:** In addition to the above general requirements, the following will form the basis of the recommendation:

**Tenure as Assistant Professor:** For tenure to be recommended, there must be compelling evidence that a body of high-quality scholarly work has been completed beyond that demonstrated at appointment at the University of Saskatchewan. There must also be evidence of the promise of future development as a scholar, including the presence of a defined program of research or scholarship. Evidence of the ability to obtain adequate research funding will be required if specified in college or department standards.

The quality of research, scholarly and/or artistic work will be assessed, using the appropriate tenure standards of the University of Saskatchewan, by at least three senior academics<sup>1</sup> drawn from comparable institutions.

**Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor:** For the award of tenure or promotion to be recommended, there must be compelling evidence of significant achievement in scholarly activity beyond that demonstrated at appointment and beyond that expected for the rank of Assistant Professor. Candidates will demonstrate through refereed publications or performances or exhibitions or appropriate outlets that the results of their research, scholarly and/or artistic work have made a contribution sufficient to be recognized by colleagues in their field in other parts of Canada or internationally. There must also be compelling evidence of the independent establishment and execution of a clearly defined program of scholarship, and a positive indication that the candidate will maintain activity in research and scholarly work. Evidence of the ability to obtain adequate research funding will be required if specified in college or department standards.

For tenure at the Associate rank (unless tenure is a condition of appointment), the quality of research, scholarly and/or artistic work will be assessed, using relevant tenure and promotion standards of the University of Saskatchewan, by at least three senior academics drawn from comparable institutions.

For promotion to the Associate rank, the candidate will be evaluated by colleagues in the candidate's department or college (in the case of non-departmentalized colleges). The candidate will provide an up-to-date *curriculum vitae* and, in collaboration with the Department Head/Dean, will provide a case file, and other relevant evidence for the purposes of this assessment.

**Tenure as or Promotion to Professor:** For the award of tenure or promotion to be recommended, there must be compelling evidence of significant achievement in scholarly activity beyond that demonstrated at appointment and beyond that expected for the rank of Associate Professor. Candidates will demonstrate, through contributions in appropriate peer-reviewed outlets or through peer-reviewed performances or exhibitions, or appropriate outlets that the results of their research have made a contribution to the field of specialization, sufficient for this contribution to be recognized as substantial by authorities in the field in other parts of Canada, and other countries if required by department or college standards. There must also be evidence of leadership in the establishment and execution of a clearly defined program of research or scholarship and a positive indication that the candidate will maintain activity in research and scholarly work. Evidence of the ability to obtain adequate research funding will be required if specified in college or department standards.

For tenure (unless tenure is a condition of appointment) and/or promotion, the quality of research, scholarly and/or artistic work will be assessed, using the tenure and promotion standards of the University of Saskatchewan, by at least three senior academics drawn from comparable institutions. Promotion to this rank is neither automatic nor based on years of service.

#### 5. PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Candidates with Academic Programming appointments are considered for promotion and tenure under this category and, unless otherwise specified in college standards, are evaluated under sub-category 5.1 (Professional Practice) and 5.2 (Scholarly Work). Unless specified by college standards, all ranks of Professors of Teaching are considered for promotion and tenure under sub-category 5.3 (Educational Leadership); typically, college standards will identify

other sub-categories that apply (5.1: Professional Practice; and/or 5.2: Scholarly Work). College standards will identify minimum expectations in 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3, that must be met, when they are used by a candidate to demonstrate proficiency.

Professional practice (5.1) means mastery of the professional skills associated with the discipline, and their effective use in a discipline-appropriate practice setting. Scholarly work (5.2) is creative, intellectual work which is in the public realm, and which has been subjected to external peer-review. Educational leadership (5.3) includes activities that advance innovation in teaching and learning with impact in one's classroom and beyond.

This category of assessment will consider the overall evaluation of the candidate's performance and must consider the amount of time protected for each sub-category in the letter of offer and annual assignment of duties.

### 5.1 Professional Practice

Colleges will define professional practice in the context of their particular disciplines. Two examples are provided for illustrative purposes.

**Clinical Practice** applies to faculty members in one of the health science professions, and faculty members from other disciplines who engage in testing, diagnosis, remediation, coaching, counselling and similar activities. College standards will refer to some or **all** the standards for practice identified in the list below and outline expectations.

**Educational Practice** applies to faculty members engaged in a professional practice in educational program development and delivery, and/or in instructional design. College standards will outline expectations ensuring that the practice is grounded in a conceptual framework that is supported by contemporary literature, and that there is evidence of results achieved. Educational Practice is considered a limited component of educational leadership and only applies to Academic Programming appointments.

In colleges where this category of assessment is employed, colleges will provide definitions of professional practice similar to those provided above and will identify the elements of practice to be evaluated. College standards will include some or all of the following:

- performance of professional skills (e.g., clinical management, counselling, program design and evaluation, diagnosis, systems analysis, applied government and/or private sector technical and policy reports)
- peer recognition (e.g., referrals and requests for services, provision of expert advice, testimonials from client organizations, professional association recognition)
- delivery of health care, technical or professional services
- completeness and accuracy of investigations, procedures, reports, case records, policy analyses, etc.
- effectiveness as a professional role model (for students and other trainees)
- willingness to accept and perform duties out of regular working hours and in emergencies where this is an integral part of professional practice
- adequacy and diversity of the service load where this is an integral part of professional practice
- communication with colleagues and clients
- evidence of the ability to organize and manage complex multi-faceted and large-scale programs
- evidence of the ability to establish contribute to collaborative and collegial work in ways that respect diverse communication styles, cultural practices, access needs, and relational approaches.
- success in obtaining external funding
- leadership in the discipline with respect to the profession

In assembling evidence of professional practice, college standards will ensure that a broad-based consultative process is in place for tenure or promotion considerations. Following consultation with the candidate, the Department Head and/or Dean will request confidential, written evaluations from clients, client agencies or colleagues who are familiar with the technical and/or professional aspects of practice. Candidates may also provide letters of support (placed in the case file, see Section E). College standards may refer to standards/codes adopted by appropriate professional organizations as a guide for evaluation of practice of the profession.

### 5.2 Scholarly Work

Candidates for tenure or promotion will engage in scholarly work appropriate to the profession or discipline with the fundamental expectation that the results of scholarly work will be shared with other members of the profession and the academic community. Publication in reputable peer-reviewed outlets is the primary evidence in this category.

Evaluation of scholarly work for tenure and promotion at all ranks will address the *quality and significance of the work*. There must be a positive indication of involvement in scholarly work with research funding at levels appropriate to the discipline.

College standards will indicate the appropriate vehicles for dissemination or publication of scholarly work (e.g., publication of refereed articles; preparation of technical reports, reports to agencies; presentations at academic, scientific or professional meetings, dissemination of scholarly work to community organizations). College standards must make a case for standards of quality and significance equivalent to peer-reviewed publications if vehicles other than these are used as a basis for the assessment. College standards must identify the appropriate expectations for scholarly work based on the appointment, rank, and amount of time protected for research, scholarship and/or artistic work. While the full variety of RSAW outputs described in Category 4 are acceptable here, the expectation of quality and/or quantity of outputs must be proportional to/of the assignment of duties.

### 5.3 Educational Leadership

Candidates for tenure and promotion at the ranks of Assistant Professors of Teaching, Associate Professors of Teaching, and Professor of Teaching, must demonstrate evidence of educational leadership. Educational leadership may include, but is not limited to, activities that advance innovation in teaching and learning with impact in one's classroom and beyond. Educational leadership includes, but is not limited to:

- Assessment of application of impact and/or active engagement in the scholarship of teaching and learning
- Significant contributions to curriculum development, curriculum renewal, course design, new assessment models, pedagogical innovation and other initiatives that extend beyond the member's classroom and advance the university's ability to excel in its teaching and learning mandate
- Formal educational leadership responsibilities within the department, college and university
- Organization of and contributions to conferences, programs, symposia, workshops and other educational events on teaching and learning locally, nationally, and internationally
- Contributions to the theory and practice of teaching and learning, including publications such as textbooks, print and electronic publications, book chapters, articles in peer reviewed and professional journals, conference proceedings, software, training guidelines, instructional manuals or other resources
- Other activities that support evidence-based education research, clinical research, and mastery of one's field of knowledge
- Independent research on the scholarship of teaching and learning, discipline-based education research, clinical research, and/or community engaged research.

Educational leadership may be evaluated in accordance with the standards for the academic unit and may include, but is not limited to:

- Peer-reviewed publications, scholarly papers, especially insofar as they reveal the quality of research including alternate and emerging forms of scholarship and digital contexts;
- Other forms of creative achievement in areas that are related to teaching and directly relevant to the employee's discipline;
- Awards and fellowships granted internally and externally;
- Documented activities, outputs and impact, related to, educational leadership and community-engaged scholarship, including the development of long-term relationships with communities, recognition of appointments to professional and scholarly adjudicatory or review boards or councils at federal, provincial and university levels, and evidence of reputation and impact for scholarly work.

**Specific Requirements by Rank:** In addition to the above general requirements, the following will form the basis of the recommendation:

**For Tenure as Assistant Professor:** there must be compelling evidence, beyond that demonstrated at appointment, that: 1) the candidate is developing a leadership role in the field of specialization with provision for further development; and 2) the candidate is contributing to the creation and dissemination of knowledge through scholarly work. There must also be evidence of the promise of future development as a practitioner and scholar, including the presence of a defined professional practice and a defined program of scholarship. Evidence of the ability to obtain adequate research funding will be required if specified in college or department standards.

**For Tenure as Assistant Professor of Teaching:** there must be evidence of a developing program of educational leadership beyond the time of appointment; it must be clearly defined and executed by the candidate, and there must be a positive indication that the candidate will maintain activity in educational leadership. There must also be evidence of the impact of educational leadership significance to be identified outside of the candidate's classroom and beyond their classroom.

For tenure at the rank of Assistant Professor and Assistant Professor of Teaching (unless tenure is a condition of appointment), the evidence of practice of professional skills will be assessed using the tenure standards of the University of Saskatchewan, by at least three senior academics in tenured, or equivalent, appointments, drawn from comparable institutions.

**For Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor:** there must be compelling evidence, beyond that demonstrated for the rank of Assistant Professor, that: 1) the candidate has established a significant leadership role in the field of specialization and demonstrated exemplary standards of client service; and, 2) the candidate has contributed to the creation and dissemination of knowledge through scholarly work. There must also be evidence of continuing development as a practicing professional and as a scholar, including the presence of a clearly defined professional practice and a clearly defined program of scholarship. The results of significant investigations, such as experimental studies or clinical observations, must have been published in reputable peer-reviewed publications. This work must have made a contribution sufficient to be recognized by colleagues in their field in other parts of Canada or internationally. Evidence of the ability to obtain adequate research funding will be required if specified in college or department standards.

**For Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor of Teaching:** there must be evidence of a program of educational leadership beyond that demonstrated for the rank of Assistant Professor of Teaching; it must be clearly defined and executed by the candidate, and there must be a positive indication that the candidate will maintain activity in educational leadership. There must also be evidence of the impact of educational leadership significance to be identified outside of the candidate's classroom and beyond their students. This work must have made a contribution sufficient to be recognized by colleagues in the field and colleagues at the University of Saskatchewan.

For tenure and promotion at the rank of Associate Professor (Academic Programming appointments) and tenure at the rank of Associate Professor of Teaching (unless tenure is a condition of appointment), the evidence of provided under category 5: Academic and Professional Skills, will be assessed using the tenure and promotion standards of the University of Saskatchewan, by at least three senior academics in tenured, or equivalent, appointments, drawn from comparable institutions.

For promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Teaching, the candidate will be evaluated by colleagues in the candidate's department or college (in the case of non-departmentalized colleges). Candidates will provide an up-to-date *curriculum vitae* and, in collaboration with the Department Head/Dean, will provide a case file, and other relevant evidence for the purposes of this assessment.

**For Tenure as or Promotion to Professor:** There must be compelling evidence, beyond that demonstrated for the rank of Associate Professor, that: 1) the candidate has demonstrated a sustained high level of performance in the practice of the profession and established a reputation for expertise in the field among colleagues and, where appropriate, clients or client agencies; and, 2) the candidate has made a significant contribution to the creation and dissemination of knowledge through scholarly work. There must also be evidence of leadership in the establishment and execution of a clearly defined program of scholarship and a positive indication that the candidate will maintain activity in scholarly work as well as in professional practice. The candidate will have played a leading role in scholarly investigations and published the results in reputable peer-reviewed publications. The candidate will have made a

contribution sufficient to be recognized by colleagues in their field in other parts of Canada and in other countries. In cases where the opportunity exists to supervise graduate students, candidates for Professor will have actively pursued these opportunities. Evidence of the ability to obtain adequate research funding will be required if specified in college or department standards.

**For Tenure as or Promotion to Professor of Teaching:** there must be compelling evidence of a program of educational leadership, clearly defined and executed by the candidate beyond that expected for the rank of Associate Professor of Teaching. There must also be compelling evidence that the result of their program of educational leadership has a significant impact beyond their own students and has contributed to the field of specialization, sufficient for this contribution to be recognized as substantial by authorities outside the University of Saskatchewan. Furthermore, there must be evidence that the program of educational leadership has made a meaningful contribution to the University's commitment to offer excellent academic programs. There must be a positive indication that the candidate will maintain activity in educational leadership.

For tenure and/or promotion at the rank of Professor and Professor of Teaching (unless tenure is a condition of appointment), the evidence and impact of educational leadership and scholarly work (if applicable) will be assessed, using the relevant tenure and promotion standards of the University of Saskatchewan, by at least three senior academics in tenured, or equivalent, appointments, drawn from comparable institutions. Initial appointments or promotion to this rank are normally tenured appointments.

Promotion to this rank is neither automatic nor based on years of service.

## 6. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OR EXTENSION RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY

This category describes the candidate's commitment to the collegium and reflects "service" within and outside the university community. Faculty are expected to be actively engaged in the collegial decision-making processes, to participate in administrative work, and are encouraged to be involved in the activities of academic and professional organizations and, in some colleges, in extension work. Faculty should use good judgment in balancing their activities in this category with those in other categories of assessment.

Candidates for tenure or promotion are required to meet the requirements in this category unless otherwise specified in the letter of appointment. Meeting the standard in category 6(b) will be a requirement for only certain departments/colleges (as specified in their respective standards) or positions (to be specified on appointment or in an amended letter of appointment).

### (a) Administration

Faculty are expected to carry their share of administrative work. Aspects to be evaluated include quality and impact of the candidate's contribution and the amount of time and/or effort involved. To meet the standard for performance in administration, candidates must have demonstrated a willingness and ability to serve, and effective performance when an activity is undertaken. Factors to be considered in arriving at a judgment that the standard has been met but not limited to:

- attendance at, and informed participation in, committee meetings
- amount of time and effort required or made available
- preparedness for meetings or tasks
- demonstrated leadership

**Tenure as Assistant Professor and Assistant Professor of Teaching:** unless otherwise specified in the Department/College standards an appropriate contribution to the administrative work of the Department, or College, or University is required. Participation in committee work is expected to provide a meaningful contribution to administrative work without unreasonably detracting from the time required to meet the standards in other categories.

**Tenure as or Promotion to Associate Professor and Associate Professor of Teaching:** a fair and reasonable contribution to the administrative work of the Department, or College, or University is required.

**Tenure as or Promotion to Professor and Professor of Teaching:** a fair and reasonable contribution to the administrative work of the Department or College or University beyond that expected at the rank of Associate Professor/Associate Professor of Teaching. Evidence of leadership in committee work at the Department or College or University is required.

### (b) Extension

Extension work (outreach and engagement) is defined as extending the University to the community through the provision of a service to the community outside of the University. It is expected that such service will be sponsored or sanctioned by the department and/or college in which the faculty member resides. Extension work includes service that involves work that is closely related to the candidate's area of specialization, as defined in category 3, and provides significant benefit to the University, such as working with Indigenous communities, or otherwise offering academic services to systemically disadvantaged groups. College standards may list extension work as evidence to be combined with administration work, as described in 6(a), to meet the standard, but extension work cannot replace the required administration work in part or whole.

Extension work includes a wide range of roles that help connect the university to communities and learners. The community can be local, provincial, national or international. Examples of extension activities include:

- technology transfer- moving research results towards commercialization or adoption
- information transfer- providing advice and information on request, giving talks or lectures to lay or professional audiences, preparing written information in print or electronic forms, engaging with the media adult continuing education
- developing and delivering instructional modules, organizing and conducting non degree courses, workshops and conferences (all teaching activities associated with formalized degree, diploma or certified programs will be evaluated in category 2, regardless of whether the instruction and students are on or off campus).

Candidates must demonstrate that the extension activities were associated with their university position, were related to their professional expertise, and were informed by their research or professional practice. Work for which remuneration has been received may be included in evaluating candidates' suitability for tenure and promotion provided all of the other conditions noted above are met.

Factors to be considered in arriving at a judgment that a standard has been met may include:

- time involvement
- number and magnitude of extension undertakings
- demand as evidenced by requests for services
- evidence of industry and creativity
- peer evaluation
- response of clients or audiences
- evaluation conducted by the Center for continuing and distance education or by other extension services, such as government of Saskatchewan
- extension publications produced

In the case of extension specialists and faculty for whom extension is a specific requirement of their position, these activities will usually be evaluated within categories 2 and 5. A candidate must have satisfactorily performed extension duties specified in their letter of appointment. College standards will specify which factors are to be considered and the methods by which information will be gathered and evaluated. Factors to be considered when assessing this category may include: the response of clients/audiences; the number and magnitude of undertakings; requests for services; the value of the contribution to the University; and the impact of the work. Statements from individuals who have personally observed the work performed by the candidate will be provided to review committees.

Candidates may include both administrative and extension contributions to other units, centers, or institutes at the University of Saskatchewan in addition to their home unit, unless college or department standards prohibit such inclusions.

## 7. PUBLIC SERVICE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

This category describes the candidate's commitment to the broader university community and to the general public. Meeting the standards in this category will be a requirement for only certain colleges and departments (as specified in their respective standards). In such cases, college standards will specify which factors are to be considered and the methods by which information will be gathered and evaluated and may include but not limited to:

- Amount of effort and industry involved
- Quality and/or value of services rendered
- Stature and magnitude of any offices held
- The integration of the University into the larger academic or professional community
- Contributions to the community at large through various means including media interviews and commentary, and engagement at meetings of the community.

Candidates for tenure as Assistant Professor are not required to meet any requirements in this category unless such duties are specified on appointment.

### (a) Community and Public Service

Public service is normally defined as the faculty member's provision of expertise to the outside community and will be accorded recognition insofar as the activities entail application of expertise associated with the candidate's position in the university.

### (b) Service to Academic, Professional or Scientific Organizations

To be recognized within this category, service to academic and/or professional organizations must go beyond membership in an organization and focus on active participation. Such activities might include: service on the committees or executives of academic or professional organizations; service on selection committees for provincial, national or international granting organizations; or service on the editorial board for academic, professional or scientific journals, when that service goes beyond membership in an organization and includes active participation and significant contributions.

## E. PROCESS OF EVALUATION

The Dean, Executive Director or Department Head shall review the University, College and Department Standards with every faculty member as part of the annual review for faculty members who are candidates for promotion and tenure.

Evaluation of faculty for tenure and promotion will take place within a process that is open and accountable. Both the committee chairs and the candidates are expected to share information about the evaluation process and to contribute to the collection of appropriate documentation for the consideration of all committees. Committee chairs are expected to provide opportunities for committee members to review the documentation, including the statement of rationale, prior to its submission to senior collegial committees.

Departments will consider eligible candidates for tenure and promotion according to their eligibility, unless a request for a deferral has been received. The candidate will confirm with the Department Head or Dean, their desire to be considered for tenure or promotion and will supply the documents listed in tenure and promotion case files (identified below)

**Tenure and Promotion Case Files:** case files will provide the basic evidence used to assess the candidate's case for tenure or promotion. Case files will include the following items:

1. Provided by the Candidate:
  - An up-to-date curriculum vitae.
  - A self-assessment of the candidate's progress towards tenure or promotion.
  - Evidence pertaining to teaching, including: a statement of the candidate's philosophy of teaching and an explanation of its application, summary of student feedback and peer evaluations, a record of teaching roles (including time commitments and method of delivery) in undergraduate and graduate courses, teaching and/or supervision of students performing clinical work, undertaking practica or other types of field work, and advising and supervising graduate students.
  - Evidence pertaining to research and scholarly work including a statement on the nature of the candidate's research and future research plans, the candidate's contribution to joint publications and research grants, examples of published works, performances, manuscript materials, on the adequacy of the candidate's research funding support (where required in college/department standards), and other relevant evidence for the purposes of establishing research direction and accomplishment. For publications in types of outlets where rigor of peer review varies among outlets (e.g. conference proceedings), the type or extent of the peer review process should be specified.
  - For candidates considered under Category 5 only, evidence pertaining to practice of professional skills including a statement on the nature and scope of the candidate's practice, a discussion of various leadership activities associated with the candidate's role in professional service whether delivered to a professional audience, individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, or the community.
  - Examples of materials pertaining to administration, extension and public service including a statement on the role of the candidate in service to academic and/or professional organizations, on the nature and extent of the candidate's contributions in these areas and statements from individuals (e.g. chairs, other committee members) who have personally observed the work and/or contributions the candidate has performed on committees, or as part of their administrative responsibilities.
  
2. Provided by the Department Head or Dean (as committee chair) in addition to the documents listed under item 3 below:
  - For departmentalized colleges: a Statement of Rationale from the college, signed by the Dean as Chair of the College Review Committee, explaining the decision at the college level and including both majority and minority views of committee members. This statement will be made available to committee members for review prior to submission to the senior committees. The statement of rationale must include:
    - An indication of the quality and significance of the candidate's work and how it was assessed
    - An indication of the committee's discussion of the evidence and the relative weighting of this evidence in the overall decision of the committee
    - Where required in the college standards, a statement of the adequacy of research funding support
    - A list of the College Review Committee members
  
  - For non-departmentalized colleges: a Statement of Rationale from the college, signed by the Dean as Chair of the College Review Committee, explaining the decision and including both majority and minority views of committee members. This statement will be made available to committee members for review prior to submission to the senior committees. The statement of rationale must include:
    - An indication of the quality and significance of the candidate's work and how it was assessed
    - An indication and assessment of the quality of the candidate's teaching
    - An explanation on how the student and peer evaluations were conducted, a summary of their contents and their interpretation by the college committee, and an indication of the types of courses evaluated
    - An indication and assessment of the quality of the candidate's research productivity within the context of the discipline including an indication of the quality of journals and other publications
    - An assessment of the candidate's current and potential program of research and scholarship within the context of the discipline
    - An assessment of, where required in college standards, the adequacy of research funding support
    - An explanation of the candidate's role in joint publications, presentations, or research grants, including a statement of confirmation by collaborators.
    - An indication of the committee's discussion of the evidence and the relative weighting of this evidence in the overall decision of the committee
    - A list of the College Review Committee members
  
  - For departments: A Statement of Rationale from the department, signed by the Department Head as chair of the department committee, explaining the decision at the department level and including both majority and minority views of committee members. This statement will be made available to committee members for review prior to submission to the senior committees. The statement of rationale must include:
    - An indication of the quality and significance of the candidate's work and how it was assessed
    - An indication and assessment of the quality of the candidate's teaching
    - An explanation on how the student and peer evaluations were conducted, a summary of their contents and their interpretation by the department committee, and an indication of the types of courses evaluated
    - An assessment of the candidate's current and potential program of research and scholarship within the context of the discipline
    - An assessment of, where required in department standards, the adequacy of research funding support
    - An indication and assessment of the quality of the candidate's research productivity within the context of the discipline including an indication of the quality of journals and other publications
    - An explanation of the candidate's role in joint publications, presentations, or research grants, including a statement of confirmation by collaborators
    - An indication of the committee's discussion of the evidence and the relative weighting of this evidence in the overall decision of the committee
    - A list of the department committee members
  
3. Provided by the Department Head or Dean (as committee chair) in addition to the documents listed under item 2 above relating to the recommendations of the tenure or promotion committee:
  - Forms (T1/P1 and T2/P2).
  - A copy of the letter sent by the department (or college in the case of non-departmentalized colleges) to external referees.
  - A list of the persons identified as external referees and shown to the candidate.
  - A list of the persons selected as external referees, including a brief description of their areas and accomplishments.

- The letters of evaluation submitted by the external referees with an indication of the role they played in the evaluation process.
- A complete list of persons consulted in the evaluation process (e.g. co-authors, other departments in the case of joint appointments, client organizations).
- In cases of associate memberships, comments on all categories relevant to the duties of the candidate will be solicited by the Dean or Department Head from all units with which a faculty member is associated. Individuals solicited for comments will be provided with copies of the candidate's *curriculum vitae* and supporting documentation. The candidate will be informed that such information has been solicited.
- Any additional documents collected by the college committee, (in addition to those submitted by the department). These are to be identified as additional material available to the College Review Committee (e.g. letters or minority reports from members of the department committee).
- Any other information on the specific case that the University Review Committee should be aware of (e.g. sabbatical and other leaves, academic credentials verification).

In conducting their evaluation, department, college and university-level committees will be able to access progress reports, these and other information internal to the University.

**Senior Academics:** For the purposes of external assessment in either Category 4 (Research, Scholarly and/or Artistic Work) or Category 5 (Practice of Professional Skills), a senior academic is a colleague holding an academic or research appointment with tenure, or equivalent at a comparable institution. When the external examiner does not hold tenure, the onus to demonstrate equivalence is on the Department Head and Dean. In the case of tenure as Assistant Professor, one of the three senior academics may be at the Associate Professor level; two must be Full Professors or equivalent. In the case of tenure as Associate Professor or Professor, the three senior academics must be Full Professors or equivalent. In the case of promotion to Professor, the three senior academics must be Full Professors or equivalent. For candidates considered under Category 5 (Practice of Professional Skills) only, in some cases identified by the Dean, a non-academic may be appropriate to act as a referee but only one such person will act as a referee in any given case.

**Selection of External Referees:** Processes constructed for the selection of the external referees will ensure that the candidate has an opportunity to put forward names for consideration and to identify potential referees with a perceived personal bias. The University expects that this aspect of the process will be conducted in a fair and open manner and that it will protect the confidentiality of the external reviewers. The University recommends the following process:

- Normally, the Department Head or Dean of a non-departmentalized college will prepare a list of at least six qualified external referees. These external referees will have established national or international reputations in their field and will be able to judge whether the candidate's work is of the required standard. They must be sufficiently 'at arm's length' from the candidate so as to provide an objective assessment of performance, i.e., must not have been the candidate's colleagues, former supervisors (within the past ten years), or co-investigators. The candidate may suggest some names, but the Department Head or Dean (of a non-departmentalized college), in consultation with committee members, should provide at least half of the names on the list. The candidate will be permitted to ask that particular referees be dropped on grounds such as suspected personal prejudice, but may in turn be asked to provide an explanation of why a name should be dropped. When names are dropped, others will be added so that a minimum of five names is available to the Dean. The Dean will approve the final list and a description of the credentials/background of the external referees will be provided to the review committees for information.
- The Department Head, or Dean of a non-departmentalized college, will select at least three (usually four) external referees from this list and write letters requesting an assessment of the candidate's research, scholarly and/or artistic work. The candidate will **not** be informed of the referees selected. The letters to external referees should indicate that comments are sought only on the research, scholarly and/or artistic work of the candidate, or in the case of consideration under Category 5 (Practice of Professional Skills), on the professional practice in addition to the research, scholarly or artistic work of the candidate. External referees should be informed that their reply will be considered confidential and will be seen only by the committees and not by the candidate. Enclosed with the letter should be the candidate's *curriculum vitae*, the relevant approved standards, and appropriate sections of the case file including all materials germane to the category of evaluation [either Category 4 (Research, Scholarly and/or Artistic Work) or Category 5 (Practice of Professional Skills)].

**Part-time Appointments/Reduced Time Appointments.** In cases of tenurable part-time appointments or in cases of reduced time appointments, individual letters of appointment will reflect expectations regarding the appropriate timeframe in which to evaluate progress towards both tenure and promotion. Normally such candidates will be provided with extended periods of time in which to meet the standards commensurate with the precise nature of their appointment.

**Category of Assessment:** The Department Head and/or Dean will determine at the time of appointment, through discussion with the faculty member, whether assigned duties will be evaluated under Category 4 (Research, Scholarly and/or Artistic Work) or Category 5 (Practice of Professional Skills) and this agreement will be included in the letter of offer to the candidate. This determination will remain in effect until written confirmation from the Department Head and/or Dean indicates a change in category because of new or different assigned duties. Any change must be discussed with, and agreed to in writing by, the faculty member and approved by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic. All work completed under the original category of assessment will be reassessed under the new category at the time tenure or promotion decisions are made.

**Timelines:** Determinations at the department, college and university levels should be made in an expeditious fashion, mindful of collegial deadlines, but committee chairs should take the time required to prepare a comprehensive case for the consideration of senior committees.

## F. DEFINITIONS

The University Standards refer specifically to the academic ranks of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor, and Assistant Professor of Teaching, Associate Professor of Teaching, and Professor of Teaching. However, the intent of the standards should also be read as applying to Librarian ranks, as well as Assistant Professors (CDC), Associate Professors (CDC) and Professors (CDC). In the case of the Crop Development Centre (CDC). For clinical faculty in the College of Medicine the appropriate terminology is continuing status for those appointments whose academic component of salary is supported by and dependent upon funds external to the Operating Budget of the University and whose appointments are not for a limited term

For clarity of communication in tenure and promotion proceedings throughout the University, the following standard terminology is to be used when assessing a candidate's performance in each of the appropriate categories:

- Does not meet the standard for (promotion or tenure)
- Meets the standard for (promotion or tenure)

With reference to scholarly work, the term "published" means having appeared in print or having been accepted for publication. The latter (accepted for publication) means that a decision to publish a manuscript in present form (or with such minor revisions as to not require re-submission and a second review) has been made and communicated in writing to the author.

**Indigenous research as defined by CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC is:** "Research in any field or discipline that is conducted by, grounded in or engaged with First Nations, Inuit, Métis or other Indigenous nations, communities, societies or individuals, and their wisdom, cultures, experiences or knowledge systems, as expressed in their dynamic forms, past and present. Indigenous research can embrace the intellectual, physical, emotional and/or spiritual dimensions of knowledge in creative and interconnected relationships with people, places and the natural environment." (<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a0>).

Community-engaged research "focuses on social, structural, and physical environmental inequities through active involvement of community members, organizational representatives, and researchers in all aspects of the research process".

For some, transdisciplinary RSAW is interchangeable with interdisciplinary or community-engaged RSAW, but for others it denotes a focus on the co-creation of knowledge with academic researchers from different disciplines and participants outside of academia who seek to achieve a common goal. In this document, the term interdisciplinary is intended to include both transdisciplinary and community-engaged RSAW.

Unless specific types are noted, the use of the term 'government' refers to all levels, including municipal, Indigenous, provincial, territorial, regional, state, federal, international, and multilateral.

The term 'community' is understood to consider a group of people who are linked by social ties, common perspectives, and or interest and or engage in joint activities. Examples of community include Indigenous communities and organizations, groups and associations in the non-profit sector, and groups in private industry.

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<sup>1</sup>This document replaces the standards for promotion and tenure adopted by the University Review Committee February 1989, 2002, 2011. It also replaces the preliminary standards adopted by the University Review Committee in June 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Readers are referred to the University Council *Guidelines for Academic Conduct*, approved in June 1999.

<sup>3</sup> The definition of "senior academic" and the process for solicitation of letters from external referees is described in Section E.

<sup>4</sup> The definition of senior academic and the process for solicitation of letters from external referees is described in Section E. In some cases, identified by the Dean, a non-academic may be appropriate to act as a referee but only one such person will act as a referee in any given case.

<sup>5</sup> In this document, the word "superior" denotes performance in the top quartile of a large group of comparable persons. Approximation to such a norm can only be expected in large groups; e.g., the whole University or a group the size of a large college when evaluating teaching, or persons within the same rank and discipline in Canada when evaluating scholarly work. There is no implication that one-quarter of the faculty in a particular department or small college will be superior in teaching or research and scholarly work. Some units may have a high proportion of faculty with superior performance in a given category and some may have few. Of course, there is no way in which one can actually compare a given individual's teaching with that of all faculty in the University or the candidate's research with that of the candidate's peers across the country in order to determine if they are in the top one-quarter. These illustrations are given solely to clarify the use of the word superior and to suggest the frequency with which it is to be applied in tenure and promotion cases.