

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #187 on December 3, 2012:

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve the revised Unit Criteria for the Cooperative Extension Service.

EFFECTIVE:      Fall 2013  
                      Upon Chancellor Approval

RATIONALE:      The committee assessed the unit criteria submitted by the Cooperative Extension Service. Revisions were agreed upon by the department representatives and the Unit Criteria Committee, and the unit criteria were found to be consistent with UAF guidelines.

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President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL:   
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Chancellor's Office

DATE: 12/4/12

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Chancellor's Office

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# **UAF REGULATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND EVALUATIONS OF FACULTY AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE UNIT CRITERIA, STANDARDS, AND INDICES**

***THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADAPTATION OF UAF AND BOARD OF REGENTS' CRITERIA FOR ANNUAL REVIEW, PRE-TENURE REVIEW, POST-TENURE REVIEW, PROMOTION, AND TENURE, SPECIFICALLY ADAPTED FOR USE IN EVALUATING THE FACULTY OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE DEPARTMENT. ITEMS IN BOLDFACE ITALICS ARE THOSE SPECIFICALLY ADDED OR EMPHASIZED BECAUSE OF THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FACULTY, AND BECAUSE THEY ARE ADDITIONS TO 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. 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, 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, PARAPROFESSIONAL ADVISING AND TRAINING, training graduate students and serving on their graduate committees, particularly as their major advisor, curriculum development, and academic recruiting and retention activities.

STANDARD ACADEMIC TEACHING IS NOT A COMMON FORM OF INFORMATION DELIVERY IN THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE. INSTRUCTION OFTEN INCLUDES CONTACT WITH CLIENTELE THROUGH DISTANCE DELIVERY METHODS, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, TRAINING AND PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENTS. A 10% (4 UNIT) TEACHING LOAD IN EXTENSION IS CONSIDERED 45 TO 50 HOURS TEACHING IN FRONT OF A GROUP

### **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 AND CLIENTELE;

- b. express positive regard for students, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THEIR COMMUNITY/PUBLIC, develop good rapport with students AND CLIENTELE, show interest/enthusiasm for the subject;
- c. emphasize and encourage student participation, ask questions, frequently monitor student AND CLIENTELE participation for student learning and teacher effectiveness, are sensitive to student AND CLIENTELE 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 ADDRESSING CLIENTELE AND PUBLIC NEEDS BY DELIVERING INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THOSE NEEDS and use a variety of methods of instructional delivery and instructional design;
- g. may receive prizes and awards, AND GRANTS 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/OR TESTIMONIALS, AND/OR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM STUDENTS, OTHER PROFESSIONALS,

**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.

**E. DOCUMENTATION OF THE IMPACTS RESULTING FROM TEACHING ACTIVITY SUCH AS KNOWLEDGE GAINED OR CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR OR ATTITUDES OF STUDENTS THROUGH POST INSTRUCTION EVALUATIONS, SURVEYS, AND TESTIMONIALS.**

**F. REPEATED INVITATIONS TO TEACH IN A COMMUNITY REFLECTS ENGAGEMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS IN TEACHING.**

### **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.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FACULTY HAVE LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO CONDUCT TRADITIONAL RESEARCH AND VERY LIMITED ACCESS TO LABORATORIES AND GRADUATE STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, BIPARTITE FACULTY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE A RESEARCH OBLIGATION.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FACULTY WITH TRIPARTITE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT APPLIED RESEARCH OR ENGAGE IN OTHER SCHOLARLY PURSUITS THAT CHALLENGE AND HELP SOLVE ISSUES FACING THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA. MOST GRANTS PURSUED BY BIPARTITE FACULTY RELATE TO SERVICE OR TEACHING ACTIVITIES AND ARE NOT RESEARCH ORIENTED.

#### **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 WITH RESULTS AND IMPACTS DISSEMINATED TO APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY AUDIENCES.
- b. They must be evaluated, REVIEWED AND VALIDATED by appropriate peers AND BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.
- 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 AND BE RELEVANT TO ALASKAN ISSUES.

#### **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 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,

AUTHORSHIP OF CES PUBLICATIONS OR ARTICLES WITHIN CES PUBLICATIONS OF HIGH QUALITY BASED ON ORIGINAL OR APPLIED RESEARCH WHICH MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN CHAPTER III C.1. OF THIS DOCUMENT.

- 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. Editing or refereeing articles or proposals for professional journals or organizations AND IN-HOUSE CES PUBLICATIONS.
- g. Scholarly reviews of publications, art works and performance of the candidate.
- h. Citations of research in scholarly publications.
- i. Published abstracts of research papers.
- j. 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.
- k. Prizes and awards for excellence of scholarship.
- l. Awards of special fellowships for research or artistic activities or selection of tours of duty at special institutes for advanced study.
- m. 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.

**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.”

\* CES FACULTY WORK IS COUNTED AS PUBLIC SERVICE EVEN THOUGH THE UNIVERSITY MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR SOME ACTIVITIES. THESE FEES ARE NECESSARY TO RECOVER COSTS SUCH AS THOSE FOR ROOM RENT, PRINTED MATERIALS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHERS AND ARE NOT PAYMENT FOR FACULTY TIME NOR ARE THE FEES EVER RETAINED BY INDIVIDUAL FACULTY.

## **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 that 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 INCLUDING REPRESENTING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT CES EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS, BOOTHS AND EXHIBITS AT PUBLIC EVENTS.
- b. Service on or to government or public committees, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED WITH AGENCIES AND GROUPS AND UTILIZATION OF DISTRICT OR REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS, TASK FORCES, FOCUS GROUPS OR PUBLIC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS TO IDENTIFY RELEVANT ISSUES AND PROBLEMS.
- c. Service on accrediting bodies.
- d. Active participation in professional organizations.
- e. Active participation in discipline-oriented service organizations.
- f. Consulting AS APPROPRIATE TO THE UNIT.
- g. Prizes and awards, AND GRANTS, for excellence in public service.
- h. Leadership of or presentations at workshops, conferences, or public meetings.



- i. Training and facilitating AT PUBLIC FORUMS, GROUP MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EVENTS.
- j. Radio and TV programs, newspaper articles and columns, CES publications, newsletters, films, computer applications, teleconferences and other educational media, INCLUDING WEB SITES DESIGNED AND/OR MANAGED BY FACULTY. CONTENT MAY RESULT FROM COMMUNITY INTEREST OR ISSUES..
- k. Judging and similar educational assistance at science fairs, state fairs, and speech, drama, literary, and similar competitions.

L. ENGAGE THE PUBLIC IN ASSESSING RESEARCH NEEDS - AND COMMUNICATE THOSE NEEDS TO THE APPROPRIATE RESEARCH UNITS.

M. MANAGING PARAPROFESSIONAL AND/OR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO HELP EXTEND CES RESOURCES OR DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

N. RESPONSE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS RENDERED IN AN EXTENSION ROLE, TO CLIENTELE THAT FACED THE EMERGENCY.

## **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, PROGRAM CHAIR, OFFICE COORDINATOR 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.
- h. Assisting other faculty or units with curriculum planning and delivery of instruction, such as serving as guest lecturer.

- i. Mentoring.
- 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.

### **SPECIFIC INDICES FOR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE ACTIVITY, AND FOR PROMOTION & TENURE.**

SINCE SERVICE IS THE MAJORITY OF THE WORKLOAD OF CES FACULTY, IN ADDITION TO UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS ON EVALUATION OF PUBLIC AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE ADDITIONAL INDICES FOR DOCUMENTING EFFECTIVE SERVICE FOR CES FACULTY MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:** EVIDENCE OF DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE MAY INCLUDE SOME OR ALL, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO III.D.1 AND III.D.2 AND THE FOLLOWING:

1. AUTHORSHIP OF CES PUBLICATIONS WITH A DOCUMENTED RECORD OF PEER REVIEW.
2. DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN AN ENGAGED, TWO-WAY, CONTINUING PROGRAMMATIC BASIS.
- 3.- TESTIMONIALS & LETTERS DEMONSTRATING OUTCOMES

AND/OR EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

4. DOCUMENTING PUBLIC NEEDS AND ENGAGING THE RESOURCES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER ENTITIES IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

5. DOCUMENTING IMPACTS WHICH RESULT FROM ENGAGED PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**FULL PROFESSOR:** EVIDENCE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE SERVICE AREA IS EXPECTED. SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

1. INVITATIONAL SERVICE ON NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL BOARDS, PUBLICATION & GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEES, AWARD COMMISSIONS OR SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSIONS.

2. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.

3. RECOGNITION THROUGH INVITATIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WHICH CONSTITUTE PUBLIC SERVICE SUCH AS KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AT CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS NOT SPONSORED BY CES.

4. OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY SERVICE, SUCH AS SERVICE AS A FACULTY SENATE OFFICER, FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR, CHAIR OF A FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEE, OR MEMBER OF A MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE.

5. RECOGNITION THROUGH RECEIPT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS, OR AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY.

6. RECEIPT OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, USDA, OR PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY SERVICE AWARD.

7. PARTICIPATION IN A VOLUNTARY MENTORING RELATIONSHIP WITH JUNIOR FACULTY TO FACILITATE THEIR PROGRESS TOWARD PROMOTION AND TENURE.