Dealing with Difficult Faculty and Staff Personnel Issues

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Personnel Processes

REMEMBER

- All employee types have required PROCESSES:
  - Faculty – Faculty Manual
  - Administrative Professional – AP Handbook
  - Civil Service – 357 Washington Administrative Code
  - Bargaining Unit – Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement
  - App/RCW, Executive Policies, SPPM, EPPM etc...
- All faculty disciplinary actions require Provost approval.
- All staff disciplinary actions require the approval of Appointing Authority.

Information is located on the HRS website:
Appointing Authority Information
Foundations

- Position Description, Performance Expectations
  - Current and accurate
- Annual Reviews
  (not applicable to Bargaining Unit (BU))
  - We are not all above average - address problems and document them as they arise, remembering public records principles.

Performance Concerns

Basics

- Apply corrective and disciplinary action consistently and impartially
- Employees in leadership roles need to lead by example
- Don’t “save up” discipline
- Treat every case as if it will be appealed/challenged

Employee Resources

Provide employees resources as needed including but not limited to:
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Family Medical Leave
- Disability Services
- Office for Equal Opportunity
- Office of the Ombudsman
- HRS
- Internal Audit
**Notice Requirements**

**End of Appointment**

*Contact HRS to ensure appropriate notice period is provided.*

- Faculty and AP appointments with a pre-established end date automatically terminate on the date indicated on the most recent Personnel Action Form, unless positive action is taken to renew.
- Permanent/Tenured Faculty and AP – contact HRS
- All civil service appointments have specific notice periods.

**Notice Requirements**

- Notice period begins upon receipt of official written notice.
- Must be signed by appropriate Appointing Authority.
- Verbal notification does not start “clock”

**HRS Resources**

- HRS website: hrs.wsu.edu
- Classification/Compensation
- Recruitment/Selection
- Offer Letters
- New Employee Orientation and Checklist
- Benefits/Retirement
- Family Medical Leave & Reasonable Accommodation
- Corrective/Disciplinary Action
- End of Employment/Separation
Utilize Your Village!

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

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

Contact Information

Human Resource Services
- Pullman: 509-335-4521
- Spokane: 509-358-7999
- Vancouver: 360-546-9587
- Tri-Cities: 509-372-7418

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