

ECU Faculty Senate

ECU Faculty Manual Updates AY 2024-2025

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Overview

- UNC Policy Manual and *Code* changes
- *ECU Faculty Manual* revisions
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- Workload, Workplan, and Annual Evaluation Updates
- Post-Tenure Review Updates
- Questions



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Part IV: Academic Units, Codes, and Seven Year Program Evaluation

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Part V: Academic Freedom, Professional Ethics, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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Part IX: Appointment, Tenure, Promotion, and Advancement Policies and Procedures and Performance Review of Tenured Faculty

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Part X: Personnel Action Dossier and Tenure and Promotion Schedule

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Section I: Personnel Action Dossier--Revised to add Advancement in Title*

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Academic Unit Codes of Operations

- Equality Within UNC impacts:
 - Revise/change in focus for equity or DEI committees within units
- Prohibition against compelled speech impacts:
 - Remove any diversity, equity, and inclusion requirements for promotion, tenure, advancement in title, or subsequent contract consideration.
- Faculty Senate Resolution #21-41 – Master Teaching Instructor Title
 - Addition of Master Teaching Instructor title for fixed-term appointments in **Part VIII.I** Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Faculty of East Carolina University
- Faculty Senate Resolution #24-36 – Annual Evaluation ratings change
 - Revision of **Part VIII.I** Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Faculty of East Carolina University.
- Faculty Senate Resolution #24-37 – Post-tenure Review changes
 - Revision of **Part IX, Section II** and the Faculty Senate Guidelines for Faculty 5-Year Comprehensive Work Plan

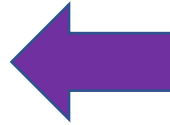


Academic Unit Codes of Operations

- [Guidelines for Writing and Revising a Unit Code of Operation \(PDF\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Organizing into Code Units \(PDF\)](#)
- [Academic Unit Standards for Performance Review of Tenured Faculty \(PDF\)](#)

NOTICE:

The UNC Board of Governors and UNC System President have recently promulgated a variety of updates to UNC System policies, regulations, and guidelines ("UNC policies"). In the event of a conflict between an ECU academic unit code of operation (or associated guidelines) and UNC policies, UNC policies shall control. Unit codes should stay on the same cycle of 5-year reviews. For questions or inquiries, please contact [Dr. Anne Ticknor](#), Chair of the Faculty.



Search:

Colleges/Schools/Units	Code	PTR Standards
Academic Library Services	Academic Library Services Unit Code 03-15-2021 (PDF)	Academic Library Services PTR Standards 01-23-2018 (PDF)
Allied Health Sciences	Allied Health Sciences Unit Code 06-14-2022 (provisional) (PDF)	
Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies		Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies PTR Standards 01-22-2018 (PDF)
Clinical Laboratory Science		Clinical Laboratory Science PTR Standards 05-02-2013 (PDF)
Communication Sciences and Disorders		Communication Sciences and Disorders PTR Standards 05-02-2013 (PDF)
Health Services and Information Management		Health Services and Information Management PTR Standards 07-26-2013 (PDF)
Nutrition Science		Nutrition Science PTR Standards 09-30-2015 (PDF)
Occupational Therapy		Occupational Therapy PTR Standards 05-02-2013 (PDF)
Physical Therapy		Physical Therapy PTR Standards 05-02-2013 (PDF)
Physician Assistant Studies		
Arts and Sciences		
Anthropology	Anthropology Unit Code 12-13-2018 (PDF)	Anthropology PTR Standards 01-23-2018 (PDF)
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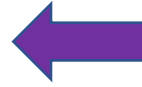
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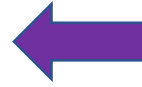
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Policy on Faculty Workload

As teaching and instruction are the primary mission of the constituent institutions, teaching shall serve as the first component of determining faculty workload expectations. In general, a teaching load of 24 credit hours (or equivalent contact hours) per academic year, along with routinely expected faculty duties such as advising, committee work, and professional development together constitute a full workload and a 1.0 FTE appointment. Faculty members holding additional responsibilities for research/creative activities and service as identified in their annual work plan can have their teaching workload adjusted on a commensurate basis.



Differential teaching loads may be authorized in recognition of differing individual circumstances including student success considerations, course level (bachelors, master's, doctoral), course pedagogies, programmatic accreditation requirements, team-taught courses, research productivity, time bought out by external grants, significant administrative or service assignments, significant advising responsibilities, or other activities aligned with the institution's mission and/or critical to student success as provided for in this policy and identified in the faculty member's annual work plan.



B. Annual Work Plan. Each faculty member shall work with their dean or department chair to develop a work plan for the upcoming academic year, in alignment with the institution's workload expectations and the needs of the academic department, college/school, or institution.



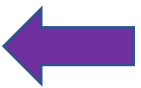
Institutional policies shall provide for the definition of the academic year, with both 9- and 12-month options available. The work plan shall identify the specific outputs and efforts a faculty member is expected to complete in the next academic year, recognizing that those items may be part of long-term or multi-year initiatives. The specific goals of the work plan should build towards and align with the expectations of the next summative/comprehensive review that a faculty member undergoes (e.g., reappointment, promotion, tenure, post-tenure review). The work plan shall include expectations for teaching, research/creative activity, and service via percentage time allocations that equal the faculty member's FTE status.

C. Annual Evaluation. Each faculty member shall engage in an annual review with their department chair/head. As part of that annual review, the department chair/head shall review the work of the faculty member relative to their approved work plan. A faculty member who does not adequately satisfy their workload expectations for the review period shall be subject to a faculty success plan. The plan must include specific steps designed to lead to improvement, a specified timeline in which improvement is expected to occur, and a clear statement of consequences should improvement not occur within the designated timeline. These plans must be approved by the second-level supervisor.



IV. Annual Reporting Requirements

A. Overview and Timing. Each constituent institution shall compile an annual report of the previous year's faculty activity to be presented to and approved by the board of trustees each year. The report shall cover an academic/fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30) and must be approved by the board of trustees no later than September 30 each year, with a copy submitted to the president by October 15.



B. Requirements. The annual report shall include quantitative information on faculty workload such as organized course sections taught, student credit hours produced, faculty contact hours, measures of research/creative activity, and service rendered in the previous academic year. The annual report shall include an analysis of faculty FTE allocations by teaching, research/creative activity, and service at the department, school/college, and institutional level. The annual report shall also include information regarding the process by which the institution implemented the provisions of their policy and evaluated individual faculty workloads relative to



Regulation on Faculty Workload

Institutions shall develop faculty workload policies consistent with this regulation, with UNC Policy 400.3.4, and with all other applicable statutory and regulatory authorities.

A. Institutional faculty workload policies shall include processes for training all personnel who develop and review faculty annual workload plans. Institutional Provosts shall ensure that all such personnel receive that training and that such training is aligned with guidance provided by the System Office.

B. Institutional workload policies must (1) establish ordinary percentages for faculty workload in areas such as teaching, research/creative activity, and service for each academic unit and for each faculty appointment type which together constitute the 1.0 FTE in a manner consistent with the missions of the institution and the academic unit; (2) identify with reasonable particularity guidelines under which deviations in the ordinary percentages for a given academic unit may be approved.

IV. Requirements for Faculty Annual Workload plans

A. Requirements for Annual Workload Plans

a. **Applicability.** Faculty members who are appointed for longer than one year and who are full time must have an annual workload plan, including faculty that also serve in administrative roles. Faculty members who are classified as Senior Academic and Administrative Officers (SAAO) or are in another leave-earning position shall not have an annual workload plan. Temporary faculty members, faculty members who are appointed for one year or less, and faculty members who are less than full-time may have an annual workload plan if directed by the institution.

b. **Assigning duties.** Each faculty annual workload plan shall account for one FTE by assigning duties to areas typically associated with faculty workload including teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

i. Institutions do not have to assign greater than zero percent in each category. Assigned percentages, when added together, must total one-hundred percent.

ii. Descriptions which support institutional missions must be included in institutional faculty workload policies. Some activities may be reasonably included in different categories, and in such cases, institutions shall assign the activity to a category in accordance with the institutional mission.

iii. Workload categories for faculty classified as extension faculty at North Carolina State University and North Carolina A & T State University or clinical faculty at East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall be determined by the institution, subject to the approval of the president or designee.

B. **Outputs.** Faculty annual workload plans shall include the specific outputs and efforts a faculty member is expected to complete in the next academic year, with a clear linkage towards long-term evaluation (e.g., reappointment, promotion, tenure, post-tenure review). Each

component of a full-time faculty member's workload plan should reflect the mission of the institution.

C. **Approvals.** Each faculty member's workload plan shall be developed in consultation with and approved by the academic unit head and by that academic unit's head's supervisor or designee.

V. Reporting Requirements.

A. Institutional annual reports will contain:

a. For each academic unit, the percentage of faculty efforts across three categories: teaching, research/creative activity, and service. When taken together, the percentages for all categories must total one-hundred percent. For faculty defined in section IV.b.iii, the categories shall be those determined by the institution and approved by the president or designee.

b. For each academic unit, organized course sections taught, student credit hours produced, and faculty contact hours.

c. For each academic unit, those measures of research/creative activity and service that the institution shall define according to its mission.

d. Information regarding the process by which the institution implemented the provisions of their policy and evaluated individual faculty workloads relative to the standards therein.

e. Other quantitative or qualitative information that the institution determines provides additional context for faculty impact and productivity in the various realms of faculty workload in accordance with the institution's mission.

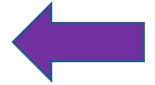
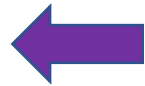
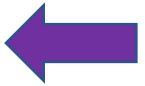
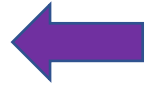
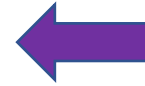
B. Each institution shall submit an annual report in the format prescribed by the President to its Board of Trustees to be approved by September 30th following the academic year. After being accepted by its Board of Trustees, each institution shall submit its annual report to the System Office President by October 15th following the academic year.

C. The System Office shall report on implementation and outcomes of the policy and regulation on faculty workload to the Board of Governors by January 2025 and each January thereafter.

VI. **Implementation timeline.** The timeline for development of institutional policy and annual workload plans in place for Academic Year 2024-25 and annually thereafter is as follows:

a. All faculty workload institutional policies must be approved by institutional Boards of Trustees by June 30, 2024.

b. Each faculty required to have an annual workload plan under this Regulation shall have an initial approved workload plan by January 1, 2025.



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Key Definitions

Faculty workload: Each full-time faculty member shall engage in approved work that totals to 1.0 Full-Time Equivalency (FTE).

Faculty work plan: Full-time faculty members who are appointed for longer than one year including those serving in administrative roles, will develop an annual work plan. The work plan should detail the assigned duties in teaching, research/creative activity, service, administrative, and/or patient care and related clinical responsibilities, as appropriate for the coming academic year. The work plan is developed in collaboration between the faculty member and the unit administrator.

Faculty workload guidelines: The process for determining the relative weight given to teaching, service, and where appropriate, research/creative activity and/or patient care and clinical duties shall be contained in unit Faculty Workload Guidelines (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).

Faculty self-assessment: Required for teaching part of annual evaluation and in post-tenure review. Self-assessment must include a summative review of the faculty member's teaching (for annual evaluation)/responsibilities (for post-tenure review) during the period under review and shall identify future formative strategies to continue growth (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).

Faculty success plan: Required after annual evaluation and post-tenure review for each faculty member who does not meet expectations (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).

Peer assessment: Required for teaching part of annual evaluation. Ways to conduct peer assessment: formal peer observation, documented review of teaching portfolios, documented discussions regarding pedagogical goals and methods, other peer assessment enabled by the unit code (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).



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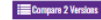
Faculty Workload

Version 7 (Current Version)



All Versions:

- Version 1 Version 2 Version 3 Version 4 Version 5 Version 6
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Policy	POL02.07.06
Title	Faculty Workload
Category	Academic Affairs
Sub-category	Accreditation, Assessment and Other Academic Matters
Authority	Board of Trustees
History	June 8, 2011, to be effective July 1, 2011; Revised September 25, 2014; Second Revised Interim Effective December 1, 2014, transitioned from Interim to Permanent July 31, 2015; Revised version adopted September 18, 2015 in interim form to become permanent pending UNC General Administration approval; Interim version made permanent November 30, 2015. Transitioned to policy and approved by BOT June 18, 2024. UNC System approval granted August 6, 2024.
Contact	Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (or Provost's delegate) (252-328-5419)
Related Policies	ECU Faculty Manual UNC Policy Manual, 300.2.6[G] (Guidelines on Reassigned Time for Faculty) UNC Policy Manual, 400.3.1.1 [G] (Guidelines on Tenure and Teaching in the University of North Carolina) UNC Policy Manual, 400.3.4 (Monitoring Faculty Teaching Workloads) UNC Policy Manual, 400.3.4[R] (Regulation on Faculty Workload) UNC Policy Manual, 700.6.1[R] (Academic Integrity Regulations) ECU Supplemental Pay for EHRA Employees Policy ECU Faculty Scholarly Reassignment Regulation
Additional References	

1. Purpose

The mission of East Carolina University (ECU) is to be a national model in student success, public service, and regional transformation. As the heart of our institution, our faculty contribute to this mission through an array of work activities. At East Carolina University this work, while widely varied, generally falls into the categories of teaching, research/creative activity, service, and patient care and related duties.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the institution and constituent units to define faculty workloads in a way that is comprehensive, transparent, accountable, equitable, and in compliance with the *Policy on Faculty Workload*, The UNC Policy Manual 400.3.4, and its implementing regulation 400.3.4[R]. This policy establishes the general standards for ordinary percentages for ECU faculty workload in the areas of teaching, research/creative activity, and service, for each academic unit and for each faculty appointment type in a manner consistent with ECU's mission and the needs of the academic unit. In addition, this policy directs that personnel developing and reviewing faculty workload plans receive annual training aligned with UNC System Office guidance, as directed by the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

2. Scope and Definitions

2.1 Employees covered under this regulation are faculty appointed to carry out responsibilities such as instruction, research/creative activity, service, patient care and related clinical responsibilities, and/or administrative duties. This policy applies to all faculty, including tenured, tenure-track, and fixed-term faculty.

Tenure track faculty members and full-time faculty members who are appointed for longer than one year must have an annual workload plan. One year, as used in this policy, equates to 9 months for 9-month faculty and 12months for 12-month faculty. A fixed term faculty member with consecutive one year contracts must have an annual workload plan after the conclusion of the first one year contract. For faculty members who are appointed for one year or less, or who are less than full-time, workload plans are ordinarily not required, but a workplan may be implemented at the discretion of the appropriate administrator. Faculty with a joint appointment with an administrative role must also have a workload plan.



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Faculty Workload Key Changes for AY 24-25

1. Academic Units Create Workload Guidelines
2. Workload, Work Plans, Faculty Success Plans, & Annual Evaluation all Housed in Faculty 180
3. Work Plans for Full-time Faculty (January 1, 2025)
4. Annual Evaluation moves to Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, or Does Not Meet Expectations
5. Annual Evaluation Timeline is Formalized in Part X
6. Faculty Success Plans for Not Meeting Expectations
7. Institutional Reports for Workload
8. Workload is Annually Reported to ECU Board of Trustees & UNC Board of Governors



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Part IV: Workload Guidelines

Each academic unit will establish and maintain workload guidelines. The guidelines shall be developed, approved, referenced in the unit code, and revised according to Part IV.II.V of the East Carolina University Faculty Manual.

Include an example work plan for each faculty appointment type (probationary term, permanently tenured, or fixed-term) according to their discipline and reflective of the missions of the university and academic unit;

Establish ordinary percentages for teaching, research/creative activity, service, administrative, and/or patient care and related clinical responsibilities to constitute 1.0 FTE in a manner consistent with the mission of the university and the academic unit;

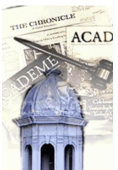
Identify with reasonable particularity guidelines under which deviations in the ordinary percentages for a given academic unit may be approved;

Provide qualitative and quantitative examples of efforts, including reasonable measures of outputs (i.e., organized course sections taught, student credit hours produced, research/creative activity productivity, etc.) connected to facilitation of career progression (i.e., reappointment, promotion, tenure, post-tenure review, advancement in title).



Suggestions for Guideline Creation

- Review what faculty are already doing in the areas of teaching, research/creative activity, service, and clinical (consider the last 2 years)
 - Are there any other activities that could fall under one of the above categories?
 - What are faculty doing in the area of administration?
- Consider what efforts and outputs are typical in your discipline/unit for teaching, research/creative activities, service, and clinical
- Consider what currently qualifies for a deviation in a faculty member's teaching load
- Form a faculty group to lead the efforts to establish workload guidelines for faculty to approve in fall



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Faculty Employment

Tenure-Track Faculty

Tenure and Promotion in rank

- Responsibilities in all areas:
 - Teaching *and*
 - Research *and*
 - Service *and*
 - Patient Care and Related Clinical Responsibilities (if appropriate)
- Work Plan & Annual Evaluation of Work Plan

Fixed Term

Subsequent appointment and advancement in title

- Narrower areas of responsibility:
 - Teaching (and Service) *or*
 - Research (and Service) *or*
 - Patient Care and Related Clinical Responsibilities (and Service)
- May be subject to a Work Plan
- Annual Evaluation of Workload



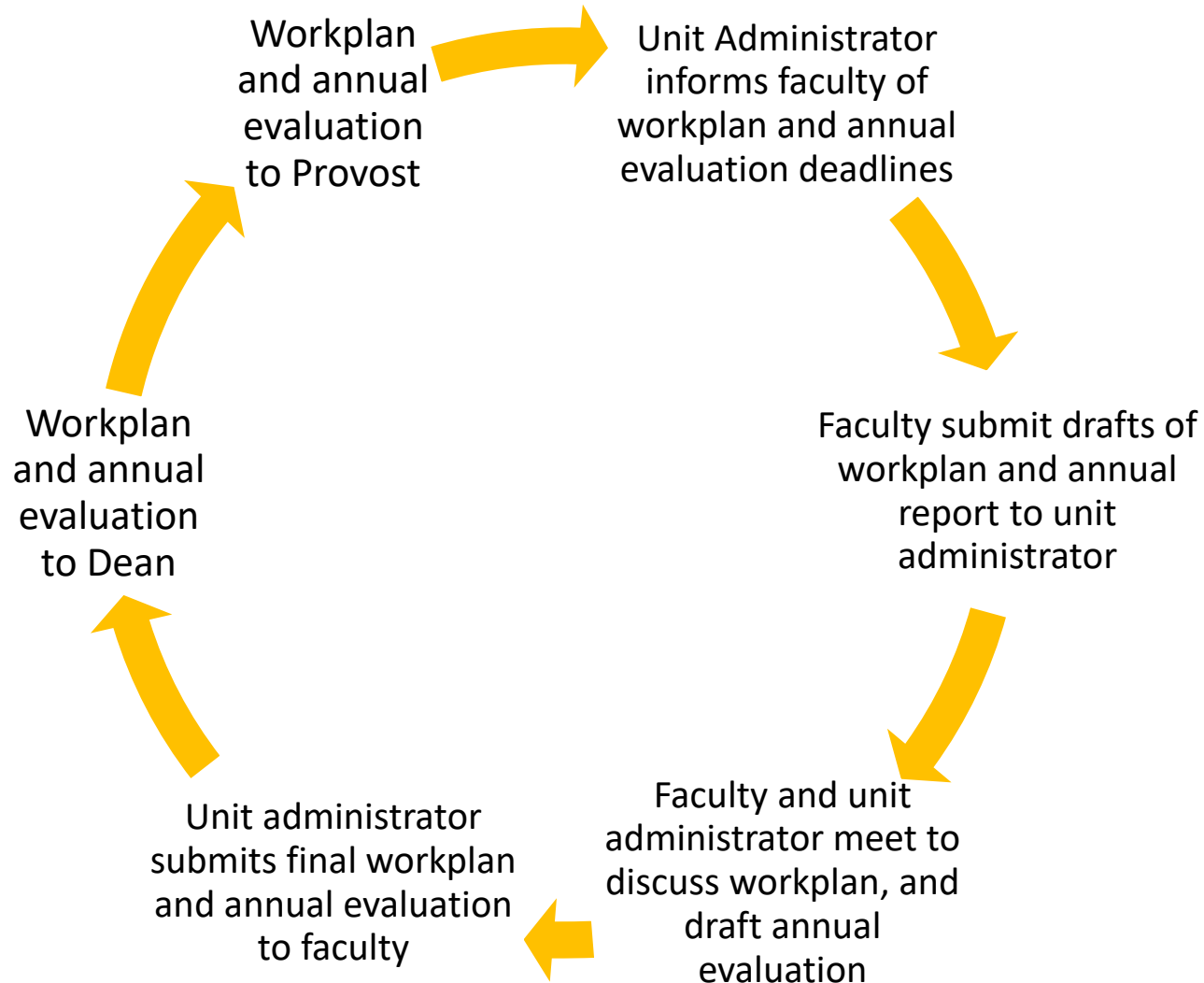
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Part X: Work Plan and Annual Evaluation

For faculty members who do not meet expectations as outlined in their annual faculty work plan, documentation in the form of a Faculty Success Plan will be included as a part of their annual evaluation.



Although not required, it is recommended that the faculty member and the unit administrator check with each other for progress of workplan throughout the academic year.



Part X: Workplan and Annual Evaluation

I. Workplan and Annual Evaluation

The timelines designated in this schedule are the normal review cycles for the stated personnel actions. The Provost (or designee) may approve an adjustment to these timelines when compelling circumstances, as determined by the Provost (or designee), justify a temporary revision.

The Provost Office will conduct review of workplans and annual evaluations during the summer. If edits are suggested by the Provost Office, they will be discussed with appropriate parties at the beginning of the next academic year.

Although not required, it is recommended that the faculty member and the unit administrator check with each other for progress of workplan throughout the academic year.

Units may set internal deadlines, no later than the deadlines specified here.

In the event that a deadline falls on a weekend or university holiday, items shall be due on the next business day.

Action	9 Month Faculty Deadline	12 Month Faculty Deadline	Time Allotted for Decision
Unit Administrator informs faculty of workplan and annual evaluation deadlines	January 10	May 14	
Faculty submit drafts of workplan and annual report to unit administrator	April 1	May 28	
Faculty and unit administrator meet to discuss workplan and annual evaluation in draft form.	April 20	June 13	At least 2 weeks
Unit administrator submits final workplan and annual evaluation to faculty	April 26	June 15	At least 2 days
Workplan and annual evaluation to Dean	May 8	June 30	At least 1 week
Workplan and annual evaluation to Provost	May 30	July 15	At least 2 weeks



Part VIII: Annual Evaluation

- The annual evaluation shall be a review of the faculty member's previous work plan if one is required. The annual evaluation shall include ratings and summarize the faculty member's performance in each category of responsibility as “**exceeds expectations**,” “**meets expectations**,” or “**does not meet expectations**,” and shall conclude with an overall ranking.
 - Full-time (1.0 FTE) faculty members who are appointed for longer than one year including those serving in administrative roles, will develop an **annual work plan** for the coming academic year in collaboration with their unit administrator. For purposes of this process, the unit administrator is the department chair or director.
- This annual evaluation shall:
 - be in writing;
 - be discussed with the faculty member prior to being sent to any other administrator or placed in the faculty member's personnel file; in the case of faculty members with probationary term appointments, a record of this discussion shall be placed in the faculty member's personnel file;
 - be signed and dated by the unit administrator and the faculty member, who may attach to the evaluation a concise comment regarding the evaluation. The faculty member has seven working days after receiving the evaluation to attach the statement. The signature of the faculty member signifies that they have read the evaluation, but it does not necessarily indicate concurrence.
 - The unit administrator shall forward to each faculty member a copy of that member's annual evaluation within ten calendar days of completing the evaluations of unit members.



Part VIII: Faculty Success Plan

- For faculty members who do not meet expectations as outlined in their annual faculty work plan, documentation in the form of a Faculty Success Plan will be included as a part of their annual evaluation. This Faculty Success Plan will be created by the unit administrator in collaboration with the faculty member and will:
 - be in writing;
 - include specific steps designed to lead to improvement;
 - include a specific timeline in which improvement is expected to occur;
 - a clear statement of consequences if steps are not met within specified timeline;
 - peer mentoring is encouraged as part of the faculty success plan;
 - progress meetings with the department chair/academic unit head shall occur on at least a semi-annual basis during the specified timeline.
- If a faculty member does not agree to the implementation of a faculty success plan, they may appeal in accordance with the provisions of the grievance procedure of Part XII, Section I, as appropriate.



Performance Review of Tenured Faculty (Post-Tenure Review)

I. Purpose. To support and encourage excellence among tenured faculty, there shall be a post-tenure review process. The post-tenure review process at constituent institutions¹ of the University of North Carolina is a cumulative, holistic, and comprehensive periodic evaluation of tenured faculty performance designed to:

- A. Assist faculty members in meeting university performance expectations;
- B. Recognize and reward exemplary performance when faculty members exceed expectations;
- C. Provide for a clear plan and timetable for improvement of performance when faculty do not meet expectations; and
- D. Provide for the imposition of appropriate sanctions, consistent with Chapter VI of *The Code* of the University, when faculty members do not meet the goals established in a faculty success plan.

II. Definitions. The following terms, as defined, shall be utilized by constituent institutions in post-tenure reviews of tenured faculty:

- A. Exceeds Expectations: The faculty member consistently and considerably surpasses established goals in the faculty member's annual and long-term work plans.
- B. Meets Expectations: The faculty member consistently achieves and may occasionally surpass established goals in the faculty member's annual and long-term work plans.
- C. Does Not Meet Expectations: The faculty member does not consistently achieve established goals in the faculty member's annual and long-term work plans.
- D. Faculty Success Plan: A formative strategy that includes specific steps designed to lead to a faculty member's improved performance in achieving established goals in the faculty member's annual and long-term work plans. This plan shall include a specified timeline in which improvement is expected to occur and a clear statement of consequences should improvement not occur within the designated timeline.

B. For each tenured faculty member, a post-tenure review shall take place at least every five years. A review undertaken as part of the process for conferring tenure or recommending a faculty member for promotion qualifies as a cumulative performance review; the next post-tenure review shall occur five years after the date of the conferral of tenure or promotion regardless of the date of any preceding review.

C. All participants in the post-tenure review shall consider the faculty member's annual evaluations and any faculty success plans that were required in the time period under review.

D. Each institution shall publish and make accessible to faculty members any refinement to the definitions of the evaluation categories (exceeds expectations, meets expectations, does not meet expectations). Such refinements shall be consistent with this policy and any regulations adopted by the president.

E. Faculty members shall conduct a self-evaluation to be used in the post-tenure review.

F. Faculty peers shall be included in the post-tenure review process.

G. The post-tenure review process shall include written feedback to the faculty member being reviewed as well as a mechanism for faculty response to the evaluation.

H. Both the department chair/unit head and the dean shall conduct an evaluative review in the post-tenure review process.

I. Each constituent institution shall develop appropriate recognition of faculty who receive a post-tenure review evaluation of Exceeds Expectations.

J. Each constituent institution shall require a faculty success plan for each faculty member who does not meet expectations in the post-tenure review. These faculty success plans shall include specific steps designed to lead to improvement, a specified timeline consistent with UNC Policy 400.3.3.1[R], *Regulation on Performance Review of Tenured Faculty (Post-Tenure Review)*, in which improvement is expected to occur, and a clear statement of consequences should improvement not occur within the designated timeline.

K. Institutional policies for post-tenure review shall not abrogate, in any way, the criteria and procedures for disciplinary action or faculty employment rights established in Chapter VI of *The Code* of the University.

IV. Compliance, Reviews, and Updates of Policies and Procedures

A. The chief academic officer, however titled, shall certify via annual report that all aspects of the post-tenure review process are in compliance with this policy and any associated regulations adopted by the president of the University.



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II. Post-Tenure Scope and Review Categories:

A. Post-tenure reviews shall evaluate all aspects of the professional performance of tenured faculty members, whose primary responsibilities are teaching, research/creative activity, and service. These evaluations shall be based on the faculty member's long-term work plan.

1. Post-tenure review and resulting recommendations shall take the allocation of a faculty member's responsibilities into account.

2. If a faculty member is reassigned to other duties (e.g., department chair or academic unit head) for .50 FTE or more, or is occupying a leave-earning position (e.g., SAAO Tier I or Tier II), that faculty member shall not be required to undergo post-tenure review until having completed a five-year cycle following the reassignment.

B. Institutional post-tenure review policies and procedures shall utilize the three assessment categories defined in UNC Policy 400.3.3: exceeds expectations, meets expectations, and does not meet expectations. Per UNC Policy 400.3.3, *Performance of Tenured Faculty (Post-Tenure Review)*, Section III. D., if a constituent institution has developed and published refinements to the

B. At the beginning of the post-tenure review cycle, the faculty member and the department chair/academic unit head shall develop a long-term work plan. That plan shall be coordinated with the annual work plans and evaluations required by UNC Policy 400.3.4, *Policy on Faculty Workload*, although annual evaluations are not a substitute for the comprehensive, periodic, cumulative performance (post-tenure) review required by the Board of Governors. The plan shall be approved by the college/school Dean (or appropriate next-level supervisor).

1. Institutional policies and procedures shall allow faculty members, in consultation with the department chair/academic unit head, to modify the long-term workplan annually, if deemed appropriate by changes in institutional, departmental, or personal circumstances. Plan modifications must be approved by the college/school Dean (or appropriate next-level supervisor).

2. Institutional policies and procedures shall address how any faculty success plans resulting from an annual evaluation shall be considered in the post-tenure review process.

C. A post-tenure evaluation committee, consisting of tenured faculty, for a department/academic unit shall be selected by a process agreed upon by the tenured faculty in that unit, in accordance with the following guidelines.

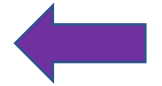
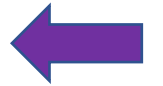
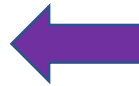
1. The faculty member being reviewed shall not have the option of selecting members of the post-tenure evaluation committee.

2. The post-tenure evaluation committee shall consist of no less than three (3) tenured faculty members from the department/unit.

3. If the institution's department includes no other expert in the specific field of research/creative activity of the faculty member under review, institutions may establish a process for requesting external faculty experts to provide a review of the candidate's work (e.g., research and publications). The external expert shall be a tenured faculty member and, if available, from a UNC constituent institution.

D. A self-assessment component shall be part of the post-tenure review processes. This component shall provide faculty members the opportunity to offer the post-tenure evaluation committee an important perspective. Each institution shall design and define the specifics on length, format, and required information for these self-assessments.

E. The post-tenure evaluation committee shall provide a brief, written rationale for each assessment in each relevant category (teaching, research/creative activity, service), in



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accordance with the faculty member's long-term work plan and allocation of duties. The peer review committee shall provide an overall ranking of exceeds expectations, meets expectations, or does not meet expectations.

1. Any performance review that includes a recommendation for recognition of performance that exceeds expectations shall include a statement of the faculty member's primary responsibilities and specific descriptions of how the faculty member exceeded assigned duties and the directional goals established.
2. Any performance review that indicates the faculty member does not meet expectations shall include a statement of the faculty member's primary responsibilities and specific descriptions of shortcomings as they relate to the faculty member's assigned duties and the directional goals established.

F. The department chair/academic unit head shall provide a separate, written evaluation of the faculty member. That evaluation shall explicitly state points of concurrence or points of variation from the post-tenure evaluation committee. Any recommendation for a faculty success plan or for recognition of performance that exceeds expectations shall be accompanied by a specific rationale for that recommendation.

G. Before the reviews of the post-tenure evaluation committee and the department chair/academic unit head proceed to the dean, the faculty member shall have no less than fourteen (14) calendar days from receiving these documents to provide a written response. If the faculty member under review disagrees with the evaluation, the response shall offer evidence in support of a different assessment. The response shall become part of the permanent record of the post-tenure review moving forward.

H. The appropriate dean shall provide a written evaluative review based on the faculty member's materials and the reports of the post-tenure evaluation committee, the department chair/academic unit head, and any written response from the faculty member. Other than relief available through an institutional grievance process, the dean's rating is the final rating (and one reported to the UNC System Office).

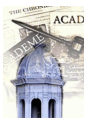
1. A faculty member whose review results in an overall rating of exceeding expectations shall be considered to have completed the post-tenure review process. Institutions shall create a process to forward recommendations regarding a faculty member exceeding expectations to the chief academic officer, however titled, for recognition and/or reward. Institutional policies shall indicate how the names of faculty who exceeded expectations are advanced for such recognition and/or award, what types of recognition and/or reward are available, and how such recognition and/or award are/is bestowed.
2. A faculty member whose review results in an overall rating of meets expectations shall be considered to have completed the post-tenure review process.
3. A faculty member whose review results in an overall rating of does not meet expectations shall be subject to a faculty success plan.

I. Faculty success plans shall be formative, developed in cooperation with the faculty member, and include specific steps designed to lead to improvement. Institutions shall specify

timelines of at least one year from the date of the implementation of the success plan, or longer, depending on the area in which improvement is required. The faculty success plan must include a clear statement of consequences, in accordance with Chapter VI of *The Code* should improvement not occur within the designated timeline.

1. Peer mentoring is encouraged as part of the faculty success plans.
2. Progress meetings with the department chair/academic unit head shall occur on at least a semi-annual basis during the specified timeline.
3. The department chair/academic unit head, in consultation with the dean, may redefine faculty workloads and distribution of teaching, research/creative activity, and service in cases where a faculty member receives a does not meet expectations post-tenure review assessment.
 - a. The chair/head and dean shall ensure any changes to these duties are not punitive responses to the faculty member and instead address ways to support the department, school/college, and institution to better leverage the faculty member's expertise and abilities and improve their performance.
 - b. The faculty success plan shall detail the changes in duties and responsibilities the faculty member's annual work plan shall also change accordingly to ensure the faculty member is evaluated appropriately, based on the relevant allocation of workload.

J. The department chairs/academic unit heads, through their deans, shall certify compliance with all aspects of the post-tenure review process and with UNC policy and guidelines to the chief academic officer, however titled. The chief academic officers, in turn, shall note the institution's compliance in an annual report on post-tenure review to the UNC System Office.



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Key Definitions

Faculty self-assessment: Required for teaching part of annual evaluation and in post-tenure review. Self-assessment must include a summative review of the faculty member's teaching (for annual evaluation)/responsibilities (for post-tenure review) during the period under review and shall identify future formative strategies to continue growth (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).

Faculty success plan: Required after annual evaluation and post-tenure review for each faculty member who does not meet expectations (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).

Peer assessment: Required for teaching part of annual evaluation. Ways to conduct peer assessment: formal peer observation, documented review of teaching portfolios, documented discussions regarding pedagogical goals and methods, other peer assessment enabled by the unit code (see *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Part VIII, Section I).

Peer Review Committee: The Tenure Committee to elect the Peer Review Committee of a minimum of three faculty members and one alternate from the permanently tenured voting faculty not holding administrative status. The alternate shall serve when a member is unable to serve. The faculty member being reviewed shall not have the option of selecting members of the Peer Review Committee. Members of the Peer Review Committee shall serve for one academic year.

External Review Expert: If the unit 's tenured faculty includes no other expert in the specific field of research/creative activity of the faculty member under review, at the candidate's request, the tenured faculty may establish a process for selecting external faculty experts to provide a review of the candidate's research/creative activity work. The external expert shall be a tenured faculty member and, if available, from a UNC constituent institution.



Post-Tenure Review Key Changes for AY 24-25

1. No Block Schedule. Units will keep individual timelines for their tenured faculty.
2. Process begins with the Peer Review Committee.
 - Sub-set of Tenure Committee with at least 3 members & 1 alternate.
 - Faculty should hold no administrative duties.
3. Faculty Member under review may not select Peer Review Committee members.
4. Candidate may request an external reviewer if no expert in their area is in the unit.
5. Review is focused on annual reports, annual evaluations, annual, long-term work plans, and any faculty success plans during review period.
6. Self-assessment of 5-year work plan included in review.
7. Peer assessment should occur, at the latest, between the second and third year after granting of tenure or the previous post-tenure review.
8. Forms A-C used for the review are housed in the *ECU Faculty Manual* Part IX.
9. Dean prepares their own performance review of the faculty member under review after the unit administrators completes their review.
10. Post Tenure Review Timeline is updated and in Part X.
11. A faculty member whose review results in an overall rating of does not meet expectations shall be subject to a faculty success plan.
 - Written in conjunction with Peer Review Committee, the unit administrator, in consultation with the dean.
 - Faculty progress shall be reviewed in a meeting that occurs at least twice each academic year with the Peer Review Committee and the unit administrator.
12. A review undertaken as part of the process for conferring tenure or recommending a faculty member for promotion qualifies as a cumulative performance review.



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Faculty Self-Assessment (Form B)

Name: _____

College/School: _____

Department/School: _____

Date: _____

In no more than two pages, the faculty member shall develop a summative review of their responsibilities during the period under review and shall identify future strategies to meet or strive to exceed the performance standards contained for the Department of XYZ in the unit code.



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Part X: Post Tenure Review

Post-Tenure Review

The timelines designated in these schedules are the normal review cycles for the stated personnel actions. The Chancellor (or designee) may approve an adjustment to these timelines when compelling circumstances, as determined by the Chancellor (or designee), justify a temporary revision.

Action	9 and 12 Month Faculty	Time Allotted for Decision
Unit Administrator informs faculty of post-tenure review deadline and Tenure Committee of need to form Peer Review Committee	3 rd Monday in August	
Faculty submit drafts of post tenure review documentation to unit administrator	2 nd Monday in September	3 weeks
Faculty and unit administrator meet to discuss post-tenure review documentation	1 st Monday in October	3 weeks
Faculty member submits post-tenure review documentation to Peer Review Committee	3 rd Monday in October	2 weeks
Committee review to unit administrator	3 rd Monday in November	4 weeks
Unit Administrator review to Dean	2 nd Monday in December	3 weeks
Dean review to Provost	February 1 st	6 weeks



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CHAPTER VI- ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

SECTION 600. FREEDOM OF INQUIRY AND RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

(1) The University of North Carolina System is dedicated to the transmission and advancement of knowledge and understanding. Academic freedom is essential to the achievement of these purposes. The University therefore supports and encourages freedom of inquiry for faculty members and students, to the end that they may responsibly pursue these goals through teaching, learning, research, discussion, and publication, free from internal or external restraints that would unreasonably restrict their academic endeavors.

(2) The University and each constituent institution shall protect faculty and students in their responsible exercise of the freedom to teach, to learn, and otherwise to seek and speak the truth.

(3) Faculty and students of the University of North Carolina System shall share in the responsibility for maintaining an environment in which academic freedom flourishes and in which the rights of each member of the academic community are respected.

SECTION 601. ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY OF FACULTY.

(1) It is the policy of the University of North Carolina System to support and encourage full freedom, within the law, of inquiry, discourse, teaching, research, and publication for all members of the academic staffs of the constituent institutions. Members of the faculty are expected to recognize that accuracy, forthrightness, and dignity befit their association with the University and their position as faculty members. They should not represent themselves, without authorization, as spokespersons for the University of North Carolina System or any of its constituent institutions.

(2) The University and its constituent institutions shall not penalize or discipline members of its faculties because of the exercise of academic freedom in the lawful pursuit of their respective areas of scholarly and professional interest and responsibility.

SECTION 602. ACADEMIC TENURE; NON-DISCIPLINARY SEPARATION.¹

(1) To promote and protect the academic freedom of its faculty, the board of trustees of each constituent institution shall adopt policies and regulations governing academic tenure. Policies adopted by a board of trustees regarding academic tenure and promotion shall be effective upon review by the senior vice president for academic affairs and the vice president and general counsel and approved by the president. The chancellor, or their designee, shall review the constituent institution's tenure policies periodically, but at least every five years, and shall report to the president whether or not amendments or revisions are appropriate. The chancellor shall involve the faculty in this review; however, the chancellor shall make the final decision regarding any proposed amendments or revisions.

(2) In all instances, the tenure conferred on a faculty member is held with reference to employment by a constituent institution, rather than to employment by the University of North

SECTION 603. DISCIPLINARY DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION OR DEMOTION⁴.

(1) A faculty member who is the beneficiary of institutional guarantees of academic tenure shall enjoy protection against unjust and arbitrary application of formal discharge, suspension, or demotion. During the period of such guarantees the faculty member may be discharged from employment, suspended without pay, or demoted in rank for reasons of:

(a) Incompetence, including significant, sustained unsatisfactory performance after the faculty member has been given an opportunity to remedy such performance and fails to do so within a reasonable time;

(b) Neglect of duty, including but not limited to, the sustained failure to: meet assigned classes, respond to communications from individuals within the faculty member's supervisory chain, report to their employment assignment and by continuing to be absent for fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days without being excused by their supervisor, or to perform other essential duties of their position or

(c) Misconduct of such a nature as to indicate that the individual is unfit to continue as a member of the faculty, including violations of professional ethics or engaging in other unethical conduct; violation of university policy or law; mistreatment of students or employees; research misconduct; financial or other fraud; or criminal, or other illegal or inappropriate conduct. To justify formal discharge, suspension, or demotion, such misconduct should be either (i) sufficiently related to a faculty member's responsibilities as to disqualify the individual from effective performance of job duties, or (ii) sufficiently serious as to adversely reflect on the individual's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness to be a faculty member.

Formal discharge, suspension, or demotion may be imposed only in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this section. For impositions of formal discharge, suspension, or demotion under this section of *The Code*, a faculty member serving a stated term shall be regarded as having tenure until the end of that term. These procedures shall not apply to Non-Reappointment, Denial of Tenure, and Denial of Promotion as provided in Section 604, Separation Due to Financial Exigency or Program Curtailment as provided in Section 605, a grievance as provided in Section 607, or any other lesser employment action that is not a formal discharge, suspension, or demotion.

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Policy Against Compelled Speech

In 2023, the UNC Board of Governors passed revisions to the [UNC Policy 300.5.1, Political Activities of Employees](#) ("Policy"), which applies to exempt employees and also protects applicants for employment or admission. The UNC System Division of Legal Affairs posted [Guidance Regarding Implementation of Policy Against Compelled Speech on March 17, 2023](#). Also in 2023, the North Carolina General Assembly passed new [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 126-14.5](#) and [§ 126-14.6](#), which applies to non-exempt employees, Clinical Support Staff of the Brody School of Medicine, Dental Clinical Operations Support Staff, and employed physicians and dentists.

The effect of the Policy and laws is to protect employees and applicants from being solicited or required to ascribe to or opine about beliefs, affiliations, ideas, or principles regarding matters of contemporary political debate or social action as a condition of admission, employment, or professional advancement, including faculty promotion and tenure processes.

For more information on this topic, please see these [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Compelled Speech Prohibition

At its February 2023 meeting, the UNC Board of Governors passed revisions to the UNC Policy [300.5.1, Political Activities of Employees](#) (policy). The North Carolina General Assembly also passed [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 126-14.5](#) (forthcoming). Both the policy and law include prohibitions on compelling speech in academic admissions, employment, and professional advancement, including faculty promotion and tenure processes. The following guidance is provided to assist HR campus partners, hiring officials, and search committees in understanding how to comply with and apply the policy and state law in recruitment, selection, and professional advancement.

As stated in Chancellor Rogers' message of March 27, 2023, in "no way does compliance with the policy diminish our ability to actively engage potential candidates on how they support students; how they create campus environments where all individuals can thrive; and how we shape a university climate that is built around the vigorous exploration and debate of ideas." As evidenced by our new strategic plan, [Future-focused. Innovation driven](#), we remain committed to sustaining an inclusive environment and cultivating a culture of care, belonging and opportunity for all faculty, staff, and learners.

What is compelled speech?

The UNC System policy prohibits compelled speech in hiring, admission, or promotion/tenure. University representatives will not solicit or require an applicant, candidate, or faculty member to make statements that require attesting to or affirming beliefs about matters of contemporary political debate or social action as part of these processes.

It is important to note that this policy does not prohibit value statements or expressions made by schools, units or departments regarding our commitment to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment to the diverse populations we serve as long as they do not compel. These statements can remain on websites and other materials as long as they do not compel employees or applicants to attest to or affirm any statements of political belief or social action.

How do I identify compelled speech?

When reviewing the application for a search, avoid any required or supplemental questions that solicit or require the applicant to attest to viewpoints or beliefs, such as a DEI statement or political perspective, or general questions that point the applicant toward attesting to beliefs or a specific point of view in their answer.

Additionally, avoid any questions that could signal to the interviewee or candidate that the questioner prefers a particular answer.

Equality Within the University of North Carolina

On May 23, 2024, the Board of Governors repealed and replaced [Section 300.8.5 of the UNC Policy Manual](#) to reaffirm the University's commitment to nondiscrimination, equality of opportunity, institutional neutrality, academic freedom, and student success.

On June 28, 2024, the UNC System Division of Legal Affairs issued [Guidance Regarding Equality Policy](#).

For more information on this topic, please see these [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Understanding the UNC System's Equality Policy

What does the new policy do overall?

The revised policy calls for a sustained look at diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives on UNC System campuses, ensuring that university efforts do not detract from academic freedom, equal opportunity or institutional neutrality.

What is the new policy approved by the Board of Governors?

The new policy, Section 300.8.5 of the UNC Policy Manual, is titled "Equality Within the University of North Carolina." It replaces the former diversity and inclusion policy. The new policy requires all University offices and positions to:

- Comply with nondiscrimination laws
- Comply with institutional neutrality
- Refrain from compelling others' speech,
- Refrain from promoting political or social concepts through training or required beliefs

The policy specifically protects faculty members' academic freedom, including research and curriculum decisions, and University work that focuses on the academic performance, retention or graduation of students.

Why was the former policy on diversity and inclusion replaced?

According to the UNC System, the policy on diversity and inclusion was replaced by the UNC System Board of Governors to reaffirm the System's commitment to nondiscrimination, equality of opportunity, institutional neutrality, academic freedom and student success. The new policy aims to ensure that the practices of System institutions do not endorse specific political or social viewpoints, maintaining a neutral stance to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for all students and staff.

What are the three main requirements of the new System policy?

The new System policy takes three current legal and policy requirements and applies them to offices and roles. Those three requirements are:

- Institutional Neutrality: No office or role within System institutions may be organized or operated on matters of contemporary political debate or social action.
- Prohibition of Compelled Speech: No office or role may endorse or express opinions about beliefs, affiliations, ideals or principles regarding contemporary political debate or social action.
- Prohibition of Promoting Certain Concepts: No office or role within System institutions may be organized or operated to promote a [list of concepts](#).

Additionally, individuals are not permitted to speak on behalf of the University or contract with third parties to provide training or consulting services, in a manner that violates any of these three requirements.

How will the change affect programs and offices that support underserved groups of students?

The policy does not call for the elimination of programs or personnel devoted to supporting students of different backgrounds. Targeted initiatives that welcome and support underserved students are within the scope of the university's mission, provided they abide by nondiscrimination laws and do not require students, staff or faculty to adopt a political viewpoint as a condition of participation.

Academics, Research, Committees and Volunteerism

How does the new policy affirm academic freedom in curriculum development and research?

The new policy affirms academic freedom by allowing faculty members to design and teach courses according to their academic expertise and educational needs of students. Faculty are free to select course materials, direct classroom discussions, and incorporate diverse perspectives relevant to their disciplines.

In research, faculty can freely pursue lines of inquiry, apply for grants, and form research groups. In all of these endeavors, faculty members should make clear that they are speaking for themselves and not for the university. Additionally, faculty must not unlawfully confer material benefits or condition the receipt of services on any other benefit of DEI's programs to individuals or groups based on a protected class (e.g. giving preference for grants or mentorship programs to individuals based on race, ethnicity, or gender), and must at all times comply with East Carolina University's Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy.

Are centers and institutes still permitted under the new policy?

Administratively directed centers must ensure compliance with content neutrality requirements, while faculty-directed academic centers that serve as extensions of the faculty's pursuit of teaching, research, and service remain protected by academic freedom.

How does the policy affect faculty research and the pursuit of grant funding?

The policy allows faculty to pursue research and apply for grants freely, maintaining academic freedom. Faculty members can affirm their personal beliefs in support of grant applications, but institutional commitments must comply with the neutrality mandate and the [Notice of Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Policy](#). Faculty should ensure their research activities and grant applications do not imply that the university endorses any specific political or social viewpoints.

How is staff-conducted research affected by the new policy?

Staff-conducted research should be reviewed to ensure it aligns with the new policy's guidelines since it is not afforded the same protections as faculty research in the new policy and guidelines. Contact the [Office of University Counsel](#) with any questions.

How should units adjust equity or DEI committees under the new policy?

Equity or DEI committees within the units of the university, considered subdivisions of the university, must shift their focus to broader student, staff, and faculty success and wellbeing, rather than matters of contemporary political debate or social action. The committees must be renamed to reflect this new focus.

Are identity-based faculty/staff caucuses or affinity groups allowed?

Yes, identity-based faculty/staff caucuses or affinity groups are allowed. However, participation must be voluntary, must be non-discriminatory, and participants cannot speak on behalf of the university. There are not subdivisions or employment positions of the University, and therefore, they are not prohibited by the new policy. Any support of such groups will be nominal.

Can faculty and staff participate in self-governing groups or caucuses? What are the conditions?

Yes, faculty and staff can participate in self-governing groups or caucuses if they are independent and do not represent the university. Activities must be non-discriminatory, not include individuals based on protected status, and avoid university-sponsored political or social advocacy. The university can provide space and nominal resources on a non-discriminatory basis.

How should faculty and staff approach service and volunteer roles under the new policy?

University committees or task forces, including department and college-level committees, must adhere to the policy's neutrality requirements. However, faculty and staff can participate in outside service roles, such as professional organization service and community outreach, without these same restrictions, provided they do not speak on behalf of the University in violation of [Chapter 33, Section 4903 of the Code](#). University committees focused on particular identities should aim to improve student success metrics like graduation rates and mental health and well-being.

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Please join us for the [October 1 Faculty Senate meeting, via livestream](#). See the [October 1st agenda \(PDF\)](#) for details.



ECU maintains a strong, long-standing shared governance structure. The Faculty Senate has been the legislative, advisory and primary faculty governance body for faculty representation at ECU for over 50 years. This body provides the means by which faculty are able to fulfill their responsibilities with respect to academic and educational policies of ECU.

Please feel free to stop by the Faculty Senate office, located at 140 Rawl Annex anytime and/or contact an elected [Faculty Officer](#) with any questions or concerns that you may have.

The Faculty Senate represents all faculty of East Carolina University. It is comprised of faculty members elected by the general faculty and UNC Faculty Assembly Delegates and senior administrators who serve as ex-officio members with vote. The functions, duties, and privileges of the faculty and the Faculty Senate are detailed in the [ECU Faculty Constitution \(PDF\)](#), which is contained in the [Faculty Manual \(PDF\)](#), and exercised under the authority of the University Chancellor.

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Faculty Senate Resources

- [Faculty Manual \(PDF\)](#)
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We acknowledge the Tuscarora people, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognize their continuing connection to the land, water, and air that Greenville consumes. We pay respect to the eight state-recognized tribes of North Carolina; Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi, Sappony, and Waccamaw-Siouan, all Nations, and their elders past, present, and emerging.



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Faculty 180 for Workload

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Faculty180: Faculty Reporting System

Faculty180 is a tool for reporting activities of faculty, departments, colleges and the university as a whole. It will facilitate tenure and promotion and annual performance review processes. System capabilities include:


- Importing faculty publication records from various bibliographic sources such as SCOPUS or PubMed
- Assisting departments in standardizing information such as journal titles, for example, and eliminating redundancies
- Facilitating management of data at various levels—individual, department, school, college and university
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Faculty 180: Workload

▼ Activity Distribution

? Help

Within this form, record the percent effort for each category of activity—one example distribution is 80% teaching, 10% research, and 10% service. Consult your unit Code for guidance on appropriate percentage ranges. Enter whole numbers only.

Note: The Workplan Policy defines Administrative Duties as "Service." Any percent effort added to Administrative Duties will be added to the Service percentage in the workplan.

Teaching ^	Research or Creative Activity ^	Service ^	Patient Care ^	Administrative Duties (Defined as Service) ^	Other (No longer in use) ^	Total ^	Description ^	Start Semester ^	End Semester ^	Actions
60	20	5		15		100		Summer 2024	Spring 2025	  

Add

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Faculty 180: Work Plan

▼ Faculty Annual Goals and Objectives

? Help

Use this section to enter goals agreed upon with your supervisor. Goals can be aligned with teaching, research or creative activity, service, patient care, or other activities. Create a new entry for each goal. **Full-time (1.0 FTE) faculty members who are appointed for longer than one year, including those serving in administrative roles, are required to complete this section.**

Note: The Workplan Policy defines Administrative Duties as "Service." Any goals added as Administrative Duties will be combined with the Service goals in the workplan.

Annual Goal Type ^	Goal Title ^	Goal Description and Measures ^	List the strategic goal that aligns with this annual faculty goal ^	Progress ^	Start Semester ^	End Semester ^	Actions
Administrative Duties	Administrative Duty Goal	Administrative duty description.			Summer 2024	Spring 2025	  
Teaching	Teaching Goal	Teaching goal description.			Summer 2024	Spring 2025	  
Service	Service Goal	Service goal description.			Summer 2024	Spring 2025	  
Research or Creative Activity	Research Goal	Research goal description.			Summer 2024	Spring 2025	  

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Faculty 180: Annual Evaluation for Service

[Preview of the 2024-2025 Evaluation Form](#)

Service Ranking (Includes Administrative Duties) * Options ▾

Choose the appropriate ranking.

Exceeds Expectations

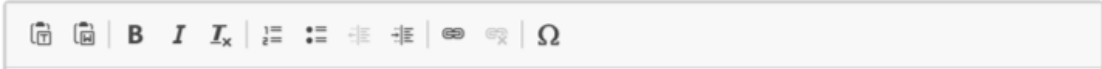
Meets Expectations

Does Not Meet Expectations

Not Applicable / Unable to Rate

Comments on Service * Options ▾

Enter here a brief narrative justification of the ranking for service to the institution, the profession, and/or the community. Administrative duties are to be evaluated in this category.





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Faculty 180: Faculty Success Plan

Faculty Success Plan

Options ▾

Choose the appropriate action.


If a new faculty success plan is created, or a previous faculty success plan is reviewed during this evaluation cycle, upload the faculty success plan on the Case Details tab > Internal Sections > Faculty Success Plan section.

- New Faculty Success Plan will be created in response to this evaluation
- Faculty Success Plan was reviewed during this evaluation cycle and the faculty member met or exceeded expectations
- Faculty Success Plan was reviewed during this evaluation cycle and the faculty member did NOT meet expectations
- Not Applicable

Faculty Success Plan Comments

Options ▾

Add comments related to the faculty member's success plan, if applicable.








Faculty 180: Self-Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness

▼ Self-Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness ? Help

Self-Assessment must include a summative review of the faculty member's teaching during the period under review and shall identify future formative strategies to continue developing skill in teaching.

Teaching Statement	Start Semester	End Semester	Actions
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[Link to Self-Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness User Guide](#)



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Faculty 180: Annual Evaluation Meeting


Workplan and Annual Evaluation Meeting Date

Annual Evaluation Meeting Date * Options ▾

Enter the date in which the unit administrator and faculty member met to review the annual evaluation and workplan (if required).

Date * 

Comments (Optional): Options ▾



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[How to Review Workplans Mid-Year](#)





Questions?