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RANGE ELEVATION FOR LECTURERS

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This Policy has been developed in accordance with Sections 12.15 – 12.20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the California Faculty Association and the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and which states Procedures for range elevation on the salary schedule [for lecturers] shall be established at each campus by the President, after recommendation by the appropriate Academic Senate Committee.

Each lecturer is hired in a particular salary range (A, B, C, or D). A candidate who is awarded a range elevation moves from his/her current salary range to the next higher range (for example, from A to B), receives at least a 5% salary increase, and becomes eligible for Service Salary Increases (SSIs) in the new range.

I. Eligibility and Notification

- A. Eligibility: Lecturers eligible for range elevation on the salary schedule shall be limited to those who have no more Service Salary Increase eligibility in their current range, and have served five (5) years in their current range.
 - B. Timetable. The formal beginning of review for range elevation shall be on or about February 1 of each year. Conclusion of review normally shall be April 7.
 - C. Notification:
 - 1. On or before November 1, the Office of Academic Affairs, Academic Personnel, shall notify those lecturers at the SSI maximum who have five (5) years of service in the current range that they may be eligible for range elevation. In that notification lecturers shall be informed that receipt of a previous Faculty Merit Increase may affect their eligibility for range elevation. Also, every department shall receive a list of lecturers eligible in that department.
 - 2. Failure to notify an eligible lecturer shall not be cause for automatic granting of a range elevation. An eligible lecturer not properly notified may apply for range elevation nonetheless.
 - 3. In the notification to the lecturers and the departments, the Office of Academic Affairs shall provide the website address (URL) for the Range Elevation Policy
 - 4. Each eligible lecturer shall be considered for a range elevation on the salary schedule unless he or she informs the Department Chair in writing of his or her desire not to be considered at this time.
 - D. Effective Date. A range elevation salary increase shall be effective at the beginning of the first appointment in the academic year following the review.

II. Department Evaluation Procedures

The award of a range elevation on the salary schedule may be made by the Dean after consultation with the pertinent department. That consultation shall be in the form of a written recommendation to the dean from the department.

- A. Departments shall determine their own procedures for evaluating their lecturers and preparing recommendations regarding range elevation.
 - B. All current Unit 3 employees are eligible to participate in all departmental discussions and decisions pertaining to procedures for range elevation. All such employees must be fully informed of their right to participate and of the days, times, and locations of the meeting at which these issues will be discussed. Such notification must be in writing and must be given five (5) working days before any meeting to discuss these issues.
 - C. Departments may choose one of the following configurations to evaluate lecturers for the purpose of making a recommendation on Range Elevation.
 - The departmental chair,

- 50 - A designee,
51 - An Elected Range Elevation Review Committee, or
52 - Any combination of one or more of the above.
53 D. If a department chooses to use a Range Elevation Review Committee, all Unit 3 employees are eligible to serve on
54 such a committee, except current candidates for range elevation.
55 E. The voting franchise for the purpose of establishing range elevation procedures and the department policy governing
56 elections related to range elevation shall be proportional to the time base of each Unit 3 member, i.e.
57 A Unit 3 member on .20 appointment casts 1 ballot
58 " .40 " 2 ballots
59 " .60 " 3 ballots
60 " .80 " 4 ballots
61 " 1.0 " 5 ballots
62 For purposes of determining the number of ballots an individual receives, appointments that fall between those listed
63 shall be rounded upward.
64 F. In any subsequent election regarding the procedures for range evaluation, and/or the election procedures pertaining
65 to range elevation, the proportional vote allotted to any employee cannot be less than the proportions described in
66 II.E.
67 G. In any election relating to Range Elevation all voting must be by mailed secret ballots. Such elections must be held
68 over a period lasting at least five (5) working days.
69 H. In the case of a lecturer who does not hold an appointment within a department, department-level evaluation shall be
70 by an ad hoc committee of faculty appointed by the Dean of the appropriate college after consultation with the
71 lecturer(s) as in II.B. above.
72 I. Each department shall forward its initial procedures on Range Elevation to the Office of the Academic Senate within
73 10 working days of approving the procedures. Any subsequent changes to the department's procedures on Range
74 Elevation must be forwarded to the Academic Senate by November 1 of the academic year the procedures take
75 effect.

76 **III. Evaluation Criteria**

77 To be recommended for range elevation, a lecturer must show professional growth and development appropriate to the
78 lecturer's work assignment and the mission of the university during the period between the date of initial appointment
79 or, where applicable, the date of the last range elevation and the time of the current request. This is the only review
80 period in which candidates' professional achievements shall be evaluated.

81 This section lists examples of activities that may be used to demonstrate appropriate professional growth and
82 development. It is neither exhaustive nor minimal, but simply a listing of the typical professional activities engaged in
83 by Lecturers in a wide range of disciplines. In all cases quality of performance and appropriateness of the activity
84 shall be the primary consideration when evaluating the merit of a specific activity. Activities are listed alphabetically,
85 and no weighting shall be inferred from the order.

- 86 - active participation at professional meetings and conferences
87 - activities enhancing the effective teaching of the discipline
88 - advising and mentoring student associations
89 - collaborative research and creative activity involving the campus and the community
90 - collaborative teaching
91 - contributions to improving the campus climate: the promotion of mutual respect and acceptance of diversity in all its
92 forms
93 - creative activities in support of effective teaching
94 - curriculum and program development
95 - development of instructional materials
96 - development of standards and/or outcomes assessment
97 - editing of publications
98 - external fundraising and resource development related to the mission of the university
99 - fostering of collegiality

- 100 - grant proposals to conduct research in the discipline, to support pedagogy, or to further the mission of the
101 University
102 - increased mastery of the discipline evidenced by additional relevant education or an additional degree
103 - involvement of students in the research and creative processes
104 - leadership and active participation in service activities of professional associations
105 - leadership and special contributions to the basic instructional mission of the university.
106 - leadership in faculty governance and campus life at the department, college, university, or CSU system level.
107 - maintenance and technical support of university labs, equipment, materials, supplies, safety standards and any
108 other support of environments that require advanced professional attention.
109 - mentoring of colleagues
110 - organizing events and activities for the sharing of ideas and knowledge
111 - presentations at conferences
112 - professional contributions to the community, including professional efforts which bring the community and the
113 campus together
114 - program advising
115 - publications, exhibitions, and/or performances that advance knowledge
116 - recruitment and retention of students
117 - research and/or creative activity in discipline related pedagogy
118 - research and/or creative activity in the discipline
119 - teaching and instructionally related activities
120 - thesis research and supervision

IV. The Application Process

A. The Candidate:

1. To be evaluated for Range Elevation, each candidate must submit application materials that conform to the requirements of his or her department.
2. At a minimum, the candidate shall provide the following materials:
 - a current curriculum vitae,
 - a description of the candidate's work assignments for each semester of the period under consideration,
 - a narrative presenting evidence, and/or examples, of her or his professional growth and development, and
 - student evaluation summaries for all evaluated courses taught by the candidate in the department during the period of evaluation.

B. The Department:

Each Department, as part of its range elevation procedures, shall define the materials to be considered in an application for range elevation.

C. Additional Information

1. The Department Evaluator(s) may seek additional information or documentation needed to support a candidate's claims. Department Evaluator(s) may also solicit written comments from the department chair or faculty peers to clarify information provided by the candidate. Any comments that are used to determine a recommendation must be included as supplemental attachments to the final written report and must be available to the candidate.
2. When a candidate is asked to provide additional information or documentation, the burden of supplying the requested material in a timely manner resides with the candidate. Failure to provide requested information shall not delay either the evaluation process nor the preparation of recommendation by the Department Evaluator(s).

V. The Evaluation Process

A. The Department Evaluation

1. The Department Evaluator(s) shall prepare a recommendation regarding range elevation for each eligible candidate considered. This recommendation shall be a written report that includes the decision as well as the reasons for reaching that decision.
2. The Department Evaluator(s) shall assess the quality and appropriateness of the candidate's professional growth

148 and development during the period of evaluation. Materials submitted by the candidate shall be evaluated in
149 relation to the candidate's work assignment while employed in the department. The Department Evaluator(s) may
150 not require, but may consider, evidence of performance outside of the area of the candidate's work assignment.
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152 3. A copy of this recommendation shall be forwarded to the candidate, and the Dean, with a copy retained in the
153 Department Office.

154 B. The Candidate's Response (optional)

- 155 1. Upon receiving the recommendation from the Department Evaluator(s), the candidate may provide a written
156 response to the recommendation. Such a response is optional.
157 2. The candidate has seven (7) days to submit a response to the recommendation, which should be addressed to the
158 Dean, with a copy sent to the Department Evaluator(s).
159 3. The candidate's response shall be attached to the candidate's range elevation file at the Dean's level, with a copy
160 retained with the candidate's file at the Department level.

161 C. The Dean's Decision and Notification

- 162 1. The Dean shall make the final decision on awarding a range elevation to the candidate.
163 2. Following the seven (7) day period in which the candidate has the right to respond to the recommendation of the
164 Department Evaluator(s), the Dean shall consider the application submitted along with the recommendation and
165 the candidate's response, if submitted.
166 3. The decision of the Dean shall be forwarded to the candidate and the Chair of the appropriate department.
167 4. In the event a candidate's request is denied, the Dean must provide the candidate, the Department Evaluator(s),
168 and/or the department Chair with a written explanation of the reasons for the denial, and apprise the candidate of
the right to peer review (see VI below).

169 **VI. Peer Review**

170 Denial of range elevation shall be subject to a peer review process. Each year a Faculty Hearing Committee
171 established in accordance with Article 10.12 of the CBA shall serve to hear appeals of any temporary faculty unit
172 employee denied range elevation during that fiscal year. The Committee shall allow for appellants to make a
173 presentation to the Committee and to be represented by CFA if so desired. The Committee shall convene and
174 review the cases within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the review period. The Committee shall render a
175 decision within thirty (30) days of hearing the case. The decision of the Faculty Hearing Committee shall be final and
176 binding.

177 **VII. Range Elevation Materials**

178 The recommendations to grant or deny a range elevation shall not be considered during deliberations for reappointment
179 unless the Lecturer includes the documents related to the recommendations in his/her personnel action file.

180 **VIII. Reporting**

181 At the end of the Academic Year, the Office of Academic Affairs will report on the number of Lecturers in each range
182 who were eligible for range elevation, the number who applied in each category and the number who were
183 successful in each category.

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