



TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY™

Procedures and Guidelines

FACULTY PROMOTION AND TENURE REVIEW

These procedures are intended to assist a faculty member to create and submit an application and portfolio for promotion and/or tenure using the TWU Faculty Performance Review system.

The promotion and tenure portfolio is an organized documentation of the candidate's professional growth and achievements in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service to her/his field or discipline, component, university, and community.

A promotion and tenure portfolio is expected to contain a focused analysis of the candidate's work that clearly addresses how the candidate meets or exceeds the university and component's criteria for promotion and tenure. The narrative and selected examples must clearly illustrate the quality and significance of the candidate's work in the areas of teaching, research and other scholarly creative activity, and service. At each level of review, a reviewer may request a copy of any of the materials listed on the curriculum vitae or referenced in the candidate's narrative.

1. This procedure refers to University Regulation and Procedure III.01.02.a, *Faculty Promotion and Tenure*.
2. Faculty members seeking promotion and/or tenure will submit the Promotion and Tenure portfolio to the peer review committee using the TWU Faculty Performance Review system by the deadline posted on the *Promotion and Tenure Calendar*. The system can be accessed through Pioneer Portal or on the Faculty Performance Review website (www.twu.edu/academic-affairs/faculty-performance-review); the calendar is also posted on this site.

Before discussing how to create a review, the following is a brief overview of the Faculty Performance Review (FPR) system.

Upon logging into the FPR, a faculty member will see several links in a maroon bar near the top of the page. The 4 links currently shown are:

- Create My Review
- My Review Status
- My Worklist
- Completed Reviews

The remainder of these procedures will address activity in the first 3 links, but first, a few points of information about each link.

Create My Review – This link is used to access the page on which a P&T application and portfolio can be created through data entry and the uploading of a variety of documents.

My Review Status – This page will display the current status of a review at any point in time after it is initially created. (It will not display that a review needs to be started; only that one has been started.) This means that a faculty member can always go this page to determine where and with whom the review currently resides in the system.

My Worklist – This page is only populated for a faculty member or a reviewer when that party is the individual has a task for this review awaiting action. The review will not progress to the next person or action until the action requested in the My Worklist is completed. For example, if the PRC has completed their review by providing a recommendation and uploading a supporting document, the review is no longer in the PRC worklist. It is now in the worklist of the faculty member requesting acknowledgement of the PRC recommendation. The review will not proceed to the next reviewer unless and until the faculty member provides that acknowledgment in the FPR.

Completed Reviews – This page will serve as a historical archive for all reviews completed within the FPR. Over time, a faculty member may collect many completed reviews – Periodic Performance Reviews (PPR) and/or Promotion and Tenure reviews. Please remember that a PPR is not considered complete until the Dean has submitted his/her assessment, and a P&T review is not complete until the Board of Regents decision is documented in the FPR.

3. Personal Information section

The Personal Information section of the P&T application is completed by responding to a variety of questions and by uploading various documents. A few suggestions as you proceed to complete your application (or review):

- When a date field is provided, please click on that field and use the calendar function provided.
- Before uploading a document, please save it in pdf format.
- When uploading a file, please be sure that the file name is descriptive of the content of the content of the file (e.g., Performance Review for AY 2014). In addition to using descriptive file names, you are encouraged to use the File Description field that is part of

the uploading process in the FPR system. Effective use of these two file description opportunities will greatly enhance the ability of reviewers to navigate through your application and supporting materials. Please note that this information is applicable to both faculty creating reviews and to those individuals who review materials in the FPR and subsequently providing recommendations and upload documents.

Specific items that may need to be uploaded in the Personal Information section.

- a. Appointment letter from Provost. This letter will have been provided at the time of initial appointment to TWU. Copies can be obtained, if needed, from your academic component, college, or Academic Financial Services. If the applicant was granted an extension of the tenure period, the letter of extension should also be included.
- b. In the instance where a faculty member is assigned by the AC administrator to a position that places a heavier emphasis on teaching, scholarship, or administration, a written description of the assignment provided to the faculty by the AC administrator may be included as an attachment to the self-assessment.

System notes:

- It is necessary to click on Save or Save and Continue to save the data entered on each page.
- When all required items of an electronic page of the website have been completed and the page is saved, the left hand column will reflect a green check mark for that page or section of the form.

4. Teaching Self-Reflection

In this section, it will be necessary to upload the following items:

- a. Current Curriculum Vitae as compiled in Sedona.
- b. Scanned copies of all Periodic/Annual Reviews for the period under review. The period under review for tenure is the period since appointment as a tenure-track faculty member at TWU. The period under review for promotion is the time since appointment as a faculty member at TWU or since the last promotion, whichever is most recent. For ease of access in review, it is recommended that all pages from a single prior performance review be scanned as a single document and clearly labeled. For example, a periodic performance review conducted in 2015-16 would be comprised of the self-assessment, recommendations and ratings from the PRC, AC administrator, and Dean. All of these pages should be scanned together into a single document and saved as a pdf with the file name of "Smith performance review for AY 2016".
- c. Teaching reflection
 - i. Each faculty member is expected to produce a self-assessment of teaching, scholarship, and service. Each area - teaching, scholarship, and service - is addressed individually and submitted to the FPR on separate pages. The faculty member is to limit the self-evaluation to a total of no more than 15 pages, not including attachments, appendices,

etc. Appendix A of these procedures provides guidance regarding the content of each section.

- ii. The 15 total pages of narrative may be divided between and among the three sections (Teaching, Scholarship, and Service) as deemed appropriate by the applicant. If an Introduction to the narrative is desired, please include it at the beginning of the Teaching self-narrative. If a Conclusion for the overall narrative is desired, please include it at the end of the Service narrative.
- iii. The narrative should have the following format characteristics: 1" margins on all sides; double spaced; Arial, Times New Roman, or Verdana font of 11 point or larger; and Arabic page numbers in the top right corner.
- iv. If a faculty member's supporting documentation includes large files (exceeding 25 MB), it is recommended the supporting documentation files be made available in the TWU Open Access Repository. For assistance, faculty may contact the TWU Scholarly Communications Librarian. The faculty member has the option to remove the supporting documentation files once the review has been completed or leave them in the university's open access repository. For applications that involve an external reviewer, faculty are encourage to avoid the TWU Repository and make their materials available on an external storage site (e.g., Google Drive). This will allow access by external reviewers. When the external storage option is used, the narrative must provide a clear link.
- v. The TWU URP for P&T does not call for letters of support from faculty colleagues at TWU or elsewhere. Such letters may be included at the discretion of faculty or if requested by their AC. Please remember that faculty input to the promotion and/or tenure decision is provided by external reviewers (where applicable), the AC PRC, and, the University P&T Committee.

5. Student Course Evaluations

- a. The quantitative data from Student Course Evaluations for the previous 5 years will be automatically populated. The faculty member may elect to include the qualitative data by checking the Yes box on the Student Course Evaluations page. The FPR system will display either all or none of the qualitative data, at the election of the applicant.
- b. It is necessary to click on the Save button at the bottom of this page, even if a faculty member does not select to include qualitative comments or to upload any supporting documents.

6. Peer Observation Report and AC Administrator Observation Report

- a. **[Not required for 2018-19 applications]**
- b. If a faculty member chooses to include any information related to teaching observations, it is the responsibility of the faculty member to ensure that the teaching observations are completed prior to the submission deadline for P&T applications.

7. Scholarship and Service self-reflections

- a. The content and format of these 2 sections are similar to the Teaching section discussed above. One item of note: In the Scholarship section, it will be necessary to upload into the FPR system any recent reprints that a faculty member wishes to share with reviewers. These may be entered in the FPR system via the upload box on the Scholarship page. As discussed above, if any files exceed 25MB, it will be necessary to establish an accessible folder on an external storage site such as Google Drive.

8. Final Submission

- a. Once the required documents and fields have been completed, the faculty member will have two options:
 - i. To have the portfolio sent to external reviewers by the AC administrator, faculty should click "Ready for external review." (A discussion of external review is presented in the next section of these procedures.) Consistent with the promotion and tenure calendar, this step should be completed by early August. The materials in the FPR system at the time the Ready link is activated are the materials that will be shared with external reviewers. Please note that a faculty member may continue to make adjustments to the portfolio until "Final Submit" link in #2 below is clicked, but those changes will not be included in the materials sent to external reviewers.
 - ii. To submit the portfolio for final review, faculty should "Final Submit." This option will submit and close the portfolio. No new materials or edits may be added after submission. Alteration to the portfolio may only be made per the guidelines in URP III.01.02.a: *Faculty Promotion and Tenure*. If the packet is accidentally submitted before it has been completed, a request to have it rolled back must be submitted to the Academic Affairs Administrator in the Office of the Provost/ VPAA. Per the University P&T calendar, Final Submit must be performed by a date specified in late September.

9. External Reviewer Process

- a. Applications for tenure and/or promotion to Associate Professor or Professor require an external review of the candidate's record of scholarship and service to the profession. This requirement does not apply to faculty seeking lecturer or clinical track promotions.
- b. Each candidate will compile a rank-ordered list of three qualified external reviewers and their complete contact information (name, rank, university, email address, phone number, and mailing address). The Peer Review Committee will compile a second rank-ordered list of three additional external reviewers with their complete contact information. Refer to URP III.01.02.a: *Faculty Promotion and Tenure* for a list of required qualifications for external reviewers.
- c. The AC administrator will invite a potential external reviewer from each list. Should an invited reviewer decline the invitation, the AC administrator will contact another qualified external reviewer from the appropriate list until a reviewer from each list is secured.

- d. On or around the date specified in the P&T calendar, the AC Administrator will provide external reviewers with copies of the candidate's portfolio. This is accomplished by downloading the candidate's portfolio found in the Faculty Performance Review system.

System notes and suggestions:

- i. Save a copy of this downloaded material on your computer's hard drive. This will make it accessible to you with downloading multiple times.
 - ii. Do not click on the Task Complete button until have actually completed this task by sending materials to the reviewer. Once the button is clicked, this task will be removed from your My Worklist and you will not be able to access the link to download materials again.
- e. While external reviewers do not evaluate the quality of teaching, including the entire self-narrative and other specified materials are provided to external reviewers to provide context for review of the candidate's scholarship and service.
 - f. External reviewers will not have access to materials housed in the TWU Open Access Repository. Materials for external reviewers should be provided in the portfolio or be available on an external storage device (e.g., USB drive) or an external storage site (e.g., Google Drive). When the external storage option is used, a link must be provided to enable reviewers to access the materials.
 - g. External reviewers will also be provided with a copy of the component and University promotion and tenure criteria.
 - h. Each external reviewer will be asked to write a letter reviewing the quality, significance, and impact of the candidate's scholarship and service to the profession. These letters will be placed in the candidate's portfolio and forwarded to the PRC prior to PRC review of the candidate. This is accomplished by the AC administrator's uploading these letters into the Faculty Performance Review system. The review cannot proceed to the next step, review by the AC peer review committee, until two external review letters have been uploaded.

10. Peer Review Committee

- a. Using the TWU Faculty Performance Review system, the Peer Review Committee will evaluate the portfolios and the letters from the external reviewers. The PRC will make a recommendation(s) regarding promotion and/or tenure with specific references to the degree to which the application meets TWU and AC criteria. The Chair of the PRC will submit the committee's recommendation(s), including a rationale for the recommendation(s) and any minority report(s), to the AC administrator by the date designated on the *Faculty Performance Review Calendar*. The faculty member will receive an email that the final report, including any minority report(s), is available for review. For the application to proceed to the next step of the review, the faculty member must acknowledge receipt of the PRC review. Similar acknowledgements will also be required at each subsequent step of review.

- b. Optional Action - At this time, faculty may upload a response to the recommendation(s), consistent with TWU's URP III.01.02.a, *Faculty Promotion and Tenure*. In particular, the section entitled *Submission and Review of Portfolio* states that the candidate may provide a statement correcting factual errors in the report within seven days of receiving the report; the statement may not exceed one page and is available in the system for the next level of review.
11. The AC administrator will review the portfolio and the recommendations from external reviewers and the PRC in order to make recommendations for promotion and/or tenure. The recommendation(s) must be accompanied by a rationale and submitted to the dean by the date designated on the *Faculty Performance Review Calendar*. The candidate and Chair of the PRC will receive an email when recommendations are available for review. As described in number 10 above, the candidate must acknowledge receipt of the reviewer recommendations for the review to advance. The faculty member continues to have the opportunity to provide a written statement correcting any factual errors.
12. The dean will review the portfolio, letters from external reviewers, and recommendation(s) from the PRC and the AC administrator. The dean will make recommendation(s) for promotion and/or tenure, and provide a rationale. The dean's written comments will be submitted to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee by the date designated on the *Faculty Performance Review Calendar*. The candidate, AC Administrator, and Chair of the PRC will receive an email when recommendations are available for review. Faculty member acknowledgment of receipt is required and the opportunity to provide a written statement correcting any factual errors is also available.
13. The University Promotion and Tenure Committee will review the candidate's portfolio, letters from external reviewers, and recommendations made at each level in order to make recommendation(s) for promotion and/or tenure. Member(s) of a candidate's AC PRC shall recuse themselves from reviewing the candidate's portfolio and submitting recommendation(s) at the level of University committee review. The committee shall prepare and submit a final report, including a rationale for its recommendation(s), to accompany the candidate's portfolio to the Provost/VPAA. The candidate, PRC Chair, AC administrator, and dean will receive an email when the University Promotion and Tenure Committee's recommendation(s) are available for review. Faculty member acknowledgment of receipt is required and the opportunity to provide a written statement correcting any factual errors is also available.
14. The Provost/VPAA will review the candidate's portfolio, letters from external reviewers, and recommendations made at each level in order to make recommendation(s) for promotion and/or tenure. The recommendation(s) and a rationale will be submitted to the Chancellor. The candidate, the PRC Chair, the AC administrator, the dean, and the Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair will receive an email when the Provost/VPAA's recommendation(s) are

available for review. As described above, the candidate must acknowledge receipt of the review and has the opportunity to provide a written statement correcting any factual errors.

15. The Chancellor will review the candidate's portfolio, letters from external reviewers, and recommendations made at each level in order to make recommendation(s) for promotion and/or tenure which will accompany the candidate's portfolio to the Board of Regents. The candidate, PRC Chair, AC administrator, dean, University Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair, and Provost/VPAA will receive an email when the Chancellor's recommendation(s) are available for review. As described above, the candidate must acknowledge receipt of the review and has the opportunity to provide a written statement correcting any factual errors.
16. The Board of Regents will reach a decision regarding promotion and/or tenure for each candidate. Following that decision, the candidate, PRC Chair, AC administrator, dean, University Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair, and Provost/VPAA will receive an email when the Board's decision is available for review.

Appendix A

Candidate Self-Analysis and Documentation

The self-analysis documents how the candidate meets each of the component's criteria in the areas of Teaching, Scholarship and Creative Activities, and Service and the quality, relevance, and impact of the candidate's work. In the analysis, it is not necessary to duplicate achievements listed on the curriculum vitae. The candidate should, however, discuss how the items listed on the curriculum vitae demonstrate that promotion and/or tenure standards and criteria have been met. Selected supporting documentation must be included with each section, rather than as attachments or appendices. Particular attention should be given to accomplishments since the last promotion.

Introductory Narrative (included at the beginning of the Teaching narrative)

The introductory narrative describes the candidate's roles and responsibilities within the academic component, the college, and the university. Within the introductory narrative or within each section of teaching, scholarship, and service, the candidate should provide a philosophy statement and explain how teaching, scholarship, and service are connected and integrated. The following is a list of types of documentation that may be found in a portfolio. It is not meant to be exhaustive.

Teaching

- Peer observations of teaching
- Peer examination of a teaching portfolio
- Analysis of student evaluations and learning outcomes
- Analysis of courses taught, number of preparations, class sizes, course levels, types of courses in relation to component criteria for promotion and tenure
- External review of course materials
- Honors or special recognitions for teaching
- Grants related to instruction

- Development of new programs and courses
- Teaching innovations
- Preparation of publications to be used in class
- Reports from alumni and their employers
- Recognition of the quantity and quality of mentoring
- Evidence of student achievement
- Service learning and internships directed
- Evidence of the quality and quantity of graduate student research and creative projects, independent studies, professional papers, theses and/or dissertations directed by the candidate in those areas where graduate programs

Scholarship and Creative Activities

- Published/peer reviewed works, articles, book reviews, bibliographies, essays, papers in anthologies, proceedings, translations, book chapters, books, monographs
- Published curriculum or training materials
- Artistic works (include status of venue), short stories, poems, dramatic works, musical composition or arrangement, choreography, exhibitions, performances, recitals, direction of works in the performing arts, recorded works in the performing arts, refereed or invited works (include status of venue)
- Peer-reviewed presentations at professional meetings
- Non-referred works and non-juried creative works
- Contributions to the art of teaching, textbooks, articles on pedagogy, development of technological applications for teaching, audiovisual media for classroom use
- Internal and external grant proposals, grants, and contracts
- Honors and awards (explain the nature of the award and method of selection)
- Professional development for research, scholarship, and other creative activities
- Inventions, patents, and copyrights

Service

- Participation and leadership in university, college, and component committees and task forces
- Service to student organizations and student recruitment and retention activities
- Development of newsletters, brochures, in-service programs, non-credit continuing education courses, professional conferences
- Recognition of the quantity and quality of advising
- Service to the profession (indicate state, regional, national, and international affiliations), membership and leadership in professional organizations, journal editorship, consulting projects, technical reports, panel chair or discussant
- Manuscript and grant reviews, adjudication of exhibits, performances, and designs
- Voluntary participation in local, regional, state, national or international non-profit organizations (role, years of service, major contributions, elected or appointed), local, state, or national office
- Honors and awards related to service (explain nature of award and method of selection)