Dealing with Faculty Personnel Issues

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TODAY’S FACULTY TOPICS
• HRS and AGO
• Responsibility
• Review
• Separation
• Discipline
• Leaves
• Resources
Human Resource Services and Attorney General Office

• What we do?
• Why contact us?

Faculty Responsibility

• Code of Professional Ethics
• Ethics in Public Service
• Student Academic Integrity

Faculty Responsibility

Faculty Manual II. G., H.
• Title IX
• Mandatory Reporting
Review of Faculty
- Faculty Manual Section III. E.
- Provost’s Annual Review Guidelines

We Are Not All Above Average
- Take the time to do thoughtful, thorough, and specific annual performance evaluations of all employees
- Keep notes of progress, remembering public records principles
- Touch base mid-year on performance goals
- Address problems and document them as they arise

Separation Processes
Faculty Manual Section III. G.
- Nonreappointment
  A faculty member on appointment without terminal date and without tenure has no presumption of reappointment, including reappointment with tenure.
Separation Processes
Nonreappointment

Section III G. 1. “...A nonreappointed faculty member will be advised in writing by the department chair as soon as it has been decided that the appointment is not to be renewed. This decision shall be made by the department Chair with the approval of the Dean and following consultation with tenured members of the department involved.”

Separation Processes
Nonreappointment

Section III G. 1. “...This notification will be given to the faculty member as follows: (a) at least three months in advance of the termination of services if in the first year of employment; (b) at least six months in advance of the termination of services if in the second year of employment; (c) at least twelve months in advance of the termination of services if in the employment of the University for two years or longer. At the request of the faculty member, a written statement of the reason for nonreappointment shall be provided.”

Separation Processes

Section V. K.
• Nonreappointment
Faculty *with a terminal date* and temporary research faculty
Section V K. 1
A faculty member with an appointment carrying a terminal date, the appointment ENDS on the terminal date, unless positive action is taken to reappoint that faculty member.

Temporary Faculty

V K. 1.
A written notice of non-reappointment is required only when a faculty member’s fixed term appointment length is three years or more and the faculty member has not yet received a letter of reappointment. The written notice must be issued at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the termination date. Contingency appointments always end on the designated terminal date unless the specified contingencies are satisfied.

Temporary Research Faculty

V.K. 6
Separation For Cause: Unsatisfactory Performance
✓ Compensated by extramural grant funding
✓ Performance unsatisfactory
Disciplinary Process
Section II F.
Contact the Office of the Provost and Attorney General's Office

Performance Concerns
Don't Go From 0 to 60
Engage in progressive discipline, most of the time
- Why it is important
  - Communication and fairness
  - Documentation
- Where required
- Where recommended
- Exceptions

Faculty Leave
- Family Medical Leave Section III F. 6
- Reasonable Accommodation Section III D
- Other Health Related Concerns

Contact Human Resource Services
Faculty Leave

Do not maintain medical/health related documents of any sort at the department level – all medical documents must be forwarded to HRS.

Utilize Your Village!

No one can be an expert in all things . . .

Internal resources:
- Human Resource Services (and referrals from it, including Employee Assistance Services) and Urban Campus Human Resource Offices
- Office for Equal Opportunity
- Finance and Administration
  - Contract and policy issues
  - Risk management
- Police Department
- Internal Audit
- Attorney General's Office
- Public Records Office
- Others

RESOURCES

- Available on the HRS website hrs.wsu.edu
- Faculty Recruitment Processes
- Separation Resources
- Manager’s Resources - Access Sample Letters
  - Memo of Concern
  - Accept Resignation (verbal/written)
  - Unsatisfactory performance
  - Non-reappointment letters
Contact Information

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