

Rec. #2017-03-05 UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PROVOST
The University Senate recommends approval of the Proposal to Amend WKU Faculty Handbook: Substantive Change — 06-2017 Tenure Eligible vs. Tenure Track, as per the Faculty Handbook Committee Report presented at the March 2017 meeting of University Senate.

Proposal to Amend WKU Faculty Handbook: Substantive Change

06-2017 Tenure Eligible vs Tenure Track

Substantive change is defined as addition, deletion, or revision of policy or procedure.

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1. Type of Change:

- Addition: Where possible, identify the section of the handbook to which addition is proposed:
- Deletion: Identify the section of the handbook from which deletion is proposed:
- Revision: Identify the section of the handbook to which revision is proposed: (multiple)

2. Proposals should be made in the form of text intended as an addition to or a replacement of, in whole or in part, some current section of the Faculty Handbook.

Current wording:

p. 6 II.A.1. Generally

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Full-time, non-tenure-track faculty may receive annual or multi-year appointment and shall perform all duties as required by the University in their letter of appointment.

p. 7 II.A.2. Lecturer Appointments

When a search for a tenure track faculty position results in the hire of an individual with the status of All But Dissertation (ABD) or the equivalent for the discipline, the individual selected should be appointed as a Lecturer.

p. 18 II.X. Faculty Evaluation

All non-tenured and tenure-track faculty members are evaluated annually. For tenure-track faculty members, a specific evaluation of their progress toward tenure is also completed each year. For tenured faculty members an annual post-tenure review is conducted.

p. 27 III.D.4. Levels of Performance

In recognition of this, such pedagogical faculty members will normally have a teaching load higher than that of tenure-track faculty members in their unit who carry responsibilities in both teaching and research (per Policy 1.199V Pedagogical Track Faculty).

p. 35 IV.B.3.b.ii. Policies and Procedures for Continuance and Tenure Recommendations

Tenure-track faculty members holding a probationary term of appointment may be granted an extension of the maximum probationary period with no resulting change in employment obligations.

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p. 42 VI.B. Post-Tenure Review Process

Only minor department-specific adjustments may be made to this policy and those may be made only by majority vote of the tenured and tenure-track faculty of the particular department and approved by the college dean and the Provost.

Proposed wording:

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3. Rationale for amendment: To ensure consistency throughout the handbook [e.g. Section III.D. *Criteria for Promotion Recommendations: (Tenure Eligible Ranks Only)*]