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46 Candidates are encouraged to take these minimal department standards into account  
47 when constructing their RTP files and writing their narratives.  
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## 49 **2.2 Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities (RSCA)**

50 The Department of RGRL has identified high-quality RSCA as the foundation of our  
51 collective professional profile as engaged teachers and scholars. The department values  
52 RSCA related to all of the areas of expertise of faculty members, including pedagogy.  
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54 **2.2.1 Requirements:** In addition to file and narrative requirements stated in the  
55 CLA RTP Policy, the department has the following minimal requirements for  
56 candidates in the RTP process:  
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- 58 a. Reappointment: Candidates for reappointment must demonstrate an ongoing  
59 effort to build a scholarly portfolio. By the time candidates turn in their files for  
60 reappointment, they are expected to have at least one substantive, original  
61 article accepted by a peer-reviewed venue (e.g., journal or other) and to have  
62 another article under consideration. Candidates whose RSCA falls outside these  
63 parameters for reappointment need to make the case that their records meet the  
64 requirements for quantity and quality addressed throughout the RTP policy.  
65 Other supporting professional activities might include activities such as book  
66 reviews, peer-reviewed conference presentations, and external research grant  
67 proposals, but these activities should not be prioritized over the goal of  
68 publication.  
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70 To meet these requirements, recent PhDs in their first three (3) years of  
71 appointment are strongly encouraged to use their dissertations as the basis for  
72 at least two (2) publications during the initial appointment period and to  
73 present papers at conferences. Candidates who are more advanced in their  
74 careers during the reappointment period are encouraged to continue to further  
75 develop their RSCA programs.  
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- 77 b. Tenure and/or promotion: Candidates for tenure and/or promotion to Associate  
78 Professor shall demonstrate an increasingly strong record of publications.  
79 The department values sustained quality over quantity. A record of multiple  
80 publications that are not original or that do not advance disciplinary knowledge  
81 in a meaningful way is unlikely to receive a positive recommendation for tenure  
82 and/or promotion. Publications (or their RSCA equivalent) may be published, in  
83 press, forthcoming, or accepted as per the definitions and allowances provided  
84 in the CLA RTP Policy (section 2.2.1).  
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86 In recognition of the diversity of possible RSCA records a candidate may  
87 develop, the department has articulated various scenarios (see below). These  
88 scenarios represent the department's expectations for a positive  
89 recommendation for tenure and/or promotion. All scenarios involve peer-  
90 reviewed publication in a variety of venues (e.g., different journals).  
91 Candidates whose RSCA records fall outside these scenarios for tenure and/or  
92 promotion need to make the case that their records meet the requirements for

93 quantity and quality addressed throughout the RTP policy.  
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95 To receive a positive recommendation for tenure and/or promotion, candidates  
 96 must demonstrate:

- 97 1. Ongoing engagement in the profession (e.g., publication of book  
 98 reviews and/or non peer-reviewed articles; peer-reviewed  
 99 conference presentations; and/or non peer-reviewed lectures or  
 100 presentations).
- 101 2. A record of peer-reviewed RSCA aligned with one of the following  
 102 scenarios. In all scenarios, the candidate must demonstrate  
 103 quality and impact of RSCA.
  - 104 a. Three (3) high-quality, original, substantive peer-reviewed  
 105 articles in different high-quality, prestigious venues.  
 106 Publications must be shown to clearly advance disciplinary  
 107 knowledge in a meaningful way. In this scenario, the  
 108 candidate must provide evidence of the rigor of the review  
 109 process, the prestige of the venues (e.g., based on acceptance  
 110 rates, rankings, or other similar data), and originality of RSCA  
 111 to make the case for quality over quantity.
  - 112 b. Four (4) substantive, original article-length, peer-reviewed  
 113 publications in different venues. In this scenario, the prestige  
 114 of publication venues, acceptance rates, and rigor of review  
 115 process are less important.
  - 116 c. Publication of a peer-reviewed monograph.
  - 117 d. Publication of an edited volume, a textbook, or a co-authored  
 118 monograph in which the candidate played a significant,  
 119 demonstrable role in the authorship. In such cases, the  
 120 candidate must have a minimum of two (2) published, in  
 121 press, forthcoming, or accepted peer-reviewed, substantive,  
 122 original articles in different venues. Textbooks related to the  
 123 candidate's discipline shall be considered vis-à-vis candidate's  
 124 contribution to the textbook and extent to which textbook can  
 125 be shown to advance scholarship in the discipline.
  - 126 e. Externally-funded, competitive extramural grants or  
 127 fellowships that support the candidate's research agenda may  
 128 also be considered as partially fulfilling the RSCA  
 129 requirements. In such cases, the candidate must have a  
 130 minimum of two (2) published, in press, forthcoming, or  
 131 accepted substantive, original articles and must make the case  
 132 that the externally-funded grant should be considered the  
 133 equivalent of a peer-reviewed publication in terms of the  
 134 weight it should be given in the RSCA evaluation.
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- 136 c. Promotion to Professor: Candidates for promotion to Professor must  
 137 demonstrate evidence of sustained and consistent RSCA that has resulted  
 138 in publications in high-quality, peer-reviewed venues for the review  
 139 period (i.e., since the last personnel action). The following two

- 140 requirements must be met for candidates to receive a positive  
 141 recommendation for promotion to Professor:  
 142 1. Candidates must demonstrate ongoing engagement in the  
 143 profession (e.g., publication of book reviews and/or non peer-  
 144 reviewed articles; peer-reviewed conference presentations;  
 145 and/or non peer-reviewed lectures or presentations).  
 146 2. Candidates must have four (4) substantive, original article-length,  
 147 peer-reviewed publications or their equivalent to be eligible for  
 148 promotion to Professor. These publications need to appear in a  
 149 variety of venues. They may be published, in press, forthcoming,  
 150 or accepted as per the definitions and allowances provided in the  
 151 CLA RTP Policy (section 2.2.1).  
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153 Since the department values quality over quantity, multiple publications that are  
 154 not original or that do not advance disciplinary knowledge in a meaningful way  
 155 are unlikely to receive a positive recommendation for promotion.  
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157 The following examples represent some of the other possible **scenarios** that  
 158 merit a positive recommendation for promotion to Professor. As with tenure  
 159 and/or promotion to Associate, all of these scenarios require that the candidate  
 160 provide evidence of ongoing engagement in the profession as per the above  
 161 requirements (e.g., publication of book reviews and/or non peer-reviewed  
 162 articles; peer-reviewed conference presentations; and non peer-reviewed  
 163 lectures or presentations). In all scenarios, the candidate must demonstrate  
 164 quality and impact of RSCA.  
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- 166 1. Three (3) high-quality, original, substantive peer-reviewed  
 167 articles in different high-quality, prestigious publication venues.  
 168 Publications must be shown to clearly advance disciplinary  
 169 knowledge in a meaningful way. In this scenario, the candidate  
 170 must provide evidence of the rigor of the review process, the  
 171 prestige of the venues, and originality of RSCA to make the case  
 172 for quality over quantity.  
 173 2. Externally-funded, competitive extramural grants or fellowships  
 174 that support the candidate's research agenda may also be  
 175 considered as partially fulfilling the RSCA requirements. In such  
 176 cases, the candidate must have a minimum of two (2) published,  
 177 in press, forthcoming, or accepted peer-reviewed, substantive,  
 178 original articles and must make the case that the externally-  
 179 funded grant should be considered the equivalent of a peer-  
 180 reviewed publication in terms of the weight it should be given in  
 181 the RSCA evaluation.  
 182 3. Publication of a peer-reviewed monograph.  
 183 4. Publication of an edited volume, a textbook, or a co-authored  
 184 monograph in which the candidate played a significant,  
 185 demonstrable role in the authorship. Textbooks related to the  
 186 candidate's discipline shall be considered vis-à-vis candidate's

187 contribution to the textbook and extent to which textbook can be  
 188 shown to advance scholarship in the discipline. As with all RSCA,  
 189 the burden is on the candidate to demonstrate quality and impact  
 190 on the field.

### 191 **2.2.2 Departmental Definitions**

192 All definitions stated in the CLA RTP Policy apply. For the purposes of the  
 193 Department RTP Policy, the following additional definitions apply:

- 194 a. 'Substantive' is defined as an article-length publication. Such publications  
 195 often range from fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25) manuscript pages.  
 196 Regardless of length, candidates need to articulate impact and substance  
 197 of RSCA in the narrative. Review or state-of-the-field articles meeting  
 198 these criteria are considered substantive.
- 199 b. 'Original' is defined as RSCA that makes an argument that is not  
 200 reiterative of other research published by the candidate or other  
 201 scholars.
- 202 c. Peer-reviewed conferences are those for which abstracts are reviewed  
 203 by a selection committee.
- 204 d. Non peer-reviewed lectures or presentations usually are those given by  
 205 invitation, but also might include a lecture given in a colleague's class or  
 206 lecture series.
- 207 e. A funded external grant refers to a funded external grant proposal, not to  
 208 an application for such a grant.  
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### 210 **2.3 Service**

211 The programs in Department of RGRLI require ongoing service activities for their  
 212 success at the university. As such, the department has high service expectations for its  
 213 faculty.  
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#### 215 **2.3.1 Service requirements and opportunities**

216 In addition to file and narrative requirements stated in the CLA RTP Policy (2.3), the  
 217 department has the following minimal requirements for candidates in the RTP  
 218 process:  
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##### 220 **2.3.1.a Baseline service requirements**

221 In addition to the CLA RTP Policy requirement that faculty participate actively in  
 222 the processes of faculty governance by working collaboratively and productively  
 223 with colleagues, the Department of RGRLI has defined the following baseline  
 224 service requirements of all faculty: active participation in faculty meetings,  
 225 section meetings, LOTE interviews, and assessment. Evaluators in the RTP  
 226 process shall evaluate baseline service requirements and shall state when such  
 227 service requirements have not been met. Service at the baseline level is  
 228 necessary but not sufficient for meeting the minimum expectation for  
 229 department service.  
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##### 231 **2.3.1.b Department service opportunities**

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233 For RTP purposes, there are many ways to give service to the department. These  
 234 include, but are not limited to: service on department standing and ad-hoc  
 235 committees (e.g., Curriculum, Personnel, LOTE Advisory, Scholarship, Grade  
 236 Appeals Committees, Advisory Council, Personnel/RTP Committees, Textbook  
 237 Selection Committees); curriculum development; professional development  
 238 workshops for graduate and undergraduate students; acting as official advisor to  
 239 student organizations and clubs; and organizing cultural events. As per the CLA  
 240 RTP Policy, all activities for which assigned time is given must be listed under  
 241 Instruction and Instructional Activities and not under Service.

### 242 **2.3.1.c College service opportunities**

243 College service opportunities include, but are not limited to, the following  
 244 committees and councils: Faculty Council, Grade Appeals, EPCC, RTP, Budget,  
 245 and ad-hoc committees.

### 246 **2.3.1.d University service opportunities**

247 University service opportunities include, but are not limited to: serving on  
 248 Academic Senate or its numerous councils and committees; volunteering to  
 249 serve on WASC or other university-level councils and taskforces; participation in  
 250 University by the Sea and other similar initiatives.

## 251 **2.3.2 Service expectations by rank**

252 For all ranks, candidates for RTP actions are expected to be engaged in ongoing,  
 253 substantive service that demonstrates an active engagement with the processes of  
 254 faculty governance. As with the college policy (2.3.2), at all levels, quality and  
 255 degree of participation of service activities shall be weighted more heavily than  
 256 the sheer number of committees on which candidates serve.

257 **2.3.2.a Reappointment:** Faculty in their first three years of appointment are  
 258 expected to perform service above the baseline requirement in the department.  
 259 Such service can include, but is not limited to serving on department committees  
 260 or performing other service as per 2.3.1.b above.

261 **2.3.2.b Tenure and/or promotion:** Candidates coming up for tenure and/or  
 262 promotion are expected to have diversified and increased their service profiles  
 263 during the probationary period. In addition to active participation in department  
 264 service opportunities delineated in 2.3.1.b above, candidates for tenure and/or  
 265 promotion also are expected to perform service at the college or university level  
 266 as per the CLA RTP Policy (2.3.2.1).

267 **2.3.2.c Promotion to rank of Professor:** Successful candidates shall have, as per  
 268 the CLA and University RTP Policies, a significant, substantive record of  
 269 service at department, college, and university levels; a record of leadership  
 270 at the university; and a record of service in the community and/or the  
 271 profession. The only additional requirement in the Department of RGRLL is  
 272 that candidates also must have a sustained, ongoing record of meeting the  
 273 baseline service requirements to the department as per 2.3.1.a above.

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### **3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE RTP PROCESS**

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283       **3.4 Department RTP Committee**  
284       Procedures for elections of the Department RTP Committee are outlined in the CLA RTP  
285       Policy. As per the CLA RTP Policy (3.4.2), at least three (3) members of the department  
286       RTP committee or sub-committee must evaluate each candidate.

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288       **3.5 Mentoring**  
289       Both the University and College RTP Policies emphasize the importance of mentoring  
290       for the RTP process.

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292               **3.5.1 Designation of a mentor**  
293               In the Department of RGRLL, newly hired untenured faculty shall work with the  
294               department chair to identify whether the chair or a mutually-agreed upon  
295               mentor shall act in this capacity.

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297               **3.5.2 Communication and structure**  
298               Mentors and mentees shall have ongoing communication about progress toward  
299               success in the RTP process.

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301               **3.5.3 Tenured faculty and mentoring**  
302               All faculty are encouraged to seek input from a broad range of knowledgeable  
303               colleagues throughout their careers. Tenured faculty members are encouraged  
304               but not required to participate in the mentoring process. If tenured faculty  
305               members elect to participate in the mentoring process, they shall work with the  
306               department chair to identify their mentoring needs and to identify a mutually-  
307               agreed upon mentor.

### **4.0 TIMELINES FOR THE RTP PROCESS**

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309       The University RTP Policy provides timelines for all RTP actions and for periodic review  
310       requirements for tenured and probationary faculty.

### **5.0 APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTIONAL LEVEL CRITERIA**

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313       The University and College RTP Policies delineate the criteria for appointment and promotion.  
314       Candidates are encouraged to read both policies for these important criteria.

### **6.0 STEPS IN THE RTP PROCESS**

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317       The university-mandated timeline and steps in the RTP process are outlined in the University  
318       RTP Policy. In the College of Liberal Arts, the department RTP committee chair or designee  
319       shall prepare the index of open period materials.

### **7.0 ADDITIONAL PROCESSES**

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322       The University and CLA policies delineate the additional processes applicable to RTP.

### **8.0 CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT RTP POLICY**

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325       Changes to any RTP policy at CSULB may occur as a result of changes to the CSU-CFA CBA. In  
326       general, changes to procedures do not require a vote by the faculty.

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329 The University RTP Policy stipulates (3.2) that all department RTP policies are subject to  
330 ratification by a majority of voting tenured and probationary department faculty members and  
331 to approval by the college faculty council, the dean, and the Provost.

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333 The tenured and probationary faculty of the department, voting by secret ballot, may amend  
334 the policy and evaluation criteria section of this policy.

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336 Amendments may be proposed by either of the following:

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338 (1) A direct faculty action via petition from twenty-five percent (25%) of the tenured  
339 and probationary faculty to the chair of the department.

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341 (2) By a motion made by the Advisory Council to the tenured and tenure-track faculty in  
342 the department.

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344 Amendments shall be discussed in a faculty meeting before a vote is taken. Once a vote by  
345 secret ballot has been taken on the proposed amendments to the policy and the amendments  
346 are recommended by a majority of those who cast a vote, then the revised document shall be  
347 sent to Faculty Council, the Dean, and the Provost for final approval. Amendments shall become  
348 effective in the academic year after the amendments are approved.

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350 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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