

**The JESS and MILDRED FISHER COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS  
PROMOTION AND TENURE/REAPPOINTMENT COMMITTEE  
POLICIES, PROCEDURES, CRITERIA, AND STANDARDS**

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**The FCSM Promotion and Tenure Committee Mission Statement**

The FCSM PTR Committee consists of one representative from each department elected by the FCSM at large. The primary obligation of the Committee is to review the submitted files to ensure fairness and equity to faculty members who are being evaluated for promotion and tenure. The FCSM PTR Committee is advisory to the FCSM Dean on other performance evaluations.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan of the University, the FCSM PTR Committee aims to maintain a highly qualified faculty that balances the tripartite responsibilities of teaching and advising, scholarly activity, and service. In order to implement this objective, the Committee will evaluate the files of the candidates according to Towson University policies for faculty evaluation, which are in accordance with the Boyer Model of Scholarship (see Appendix A). The Committee will then make recommendations to the Provost.

37 I. **General Directions**

38 A. Composition of the Committee and election of its members

- 39       ▪ The FCSM PTR Committee will consist of one representative from each department elected at large  
40 from the college for a period of three years. These three-year terms shall be staggered to ensure  
41 some consistency from year to year. Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms.  
42 Eligible members include tenured faculty at the rank of associate professor and professor who have  
43 been in the FCSM for at least three years. Chairpersons and faculty members who are candidates  
44 for promotion are not eligible. In the event of vacancies on the FCSM PTR Committee, the FCSM  
45 electorate shall choose a replacement before the FCSM PTR Committee begins its work.
- 46       ▪ The dean shall not serve as a member of the college PTR committee and may not be present  
47 during committee deliberations unless invited by the committee chairperson to answer specific  
48 questions.
- 49       ▪ The election of the members of the FCSM PTR Committee will be according to the procedures of  
50 FCSM as indicated at <https://www.towson.edu/fcsm/about/documents/election-procedures.pdf> (see  
51 Appendix B).

52 B. Forms Required

- 53       • To ensure that accurate Annual Reports (ARs) are available at the appropriate times, the promotion  
54 and tenure chairperson(s) of each department in the FCSM must make sure that these Reports are  
55 completed and filed with the department by the deadline established by the University PTR  
56 Committee.
- 57       • The FCSM recommendation forms must be signed by the individual and by the chairperson of the  
58 departmental rank and/or tenure committee. If the recommended faculty member is the chairperson  
59 of the departmental rank and/or tenure committee, then the chairperson of the department must  
60 cosign the document.
- 61       • All documents and supporting data are confidential and should be submitted to the office of the  
62 Dean of FCSM, where they are kept on a SharePoint site.

63 C. Schedules

- 64       • The FCSM PTR Committee shall adhere to the deadlines set by the University PTR Committee  
65 (see Section XI Important Dates).
- 66       • Additional or supplementary documents sent to the FCSM PTR Committee after November 30<sup>th</sup> will  
67 not be accepted unless specifically requested by the responsible departmental committee or the  
68 FCSM PTR Committee and approved by the FCSM PTR Committee.

69 D. Approval Process on Revisions of the FCSM PTR Document and/or Procedures

- 70       • FCSM PTR documents pertaining to standards, criteria, and/or expectations of evaluation shall be  
71 developed by the PTR Committee. The FCSM PTR document must be distributed to all tenured  
72 and tenure-track faculty in the FCSM for input at least ten (10) business days prior to the FCSM  
73 PTR Committee vote on the documents. Final approval at the college level shall be by a simple  
74 majority vote of the tenured/tenure-track faculty of the FCSM excepting faculty who are on leave  
75 from the university (e.g., medical, sabbatical, etc.), the signature of each tenured or tenure-track  
76 faculty member of the college will signify that s/he has voted on the FCSM PTR documents.  
77 Balloting will be conducted by the FCSM Elections Committee as described in Appendix B.
- 78       • The FCSM document shall be approved by the FCSM Dean. The Dean is responsible for  
79 transmitting the document with any proposed changes to the University PTR Committee by the  
80 second Friday in October.

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82 II. **Policies and Procedures of the FCSM PTR Committee for Promotion, Tenure, and Five-Year**  
83 **Comprehensive Review**

84 A. General

- 85 • The FCSM PTR Committee will review faculty files in the context of its Mission Statement and the  
86 document "TOWSON UNIVERSITY POLICY ON APPOINTMENT, RANK AND TENURE OF  
87 FACULTY."
- 88 • All matters considered by the Committee pertaining to individual faculty members shall be held in  
89 strict confidence.
- 90 • Because of the importance of the Committee's deliberations, all voting members must be present at  
91 all meetings.
- 92 • During deliberation, any voting Committee member may request reconsideration and a revote on  
93 tenure, promotion, or reappointment decisions at any time.
- 94 • The entire Committee shall review all outgoing correspondence. This correspondence must include  
95 written specifics justifying the Committee's decision based on the file of the candidate, including  
96 minority viewpoints.
- 97 • The FCSM PTR Committee shall review its PTR document every three (3) years and submit  
98 evidence of such review to the FCSM Dean and the University PTR Committee.
- 99 • All votes regarding tenure, promotion, reappointment, and/or comprehensive reviews taken by any  
100 committee and/or the department shall be by secret ballot, signed with the Towson University ID  
101 number, and dated by the voting member, and tallied by the committee chair. The committee chair  
102 shall forward a signed, dated report of the results of the vote and the committee's  
103 recommendations to the next level of review. The secret ballots shall not be included in the faculty  
104 evaluation portfolio, but shall be forwarded under separate cover to the Provost, to be preserved  
105 with the tenure and promotion file until three (3) years following the faculty member's termination or  
106 resignation from the university. No committee member shall abstain from a vote for tenure or  
107 promotion unless the Provost authorizes such abstention based on good cause, including an  
108 impermissible conflict of interest.

109 B. Tenure and Promotion

- 110 • Each Committee member individually will examine the materials submitted by each department for  
111 faculty members recommended for tenure and/or promotion, and will decide whether to support or  
112 deny the recommendations.
- 113 • During meetings of the full Committee, each Committee member will contribute to an open  
114 discussion of each candidate. Following the discussion, the Committee will vote to support or deny  
115 the departmental recommendation concerning the candidate. A simple majority (at least 3 out of the  
116 possible 5) is required. The voting shall follow the guidelines mentioned in IIA above concerning  
117 the secret ballot, signed with the Towson University ID number and dated by the voting member.  
118 Votes will be tallied by the committee chair who shall forward a signed, dated report of the results  
119 of the vote and the committee's recommendations to the Provost. The secret ballots shall not be  
120 included in the faculty evaluation portfolio, but shall be forwarded under separate cover to the  
121 Provost, to be preserved with the tenure and promotion file until three (3) years following the faculty  
122 member's termination or resignation from the university. No committee member shall abstain from  
123 a vote for tenure or promotion unless the Provost authorizes such abstention based on good cause,  
124 including an impermissible conflict of interest.
- 125 • The recommendations of the department, of the FCSM PTR Committee, and of the Dean of FCSM,  
126 will be forwarded, together with all pertinent files, to the Provost. All the recommendations of the  
127 Dean of FCSM will be shared with the FCSM PTR Committee.

128 III. **College-wide Criteria and Standards for Promotion and Tenure**

129 A. Statement of Philosophy

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131 The following are the general criteria and standards for promotion and tenure within the Fisher College  
132 of Science and Mathematics. We recognize that each department within the FCSM has a distinctive  
133 character and set of expectations and the purpose of this document is not to stifle that individuality.  
134 Conversely, we also believe that there should be some commonality of standards that apply to all

135 departments within the FCSM that reflects the nature and mission of the College. This outline attempts  
136 to reconcile these different views.

137 B. Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty

138 1. Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

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140 The promotion to Associate Professor carries the awarding of tenure, so we treat these as one and  
141 the same.

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143 Promotion to Associate Professor with tenure is the most important step up the academic ladder for  
144 two reasons. First, newly promoted faculty members can remain at Towson throughout their  
145 academic lifetime; promotion with tenure should be considered as a commitment to keeping that  
146 faculty member as a productive colleague throughout this time. Second, if promotion to Associate  
147 Professor with tenure is not granted, that faculty member will likely leave Towson University. For  
148 these reasons, it is important that the general criteria and expectations for this promotion be laid out  
149 clearly.

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151 In general, the FCSM does not feel that rigid, quantitative criteria are appropriate for a faculty whose  
152 interests range from astrophysics to zoology. This is especially true in the area of scholarship, where  
153 use of numbers of publications, grants, or presentations at meetings is highly variable among  
154 disciplines. However, we have provided some general guidelines for achievements in Teaching,  
155 Scholarship, and Service.

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157 **Teaching** — The general expectation of the FCSM is that teaching is our central function and that  
158 all faculty should strive to be outstanding teachers. Assessing teaching performance, however, is  
159 extremely difficult. Our general philosophy is that no single criterion can be used to adequately judge  
160 teaching performance. At a minimum, the following must be used to measure teaching effectiveness.  
161 The listed items are not prioritized according to order of importance.

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- quantitative student evaluation scores as designated by the department. The method for determination of quantitative scores should be provided by each department to the FCSM PTR Committee.
  - all qualitative comments from student evaluation forms
  - course syllabi
  - copies of all signed reports from peer observations of teaching (Approved departmental peer observation forms can be found in Appendix C)
  - evidence of advising (include a narrative summary and self-reflection that describes the number of advisees, methods of advisement, range of issues discussed, etc.)

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172 However, in addition to the above items, other measures are also appropriate. Other items that  
173 may be included, where appropriate, are (but not limited to) the following. The list is not prioritized according to order of importance.

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- examples of novel assessments
  - evidence of the development of new courses
  - evidence of significant modification of course content or delivery
  - evidence of improvement of personal knowledge of subject content or teaching methodologies
  - evidence of contributions and/or delivery of a new curriculum
  - professional awards for teaching excellence
  - evidence of supervision of student research
  - for mathematics and science educators: evidence of supervision and mentoring of pre-service teachers

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184 **Scholarship** — The FCSM recognizes that faculty practice four kinds of scholarship as defined by  
185 the Boyer Model (see Appendix A): the scholarship of discovery, of integration, of application, and  
186 of teaching. The general expectation of the FCSM is that all faculty members should be able to  
187 demonstrate the presence of an active and ongoing program of scholarship of one or more of these forms. The faculty member needs to demonstrate the ability to initiate and carry out to completion

188 scholarly work at Towson University in his/her specialty as evidenced by the following. The listed  
189 items are **not** prioritized according to order of importance. When scholarly products involve student  
190 co-authors this should be duly noted.

- 191       ▪ publications in peer reviewed scholarly journals
- 192       ▪ when appropriate to a discipline, publications in peer reviewed conference proceedings
- 193       ▪ publication of a professionally appropriate peer reviewed book, textbook, manual or extensive  
194 monograph
- 195       ▪ submission of university-approved patent applications to the U.S. Patent Office or the awarding  
196 of such patents

197 In addition to a scholarly publication record, several other possible items are illustrated below. Note  
198 that these are examples of supporting evidence that may be used, and others may be employed at  
199 the discretion of the department. The listed criteria are not prioritized according to order of  
200 importance.

- 201       ▪ competitive internal and external grants proposals, applied for and/or received
- 202       ▪ progress reports or final reports on the implementation of externally funded projects
- 203       ▪ presenting papers at professional meetings
- 204       ▪ documented research in progress
- 205       ▪ conducting workshops (This item might be expected to count more heavily for mathematics  
206 and science education faculty)
- 207       ▪ invited lectures
- 208       ▪ serving as a panelist or discussant at professional meetings
- 209       ▪ professional awards based on scholarly achievement

210 The quality of the scholarly products may be considered in the candidate's evaluation.

211 **Service** — The general expectation of the FCSM is that all faculty members should be actively  
212 engaged in service, to the department, the College, the University community, and to the faculty  
213 member's discipline. The exact level of service is primarily a departmental function and no specific  
214 level of service is mandated here. Faculty are expected to make useful, documented contributions  
215 to their department, their College, the University, and to their discipline. Some examples of service  
216 include:

- 217       • Department, FCSM and/or University committees or taskforces
- 218       • Professional service (e.g., manuscript or proposal review, serving as an officer in a  
219 professional association, chairing (and/or organizing) sessions at professional meetings)

## 220 2. Promotion to Professor

221 Promotion to Professor is the ultimate step in academic recognition. This promotion should  
222 recognize not only length of service, but also a **sustained commitment** to excellence or distinction  
223 in teaching, scholarship, and service. In addition to high levels of teaching effectiveness (using  
224 criteria noted above), and a leadership role in the area of service, faculty should demonstrate a  
225 sustained program of recognized scholarship, as indicated by, for example, a substantial refereed  
226 publication record, successful textbook authorship, success in attracting external grants, and  
227 presentations at national and international meetings. We emphasize that while different disciplines  
228 will necessarily have different levels of grant success and publication, the key element is a  
229 sustained commitment to peer-reviewed scholarly productivity.  
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231 Candidates' activities in their tenure review year (typically the sixth year) shall be considered in  
232 promotion to Professor, as these activities were not counted towards tenure.

233 **Letters of evaluation from external reviewers** will be solicited from outside the University  
234 pursuant to the Guidelines approved by the Faculty Senate (see Appendix D). In general, external  
235 evaluators should not be current or former mentors, students or collaborators within the past five  
236 years, nor should they pose other significant potential conflicts of interest. Candidates may also

237 submit names of those persons that they prefer NOT to be asked to write an evaluation. The  
238 external evaluation will address the candidate's scholarship as it relates to the candidate's  
239 promotion to Professor. The letters will remain confidential and will not be made available to the  
240 faculty member. The content of these external letters may be quoted in the committee, department  
241 chair, and Dean letters, as long as the confidentiality of the evaluators is maintained. These letters  
242 will not be included in the faculty evaluation portfolio, but will be forwarded under separate cover to  
243 each subsequent level of review, along with an optional departmental review of the external letters.

244 **Contents of the evaluation portfolio to be sent to external reviewers:** Reviewers will be  
245 provided with a description of Towson University and the Fisher College, to provide context for the  
246 review. The materials to be sent to external reviewers who have agreed to provide a review will be  
247 in **electronic format** only. They should be limited to:

- 248 a) A curriculum vitae  
249 b) The applicant's supporting statement focusing on the area of scholarship and reflecting on  
250 accomplishments during the evaluation period. This statement should be written for experts  
251 in the field, rather than for a general audience.  
252 c) A maximum of three (3) publications or other scholarly products, either as readable files or  
253 internet links thereto. The external evaluators will be able to request additional items on  
254 the candidate's curriculum vitae by contacting the Department Chairperson.

#### 255 C. Clinical Faculty

256 Clinical Faculty must demonstrate a record of effective teaching using evidence from the items listed in  
257 section B.1 above. Clinical faculty are also expected to maintain all licenses and certifications relevant  
258 for their professional practice.

##### 259 1. Promotion to Clinical Associate Professor

260 The criteria for promotion to Clinical Associate Professor are similar to those listed above for  
261 Tenure-track faculty, but with greater emphasis on the teaching record. In addition to the forms of  
262 supporting evidence of scholarly activity listed in B.1. above, the following may also be considered:

- 263 • professional practice guidelines, textbooks, and other educational materials,  
264 • consultation to government agencies, industry, or professional groups  
265 • completion of industry and academic training

##### 266 2. Promotion to Clinical Professor

267 Promotion to Clinical Professor is the ultimate step in academic recognition. This promotion should  
268 recognize not only length of service, but also a **sustained commitment** to excellence or distinction  
269 in teaching, scholarship, and service. In addition to high levels of teaching effectiveness (using  
270 criteria noted above), and a leadership role in the area of service, faculty should demonstrate a  
271 consistent program of scholarship of application, discovery, integration and/or teaching, as indicated  
272 by, for example, a record of refereed publications, successful textbook authorship, success in  
273 attracting external grants, innovations in program or curriculum development, or presentations at  
274 national and international meetings.

275 External letters of support may be submitted for the evaluation, but they are not required.

#### 276 IV. Materials to be submitted by each Department for Promotion and/or Tenure Recommendations

##### 277 A. Summary Sheet

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279 Departmental Promotion and /or Tenure Recommendation Summary Form containing a list of all  
280 Faculty members being recommended for promotion and/or tenure, the recommended promotion rank,  
281 and the recommended tenure decision (if applicable).

- 282 1. A list of names of all faculty members recommended for promotion for each academic  
283 rank.
- 284 2. A list of names of all faculty members recommended for tenure.
- 285 3. A list of names of all faculty members recommended for reappointment.
- 286 B. One Promotion and Tenure Evaluation Portfolio (see V below) for each candidate
- 287 C. One Provost's Evaluation Portfolio (see VII below) for each candidate

288 **V. Instructions for the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics (FCSM) Promotion & Tenure Evaluation**  
289 **Portfolio**

290 Each FCSM faculty member being evaluated for promotion and/or tenure is expected to prepare an  
291 electronic evaluation portfolio that addresses the professorial expectations of faculty in the University, the  
292 FCSM and the candidate's department. The materials in Sections A through D of this document should be  
293 organized in electronic folders in the indicated sequence, separated and indexed with file names indicative  
294 of the tabs listed below. This document addresses the organization of the evaluation portfolio only and in no  
295 way is to be interpreted as setting or clarifying existing or future promotion and tenure policies for the FCSM.  
296 All of the below material will appear within the folder labeled "Supplementary Materials" on the PTR  
297 SharePoint site that will be shared by the Provost's Office.

298 **Section A: Summary and Recommendations**

299 **Cover Page.** The evaluation portfolio begins with a cover sheet that includes the candidate's name, highest  
300 degree, present rank, department, date of appointment at Towson University and rank awarded, number of  
301 years of credit for prior service, dates for leaves of absence (with the purposes of the leaves indicated), and  
302 dates and places of previous promotions. This cover sheet should state the candidate's area of  
303 specialization within the discipline. The following format must be used (lines not applicable should be  
304 omitted):

305 Name  
306 Highest Degree  
307 Present Rank  
308 Department Date of TU Appointment and Rank Awarded  
309 Number of Years of Credit for Prior Service  
310 (A copy of the letter stating the award should be attached.)  
311 Leaves of Absence  
312 (Descriptions and Purposes)  
313 Dates and Places of Previous Promotions and Ranks Awarded  
314 Areas of Specialization within the Discipline  
315 Proposed Rank

316 **Tab A.1. Curriculum Vitae**

317 **Tab A.2. Summary of Major Accomplishments.** A statement written by the faculty member is required for  
318 all promotion and/or tenure recommendations. This concise summary should highlight accomplishments of  
319 special merit and should include a statement in which the candidate describes how he or she has met the  
320 teaching, scholarship, and service expectations of the FCSM and University. (A typical summary is two or  
321 three pages in length.)

322 **Tab A.3. Recommendations.** The written recommendation of the department rank committee and/or tenure  
323 committee; and the written recommendations of the department chairperson, of the FCSM PTR Committee,  
324 and of the Dean of FCSM must be included. (Note: Letters from the FCSM Committee and the Dean will be  
325 added to the evaluation portfolio and copies given to the candidate.)

326 **Tab A.4. Departmental Summary Recommendation (DSR) forms for the Entire Evaluation Period.** The  
327 candidate should submit Departmental Summary Recommendation (DSR) forms for the entire evaluation  
328 period. These forms should be arranged from most recent to the time of last evaluation, promotion or year of  
329 hire. A copy of the current year's Departmental Summary Recommendation (DSR) form must be presented  
330 to the candidate prior to submission of the candidate's evaluation portfolio to the FCSM PTR Committee.

331 **Tab A.5. Fisher College of Science and Mathematics Promotion and Tenure Form (FCSM P&T Form).**

332 **Tab A.6. SENTF or Annual Reports (ARs) and Annual Workload Plans (AWPs) for the Entire**  
333 **Evaluation Period.** The candidate should submit annual reports for the entire evaluation period. These  
334 forms should be arranged from most recent to the time of last promotion or year of hire.

## 335 **Section B: Teaching**

336 The general expectation of the FCSM is that teaching is the central function and that all faculty members  
337 strive to be outstanding teachers. Assessing teaching performance, however, is extremely difficult.  
338 Generally, no single criterion can be used to adequately judge teaching performance.

### 339 **Categories for Teaching**

340 The following are the **required categories** for teaching and all significant contributions should be organized  
341 accordingly.

342 **Tab B.1. Courses Taught During the Evaluation Period:** The candidate must provide a **list of courses**  
343 taught using the following format:

344 SUMMARY OF COURSES TAUGHT, 20XX to 20XX		
345 Semester/year	Title and Course Number	Number of Students
346 1. Fall, 2006	Biology: The Science of Life / Biol115	24

347 The candidate must provide a copy of the most recent **syllabus** used for each course taught at Towson  
348 University during the evaluation period. Only one syllabus for each different course is required. Additionally  
349 quantitative student evaluation scores as designated by the department as well as complete student  
350 evaluation qualitative responses for each class should be included.

351 **Tab B.2. Peer Reports of Class Visits:** Include a minimum of two peer observations per year (two different  
352 class meetings) for tenure-track or clinical assistant faculty and two for promotion to Full Professor or  
353 Clinical Professor with at least one within the last two years for candidates for promotion to Professor. All  
354 teaching evaluations that were conducted during the review period should be included in the evaluation  
355 portfolio. Approved departmental peer observation forms can be found in Appendix C.

356 The following are additional **potential categories** for teaching and all significant contributions should be  
357 organized accordingly.

358 **Tab B.3. On-load Student Advising:** Include a narrative summary and self-reflection that describes the  
359 number of advisees, methods of advisement, range of issues discussed, etc.

360 **Tab B.4. Honors or Special Recognition for Instruction:** List and document.

361 **Tab B.5. Independent Studies, Practica, Honors Theses, Theses, and Dissertations:** These items  
362 should be listed as follows:

363 Independent Studies: Name of student(s), title of project, and date completed.  
364 Practica: Name of student(s), title, and date completed.  
365 Honors Theses: Name of student(s), title, and date completed.  
366 Theses: Name of student(s), title, and date completed.

367 **Tab B.6. Curriculum Materials:** List textbooks written by and articles published by the candidate related to  
368 the candidate's instruction. A copy of each article must be provided. For books, provide photocopies of the  
369 cover, title page, and table of contents.

370 **Tab B.7. Other Materials:** The candidate should include other documents that he or she considers to be  
371 relevant for teaching that do not appear in the categories above (e.g., new courses developed, international  
372 teaching exchange, sabbatical activities related to teaching, etc.).

### 373 **Section C: Scholarship**

374 The FCSM recognizes that faculty members may undertake four types of scholarship as defined by the well-  
375 known Boyer Model: the scholarship of discovery, of integration, of application, and of teaching. The general  
376 expectation of the FCSM is that all faculty members should be able to demonstrate the presence of an  
377 active and ongoing program of scholarship in one or more of these forms. Faculty members need to  
378 demonstrate the ability to initiate and carry to completion scholarly work at Towson University in their  
379 specialties. Scholarly work is considered validated when it is submitted for peer review and deemed worthy  
380 of publication or other form of dissemination. Submission for peer review of competitive proposals for  
381 extramural funding is also a valid form of scholarship.

382 This section should begin with a table of contents listing all documents that support the areas of scholarship  
383 listed below.

#### 384 **Categories for Scholarship**

385 The following are the potential categories for scholarship and all significant contributions should be  
386 organized accordingly.

#### 387 **Scholarly Writings in Journals, Books, Monographs, and Reviews:**

388 **Tab C.1.a. Books and Monographs.** For published works, give the title, publisher, and date of publication.  
389 For works accepted for publication, indicate whether an item is a book manuscript in press and scheduled  
390 for publication at a definite date.

391 **Tab C.1.b. Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals.** For published or accepted articles, give the title, journal,  
392 volume, page numbers, date (or projected date of publication), names of the authors as they appear in print.  
393 For manuscripts submitted for publication, indicate whether the article has been published, is accepted for  
394 publication, or has only been submitted. Co-authors who are students should be identified as such.

395 **Tab C.1.c. Conference Publications.** Give the title, authorship, date, name and location of the conference,  
396 and whether the publication was peer reviewed. Co-authors who are students should be identified as such.

397 **Tab C.1.d. Book Reviews, Abstracts, and Reports.** Give the title, author, place of appearance, and date  
398 of publication or projected publication. Co-authors who are students should be identified as such.

#### 399 **DOCUMENTATION**

400 **Within each relevant tab/file,** provide copies of articles, book reviews, etc., listed in paragraphs a through  
401 d, above. For books, provide photocopies of the cover, title page, table of contents, etc., within the tabs/files.  
402 In the case of articles, books, monographs, book reviews, abstracts, and reports accepted for publication but  
403 not yet published, provide copies of letters of acceptance, agreements and contracts. In the case of works  
404 submitted and under review, documentation showing that the submission has been received and is being  
405 considered **is required.**

406 **Tab C.2. Presentations at Professional Meetings:** A list of presentations at professional meetings should  
407 be provided. This should include the title and date of the presentation, and the name and location of the  
408 meeting. **DOCUMENTATION:** Provide either official acceptance letters or photocopies of the meeting  
409 agenda listing the presentation title, presenter and authorship.

410 **Tab C.3. Awards and Grants:** List scholarships, fellowships, travel awards, personal development grants,  
411 grants funded by or submitted to local agencies, and grants from national agencies. **DOCUMENTATION:**  
412 Provide official letters of award indicating the amount and period of the award, and the precise role of the  
413 candidate and any other co-principal or co-investigator in the research or required activities funded.

414 **Tab C.4. Science Education and Mathematics Education Workshops:** List professional development  
415 workshops and other activities organized or led by the candidate. Indicate the candidate's role in each  
416 workshop or activity. The list should include dates of service, and documentation should be provided.

417 **Tab C.5. Significant Professional Services:** List memberships on editorial boards, activities as referee for  
418 scholarly journals, activities as referee for granting agencies, memberships on evaluation panels, preK-12  
419 curriculum development, and services as critic, juror, and/or consultant for professional organizations.  
420 Include only those activities that are a reflection or outcome of the candidate's scholarly expertise (other  
421 professional service activities may be included within Section D). Documentation verifying the activity should  
422 be provided.

423 **Tab C.6. Recognition by National, Scholarly, and Professional Associations:** List and include titles of  
424 honors, awards, fellowships, and internships. A copy of the award letter or other documentation should be  
425 provided.

426 **Tab C.7. General Recognition Within One's Discipline:** List requests for colloquium presentations or  
427 workshops, and any other general recognition. Copies of invitation letters or official programs should be  
428 provided. A list or a summary of citations and references to the candidate's work by others may be included.

429 **Tab C.8. Other:** List and include here materials for which descriptions are not presented in any of the other  
430 categories above. These materials may not include work in progress.

#### 431 **Section D: Service**

432 The general expectation of the FCSM is that all faculty members should be actively engaged in service, to  
433 the department, the College, the University community, and to the faculty member's discipline. The exact  
434 level of service is primarily a departmental function and no specific level of service is mandated here  
435 (specific levels of Service are outlined in the Faculty Handbook.) Faculty members are expected to make  
436 useful, documented contributions to their department, their College, the University, and to their discipline.

#### 437 **Categories for Service**

438 The following are the potential categories for service and all significant contributions should be organized  
439 accordingly. Contributions associated with a stipend and/or course release should be listed under Tab D.8.

440 **Tab D.1. Contributions to the department and/or interdisciplinary program:** List memberships on  
441 departmental committees, development of programs, and activities. List only contributions not related to  
442 professional development or instruction.

443 **Tab D.2. Committee Responsibilities at the College, University, or System Level:** List committees and  
444 periods of service.

445 **Tab D.3. Support of Local, State, National, or International Organizations:** List consultantships,  
446 memberships on advisory boards, and offices held, and include dates of service.

447 **Tab D.4. Assistance to Colleagues:** List official or unofficial mentorship of colleagues, consultation about  
448 educational problems, reviews of manuscripts, collaboration on research projects, and contributions to  
449 programs in other concentrations, departments, or schools.

450 **Tab D.5. Significant Community Participation:** List lectures, speeches, presentations, and short courses  
451 presented in the community and include dates.

452 **Tab D.6. Meritorious Public Service:** List assistance to governmental agencies and development of  
453 community, state, or national resources and include dates.

454 **Tab D.7. Contributions to Professional Associations:** List organizational offices held or contributions to  
455 professional organizations and include where appropriate dates of term, and method of selection (e.g., by  
456 appointment, by election).

457 **Tab D.8. Service or Leadership Roles Associated with Stipends and/or Course Releases:** List any  
458 categories of service for which a course release and/or stipend was received.

## 459 VI. Additional Evaluation Materials for Third-Year Review of Faculty

460 The review period for the third-year review is the first two years and the fall semester of the third year.  
461 Evaluation portfolio materials for third-year review of faculty must include the above items in Section V, with  
462 these modifications:

- 463 • Syllabi of all courses taught during the review period should be included
- 464 • Student and peer/chairperson evaluations of teaching and advising during the review period  
465 should be included (Approved departmental peer observation forms can be found in Appendix C)
- 466 • The Summary of Major Accomplishments (Tab A.2) should describe how the candidate has met  
467 and integrated teaching, scholarship and service expectations based on his/her workload  
468 agreements for the period under review.

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470 Note: Third-year reviews do not include the preparation of a Provost's Evaluation Portfolio.

## 471 VII. Instructions for the Provost's Evaluation Portfolio

472 A summative evaluation portfolio should also be prepared to be forwarded to the Provost. The documents  
473 required will be limited to the following in the exact order. These files/folders will be

### 474 Section I

- 475 • A copy of *one* recent peer-reviewed publication or description of a comparable creative activity.

### 477 Section II

- 478 • *Curriculum Vitae*

### 480 Section III

- 481 • University Forms: Completed and signed Annual Report (AR) and Annual Workload Plan (AWP)  
482 or Chairperson's Annual Report (CAR) and Chairperson's Annual Workload Plan (AWP) Forms  
483 arranged from most recent to the time of last promotion or year of hire.

### 485 Section IV

- 486 • Summary of student evaluations across the evaluation period. Faculty using the new university  
487 evaluation forms should submit the summary of results for each course received from the  
488 assessment office. Those using departmental forms should compile the data in a format that will  
489 allow analysis of trends over time.
- 490 • Include a narrative statement about individual teaching and advising philosophy and an  
491 interpretation of student and/or peer/chairperson evaluations.
- 492 • For tenure, promotion, and comprehensive review, peer teaching evaluations shall be included  
493 (Approved departmental peer observation forms can be found in Appendix C).

### 498 Section V

- 499 • Supporting Statement: Summary statement describing correlation between expectations and  
500 accomplishments and integrating accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and  
501 service.

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- 503 Section VI
- 504 • Recommendations (to be added by the appropriate party)
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  - 506 • Written recommendation of the department rank committee and/or tenure committee, including
  - 507 the Departmental Summary Recommendation form
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  - 509 • Written recommendation of the academic chairperson
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  - 511 • Written recommendation of the FCSM PTR Committee
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  - 513 • Written recommendation of the academic dean
  - 514 [ NOTE: For Section V, the FCSM PTR Chairperson and the dean have responsibility for ensuring
  - 515 that all recommendations are included in the folder. ]

516 The department should retain any other supportive materials and make them available if needed. These  
 517 materials are not to be forwarded unless specifically requested. **Evaluation Portfolios that do not comply**  
 518 **with this organization will be returned to the college.**

### 519 VIII. Instructions for the Comprehensive Five-Year Review

520 Sections I-V of the Comprehensive Five-Year Review evaluation portfolio will be identical to those of  
 521 Provost's P&T evaluation portfolio, as described above in VII. Instructions for the Provost's Evaluation  
 522 Portfolio, and will cover the five years under review and should also include a statement outlining goals and  
 523 expected career development plans for the upcoming 5-year period. Section VI should only include the  
 524 following:

- 525 • Final evaluation of the departmental Comprehensive Review Committee,
- 526 • Letter of evaluation from department chairperson,
- 527 • Letter of evaluation from academic dean

### 528 IX. Materials to be submitted for Reappointment

529 Materials to be included in full-time faculty/chairperson evaluation portfolio:

- 530 a) Annual Workload Plan or Chairs Annual Workload Plan
- 531 b) Annual Report or Chairs Annual Report (for the year under review)
- 532 c) Updated CV
- 533 d) Syllabi of courses taught during the year
- 534 e) All available student evaluations for the period under review
- 535 f) Any peer observations received during the review period
- 536 g) Any other department specific documentation that is described in the department PTR document

#### 537 Justification for Denial

538 A chairperson or Dean that makes a negative recommendation must be accompanied by a written  
 539 rationale in the comments section of the evaluation form or as an attachment and be delivered  
 540 electronically via the FDS.

### 541 X. Appeals and Negative Recommendations

#### 542 A. Negative Recommendations

543 Negative recommendations at any level regarding the annual review, merit, promotion, tenure, reappointment  
 544 and/or the comprehensive five-year review shall be delivered in writing in person and sent via the secure FDS email  
 545 system according to the due dates indicated in the PTR calendar. Reviewers are also responsible for placement of  
 546 their recommendation in the candidate's portfolio.

#### 547 B. Appeals and Rebuttals

- 548 1. All appeals and rebuttals shall be made in writing.
- 549 2. There are three (3) types of appeals/rebuttals.
- 550 a. To contest perceived errors in judgment by the department and/or college PTR committees, the department  
551 chairperson, the dean, and/or the Provost with regard to evaluation of their performance, the candidate may submit a  
552 written rebuttal. The President's decision is final and is not subject to rebuttal.
- 553 i. The rebuttal letter, including clarifying documentation, must be submitted within fourteen (14) calendar days of  
554 receipt of the negative recommendation.
- 555 ii. Material not referenced in the original portfolio may be included in the rebuttal only if they confute negative  
556 statements in the contested recommendation.
- 557 iii. The candidate's rebuttal letter shall be directed to the next review authority and placed alongside the negative  
558 recommendation in the candidate's portfolio. The next review level shall make no recommendation on the candidate's  
559 application until receiving the rebuttal or until the allowed time has elapsed.
- 560 iv. The candidate's rebuttal shall become part of the candidate's portfolio for review by each succeeding level of  
561 the review process.
- 562 b. Procedural appeals relate to alleged errors in the procedures followed in the review, recommendation and  
563 notification process, and shall follow the procedures below.
- 564 i. Procedural appeals shall be made to the University PTR committee.
- 565 ii. The appeal must be in writing, clearly stating the alleged procedural error(s). The appeal shall be accompanied  
566 by supporting documents and should be delivered via the secure FDS email system to the respective dean, Provost,  
567 or UPTR chair within twenty-one (21) calendar days of having been notified of the negative recommendation.
- 568 iii. Appeals of department recommendations shall be copied to the department chair, the department PTR chair,  
569 the dean and the University PTR committee chair. Appeals of college recommendations shall be copied to the college  
570 dean, the college PTR committee chair, the department chair, and the University PTR committee chair. Appeals of  
571 Provost recommendations shall be copied to the dean and department chair.
- 572 iv. Within twenty-one (21) business days of receipt of a formal appeal with attached materials, the University PTR  
573 committee shall review the case and provide a written response. Copies of this response will be provided to all parties  
574 who were copied on the original appeal letter.
- 575 v. Recommendations of the University PTR committee may be appealed to the President whose decision shall  
576 be final. The chair of the University PTR committee will monitor the appeal process.
- 577 c. Appeals alleging unlawful discrimination shall follow the specific procedures described in Towson University  
578 Policy 06-01.00 "Policy Prohibiting Discrimination."
- 579 3. The President's decision on reappointment, tenure, promotion and comprehensive five-year review shall be  
580 final. The Provost's decision on merit shall be final.

581 **XI. Important Dates**

582 **The Third Friday in September in the academic year prior to an evaluation**  
583 Faculty notify department chair of intention to submit materials for promotion and/or tenure in the next  
584 academic year.

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586 **The Fourth Friday in September in the academic year prior to an evaluation**  
587 Department chairperson notifies department faculty, Dean, and Provost of any department faculty member's  
588 intention to be reviewed for promotion and/or tenure in the next academic year.

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590 **First Monday in April in the academic year prior to an evaluation**  
591 Candidates for promotion to Professor will submit a list of five potential external reviewers to the Chair of  
592 their department.  
593  
594 **The Third Friday in May**  
595 Formation of College Promotion and Tenure/Reappointment (PTR) Committees and election of chair for  
596 upcoming cycle.  
597  
598 **Third Monday in May in the academic year prior to an evaluation**  
599 Chair will identify five additional external evaluators and forward the list of 10 (including the five named by  
600 the Candidate) to the Dean's office. Query Letter to potential external evaluators will be sent from the Dean's  
601 office to identify three external evaluators.

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603 **May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
604 Fulltime faculty and Chairpersons submit their Annual Workload Plan (AWP) and Annual Report (AR) for the  
year under review to the Department Chairperson or FCSM Dean.

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606 In the event that May 31st falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline shall be the first business day after  
May 31st.

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608 **The Third Friday in June**  
609 A. All faculty members submit an evaluation portfolio to the department chair.  
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611 B. All faculty members with a negative comprehensive review must have final approval by chair and Dean of  
612 the written professional development plan.  
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614 C. Candidates for Professor submit their electronic files (PDF or similar) for external evaluators to the  
Dean's office.

615  
616 **First Monday in July**  
Three external reviewers will be confirmed and sent supporting documentation to complete their evaluation.

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618 **First Business Day in July**  
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620 Chair submits merit evaluation form of the faculty member to dean, and faculty member. FCSM dean sends  
the Provost, and the chairperson, the completed merit evaluation form of the chairperson. Any negative  
decision is also conveyed.

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622 **August 1 (USM mandated)**  
623 Tenure-track faculty in the third or later academic year of service must be notified in writing of non-  
624 reappointment prior to the third or subsequent academic year of service if the faculty member's appointment  
625 ends after the third or subsequent academic year.  
626  
627 **The Second Friday in September**  
628 A . University PTR Committee shall meet and elect a chair and notify the Senate Executive Committee's  
629 Member-at-large of the Committee members and chairperson for the academic year.  
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631 B. Faculty or chairperson appeal the chairperson's/FCSM Deans merit decision if applicable  
632  
633 **The Third Friday in September**  
634 A. FCSM PTR Committee approval of faculty to be added to a department's PTR Committee (if necessary).  
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636 B. Final date for faculty to add information to update their evaluation portfolio for work that was completed  
637 before June 1.  
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639 C. First year faculty members must finalize the Statement of Standards and Expectations for New Tenure-  
640 Track Faculty (SENTF) with the department chairperson.  
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642 D. External review letters for promotion to Professor will be forwarded from the Dean's office to the  
643 candidate's department PTR committee for departmental review.

644 **The Fourth Friday in September**

645 The departmental PTR Committee will render a written decision to the dean, copying the faculty member  
646 and the chairperson on "no merit" appeal form.

647 **The Second Friday in October**

648 A. Department PTR committee's reports with recommendations and vote count on all faculty members are  
649 submitted to the department chairperson.

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651 B. FCSM PTR documents are due to the University PTR Committee if changes have been made.  
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653 C. The FCSM dean will notify the faculty member, the department PTR committee chair, and the  
654 department chairperson of their decision on the no merit appeal from faculty.  
655

656 **The Fourth Friday in October**

657 A. Department chairperson's written evaluation for faculty considered for reappointment in the first through  
658 fifth years, promotion, tenure, and comprehensive five-year review is added to the faculty member's  
659 evaluation portfolio and conveyed to the faculty member.

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661 B. The department chairperson will place his/her independent evaluation into the evaluation portfolio.  
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663 C. The department PTR committee's report with recommendations and vote count and the department  
664 chairperson's evaluation are distributed to the faculty member.  
665

666 D. All merit appeal decisions for faculty and chairpersons are completed by Provost.  
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668 **The Second Friday in November**

669 The faculty member's evaluation portfolio, inclusive of the department PTR committee's written  
670 recommendation with record of the vote count, and the written recommendation of the department  
671 chairperson, are forwarded by the department PTR chairperson to the Dean's office.  
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673 **November 30th**

674 A. All documentation to be used as part of the consideration process must be included in the evaluation  
675 portfolio.  
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677 B. The Dean must notify the Provost in writing of reappointment/non-reappointment recommendation(s) for  
678 tenure-track faculty in their second or subsequent academic year of service. Negative recommendations  
679 shall be delivered in person by the Dean or sent by FDS to the faculty.  
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681 **The First Friday in December**

682 Department PTR documents are delivered to the FCSM PTR Committee if any changes have been made.  
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686 **December 15th (USM mandated date)**

687 Tenure-track faculty in their second and subsequent academic year of service must be notified by the  
688 President in writing of non-reappointment for the next academic year.  
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690 **The First Friday in January**

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692 The FCSM PTR Committee reports with vote counts and recommendations for faculty reviewed for tenure  
693 and/or promotion are submitted to the Dean.  
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695 **The Third Friday in January**

696 A. The Dean's written evaluation regarding promotion and/or tenure with recommendation is added to the  
697 faculty member's evaluation portfolio.  
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- 699 B. The FCSM PTR Committee's report with vote counts and recommendations and the Dean's  
 700 recommendation are conveyed in writing to the faculty member.  
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 702  
 703 C. All documentation for the third-year review of tenure-track faculty is submitted by the faculty member to  
 704 the department chairperson.  
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 706 D. First-year faculty submits SENTF, syllabi, and student/peer evaluations to Department chair  
 707

**The First Friday in February**

- 709 A. The FCSM Dean forwards the summative portfolio inclusive of the Committee's and the Dean's  
 710 recommendations of each faculty member with a recommendation concerning promotion and/or tenure or  
 711 five-year comprehensive review to the Provost.  
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 713 B. The department chair's review is due to the first-year faculty member and the Dean via FDS. If there is a  
 714 negative review and non-reappointment recommendation by chair, then the department PTR committee is  
 715 convened.  
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**The Second Friday in February**

- 718  
 719 A. Department documents concerning promotion, tenure/reappointment, and merit (with an approval form  
 720 signed by all current faculty members) are submitted to the University PTR Committee.  
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**The Third Friday in February**

- 724 The department PTR committee reviews the negative recommendation of the chair for first year faculty and  
 725 delivers its recommendation to the first-year faculty, chair, and Dean.  
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**The Fourth Friday in February**

- 728 The FCSM Dean's review and recommendation of the first-year faculty is delivered to the first-year faculty,  
 729 chair, department PTR committee, and Provost.  
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**March 1**

- 732 The Provost notifies the President about first-year faculty reappointment or non-reappointment prior to  
 733 March 1.  
 734 First-year faculty must be notified of non-reappointment by written notification from the University President.  
 735

**First Friday in March**

- 737 Faculty under third-year review must be provided with written and face-to-face feedback on their  
 738 performance toward tenure.  
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**Third Friday in March**

- 741 Provost's letter of decision on promotion and/or tenure is conveyed to the faculty member, department and  
 742 FCSM PTR Committee chairpersons, department chairperson, and Dean of the FCSM.  
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**The First Friday in May**

- 745 Department and FCSM PTR Committees are formed (elections for membership on the FCSM PTR  
 746 Committee are already completed).  
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**XII. Copies of forms for Promotion and Tenure**

- 749 A. Reappointment Forms  
 750 • [Department Reappointment Review Ballot](#) (pdf)  
 751 • [Department Reappointment Review Summary](#) (pdf)  
 752 B. Tenure and/or Promotion Forms  
 753 • [Department Tenure and/or Promotion Recommendation Ballot](#) (pdf)  
 754 • [Department Tenure and/or Promotion Recommendation Summary](#) (pdf)  
 755 • [FCSM Department Tenure and/or Promotion Recommendation Form](#) (docx)  
 756 • [College Tenure and/or Promotion Recommendation Ballot](#) (pdf)  
 757 • [College Tenure and/or Promotion Recommendation Summary](#) (pdf)  
 758 C. Merit Forms

- 759
  - [FCSM Departmental Merit Recommendation Form \(FCSM Merit Form\)](#) (docx)
- 760
  - [Current Department Merit/Reappointment Recommendation Form \(CDMR\)](#) (pdf)
- 761 D. [Departmental Summary Recommendation \(DSR\) Form](#) (pdf)
- 762 E. Third Year Review Forms
  - 763 • [Department Third Year Review Ballot](#) (pdf)
  - 764 • [Department Third Year Review Summary](#) (pdf)
- 765 F. Five Year Review Forms
  - 766 • [Department Five Year Comprehensive Review Ballot](#) (pdf)
  - 767 • [Department Five Year Comprehensive Review Summary](#) (pdf)
- 768 G. [Chairperson's Annual Report \(CAR\) form](#) (docx)
- 769 H. [FCSM Faculty Annual Report \(AR\) form](#) (docx)
- 770 I. [Standards and Expectations for New Tenure-Track Faculty \(SENTF\) form](#) (docx)

771 **XIII. Appendices**

772 Appendix A. **The Boyer Model of Scholarship**

773 In "Enlarging the Perspective," the second chapter of Boyer's 1990 report *Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of*  
774 *the Professoriate*, the author outlines four "separate but overlapping functions" of scholarship which constitute  
775 the primary work of the professoriate: discovery, integration, application and teaching. These constitute "the Boyer  
776 Model" of scholarship....

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778 Boyer takes issue with the assumptions we make about what constitutes scholarship. People assume a linear  
779 cause-and-effect relationship between scholarship that moves from research, to publication, to application to  
780 teaching. It's as though the latter are not considered part of scholarship at all, but "grow out of it" (15). Boyer  
781 contests: "The arrow of causality can, and frequently does, point in both directions. Theory surely leads to practice.  
782 But practice also leads to theory. Teaching, at its best, shapes both research and practice". Thus begins Boyer's  
783 mission to parse out the four levels of scholarship into the following model. All four elements "dynamically interact,  
784 forming an interdependent whole."

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786 **DISCOVERY:** This element of scholarship is purely investigative, in search of new information. At the core of  
787 scholarship, it is "what contributes not only to the stock of human knowledge but also to the intellectual climate of  
788 a college or university" and Boyer considers investigation and research "at the very heart of academic life". These  
789 scholars ask, "What is to be known? What is yet to be found?"

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791 **INTEGRATION:** This element of scholarship is what happens when scholars put isolated facts into perspective,  
792 "making connections across the disciplines, placing the specialties in larger context, illuminating data in a  
793 revealing way" -- work that "seeks to interpret, draw together, and bring new insight to bear on original research".  
794 Closely related to discovery, integration draws connections and examines contexts often in an interdisciplinary  
795 and interpretive way. Boyer sees integration as a growing trend in universities, where disciplines are converging  
796 and the boundaries between fields is becoming blurry. These scholars ask "What do the findings mean? Is it  
797 possible to interpret what's been discovered in ways that provide a larger, more comprehensive understanding?"

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799 **APPLICATION:** This element of scholarship is the most practical in that it seeks out ways in which knowledge  
800 can solve problems and serve both the community and the campus. As opposed to merely "citizenship," Boyer  
801 argues that "to be considered scholarship, service activities must be tied directly to one's special field of  
802 knowledge and relate to, and flow directly out of, this professional activity". He importantly notes that knowledge  
803 is not necessarily first "discovered" and then later "applied" -- "new intellectual understandings," Boyer writes, "can  
804 arise out of the very act of application...theory and practice vitally interact and one renews the other." These  
805 scholars ask "How can knowledge be responsibly applied to problems? How can it be helpful to people and  
806 institutions?"

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808 **TEACHING:** This element of scholarship recognizes the work that goes into mastery of knowledge as well as the  
809 presentation of information so that others might understand it. "Teaching, at its best, means not only transmitting  
810 knowledge, but transforming and extending it as well" -- and by interacting with students, professors themselves  
811 are pushed in creative new directions. These scholars ask "How can knowledge best be transmitted to others and  
812 best learned?"

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814 Boyer, Ernest L., 1990. *Scholarship reconsidered: priorities of the professoriate*, A special report. The Carnegie  
815 Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Princeton University Press, 151 p.

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819 **I. PURPOSE**

- 820 This document applies to the election of  
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822 A. members of the College P&T Committee,  
823 B. at-large delegates to the College Council,  
824 C. College representative(s) to the  
825 1. University P&T Committee  
826 2. University Senate;

- 827 and to  
828 D. any special balloting that may be required from time to time  
829 (e.g., changing the College constitution or name).

830 This will be reviewed by the FCSM Council at least every two years.

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834 **II. THE ELECTORATE**

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836 For the elections of offices dealing directly with promotions and tenure, the electorate shall be all full-time tenured and  
837 tenure-track faculty. For all other elections, the electorate shall be all full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty  
838 members and other full-time faculty.

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841 **III. THE FCSM ELECTION COMMITTEE (FCSMEC)**

- 842 A. The FCSM Election Committee will consist of three members. All committee members must be tenured or on  
843 tenure track, to be appointed by the Chair of the College Council. The three members must be from three different  
844 departments.  
845 B. Members shall serve 3-year staggered terms.  
846 C. The Chairperson of FCSMEC will be the member with the longest tenure on the committee unless the members  
847 unanimously agree otherwise.  
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850 **IV. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 851 A. The FCSMEC shall be responsible for seeing that the rules of eligibility for election to the University and College  
852 P&T Committees, as defined respectively in the Faculty Handbook and in the FCSM Constitution and Bylaws are  
853 met. However, the FCSMEC is not the final interpreter and arbiter; those duties belong to the University P&T  
854 Committee and the College Council.  
855 B. The FCSMEC, in cooperation with the Office of the Dean of FCSM, shall keep a current record of the full-time  
856 faculty in the College, with rank and tenure status including (de facto tenure) at the time elected service would  
857 begin.  
858 C. The FCSMEC is responsible for conducting elections according to the following procedures.  
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861 **V. ELECTION PROCEDURES**

862 The following must be followed for each valid regular and run-off election as well as for nominations. If creditable  
863 evidence is presented that the procedures were not followed, the College Council will investigate. The normal election  
864 process shall consist of two phases:  
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- 866 • the nomination phase;  
867 • the election phase.

868 **A. NOMINATION PHASE**

- 869 1. A nomination "packet" (usually distributed electronically) shall include:  
870 a. an announcement of the vacant position(s);  
871 b. the reason(s) for the vacancy;  
872 c. a list of any incumbent(s);  
873 d. a list of any continuing members(s);

- 874 e. the requirements for eligibility for each open position  
875 (If there is an election for any member(s) of the FCSM P&T Committee, a statement should be included that  
876 anyone expecting to be recommended for a promotion during the three-year term of office should not allow  
877 him/herself to be nominated for FCSM P&T); and  
878 f. the current roster of those in various departments from which any candidate is sought.

879 2. Nomination ballots usually will be submitted electronically.

880 3. The ballots shall allow a member of the electorate to nominate up to two people for each open position.

881 4. For each open position, all receiving the two highest number of nominations will stand for election. Thus, after  
882 nomination ballots have been counted, the FCSMEC must contact each nominee to verify any nominee's  
883 willingness to serve. Should some nominee(s) be unable to stand for election, the committee will proceed  
884 through the list of nominees in (descending) order until those willing and having the two highest number of  
885 nominations are determined.

## 886 B. ELECTION PHASE

887 1. Election ballots usually will be submitted electronically.

888 2. The ballots shall allow a member of the electorate to cast only one vote for each open position.

889 3. The entire FCSM Elections Committee will review the results of the election.

890 4. The Chairperson of the FCSM Elections Committee will disseminate the results of the election (usually via an  
891 email) to the FCSM electorate.

892 Appendix C. **Departmental Peer Teaching Observation Forms**

893 **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT:**

894 **To:** Department of Biological Sciences Merit/Tenure Committee

895 **From:** Evaluation Subcommittee for evaluation of:

896 **Submitted by:**

897 **Date:**

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899 Course in which the faculty member was observed (no. and name):

900 Date of Observation:

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902 Content:

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904 Methodology:

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906 Interaction with students:

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908 Additional Materials Evaluated (Syllabus, tests, etc.):

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910 Summary of general performance:

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913 The above statement is an accurate summary of our evaluation:

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915 Signature of each subcommittee member:

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919 CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT:

920 CLASS VISITATION REPORT

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Course No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Times: \_\_\_\_\_

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922 Name of instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

923 **A. Accuracy of content**

924 Technical Terminology (appropriate use of)

925 Nomenclature (correct/current use of)

926 Use of symbols and structures (accuracy, clarity, conforms to conventions)

927 Other

928 **B. Level of content**

929 Quantitation (course appropriate handling of)

930 Other

931 **C. Clarity of delivery**

932 Use of media (competence with chosen format)

933 Legibility/Visibility

934 Voice (projection/pacing)

935 Other

936 **D. Overall Effectiveness**

937 Class interaction

938 Other

939 **E. Miscellaneous**

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Visitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this visitation report. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Instructor's Signature Date

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942 **COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCES DEPARTMENT:**

943 **CLASSROOM VISITATION RECORD**

944 Class visited: \_\_\_\_\_

945 Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

946 Date of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

947 Signature of visitor: \_\_\_\_\_

948 ***Please rate the following statements on a scale of 1 to 5.***

949 **5 – VERY GOOD**

950 **4 – GOOD**

951 **3 – FAIR**

952 **2 – POOR**

953 **1 – VERY POOR**

954 ***Please write n/a on any statement that does not apply.***

955 1. Organization of lesson. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

956 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

957 2. Knowledge of course material. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

958 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

959 3. Clarity of presentation. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

960 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

961 4. Motivation of students. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

962 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

963 5. Student participation. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

964 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

965 6. Student rapport. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

966 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

967 7. Degree of helpfulness to students. Score: \_\_\_\_\_

968 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

969 Additional comments:

970 \_\_\_\_\_

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972 **MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT:**

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**TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

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**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT**

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Classroom Visitation

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**Class visited:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of visitation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of visitor:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	NA
1. Organization of the lesson.						
2. Knowledge of the subject.						
3. Clarity of presentation.						
4. Motivation of the student.						
5. Student participation.						
6. Student rapport.						
7. Degree of helpfulness to the students.						

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**Comments:**

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**Instructor's**

**Signature**

**Date**

983 **PHYSICS, ASTRONOMY & GEOSCIENCES DEPARTMENT:**

984 **CLASSROOM VISITATION REPORT**

985 Evaluation of teaching by faculty colleagues is intended to promote improvement of teaching as well as to gather  
986 evidence of teaching effectiveness. The following guidelines should be considered when planning and participating  
987 in this process.

- 988 1. The date of the visit shall be arranged at least one week in advance of the class period.
- 989 2. All visits will be conducted by members of the PDTTC. Two faculty members if possible will visit a class period  
990 together.
- 991 3. The visited and visiting faculty members will meet at least one day prior to the class period so that the visited  
992 member may discuss philosophy and objectives for the course and provide a syllabus, etc., to any visitor.
- 993 4. Within one week after the visit, an open and professional post-visit conference will be held to discuss the  
994 observations made by the visiting faculty members. At this time each visitors proposed Report (see below) will  
995 be discussed.
- 996 5. Within two weeks after the visit, each visiting faculty member will have completed and placed the Classroom  
997 Visitation Report, signed by both visitor and visited, into the visited P&T folder. The visited faculty member (and  
998 mentor, if any) will also receive a copy of this report.

999 VISITED FACULTY MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

1000 VISITING FACULTY MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

1001 DATE VISITED FACULTY MEMBER WAS INFORMED OF VISIT \_\_\_\_\_

1002 DATE OF CLASSROOM VISITATION \_\_\_\_\_

1003 COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

1004 TOPIC BEING TAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_

1005 DATE AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF PRE-VISIT MEETING:

1006 SPECIAL TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED (demonstrations, videos, etc):

1007 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: (Note especially efforts to engage students through questions, small group  
1008 discussions, brief presentations, etc.)

1009 STUDENT RESPONSE:

1010 SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

1011 DATE OF POST-VISITATION CONFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

1012 SUMMARY (BY VISITOR) OF POST-VISITATION CONFERENCE:

1013 COMMENTS BY VISITED FACULTY MEMBER:

1014 SIGNATURE OF VISITING FACULTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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1016 SIGNATURE OF VISITED FACULTY \_\_\_\_\_

## D. EXTERNAL EVALUATION GUIDELINES FOR PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR

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1019 The FCSM PTR Committee guidelines for letters of evaluation from external reviewers for candidates for promotion to  
1020 Professor will follow the guidelines established by the Provost and approved by the University Senate. The external  
1021 evaluation will address the candidate's scholarship as it relates to the candidate's promotion to Professor.

### I. CONFIDENTIALITY

1022 The letters will remain confidential and will not be made available to the faculty member. These letters will not be  
1023 included in the faculty evaluation portfolio, but will be forwarded under separate cover to each subsequent level of  
1024 review.  
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### II. IDENTIFYING EXTERNAL EVALUATORS

1026 Evaluators will be independent and impartial, cannot be members of the Towson University faculty, and should not be  
1027 current or former advisors or mentors to the candidate or otherwise have (or have had) a personal or significant  
1028 professional relationship with the candidate within the past five years, nor should they pose other significant potential  
1029 conflicts of interest. Evaluators must be established scholars or practitioners with demonstrated expertise in the area  
1030 of the candidate's specialization, and preferably be from or have experience at peer-type institutions.  
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### III. SELECTION OF EVALUATORS

1032 The candidate will recommend 5 evaluators who meet the criteria described above to the department chair. The  
1033 candidate may also provide names of potential evaluators that they do not want to be used for their evaluation. The  
1034 department chair will recommend 5 additional evaluators. The Dean will contact the potential evaluators to identify 3  
1035 who agree to provide evaluations (see Query letter below). The Dean will request evaluation letters using the letter  
1036 template below.  
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### IV. SUBJECT MATTER OF EXTERNAL REVIEW

1038 External evaluators are not to evaluate the candidate's teaching, advising or service to the University. The external  
1039 evaluation will address the candidate's scholarly work as it relates to the candidate's promotion. The candidate shall  
1040 provide an electronic file (PDF or similar) of the following material to the Dean to be forwarded to the external evaluators  
1041 electronically:  
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- 1043 • Candidate's Curriculum Vitae,
- 1044 • Candidate's supporting statement focusing on the area of scholarship and reflecting on accomplishments  
1045 during the evaluation period,
- 1046 • A maximum of three publications or other scholarly products, either as readable files or internet links thereto.  
1047 The external evaluators will be able to request additional items on the candidate's curriculum vitae by  
1048 contacting the Department Chairperson.  
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### V. TIMELINE

#### 1051 **First Monday in April**

1052 Candidates for promotion to Professor will submit a list of five potential external reviewers to the chair of their  
1053 department.

#### 1054 **Third Monday in May**

1055 Chair will identify five additional external evaluators and forward the list of 10 (including the five named by  
1056 the Candidate) to the Dean's office. Query Letter to potential external evaluators will be sent from the Dean's  
1057 office to identify three external evaluators.

#### 1058 **Third Friday in June**

1059 The candidate's electronic file (PDF or similar) for the external evaluators is submitted to the Dean's office.

#### 1060 **First Monday in July**

1061 Three external reviewers will be confirmed and sent supporting documentation to complete their evaluation.

#### 1062 **Third Friday in September**

1063 Letters will be forwarded under separate cover to the candidate's department PTR committee for departmental  
1064 review.