Promotion, Tenure and Re-appointment for ladder-rank faculty

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. About this Document

This document outlines the framework for Promotion and/or Tenure in the Department of Urban Design and Planning. The information provided in this document is intended to assist all participants (faculty, staff, and administrators) at various levels in the Promotion and/or Tenure process in the Department of Urban Design and Planning. This document also provides information about re-appointment procedures for Assistant Professors.

Policies and guidelines governing the Promotion and Tenure (P&T) process have been established at many different levels within the University of Washington, from individual department-level criteria to the university-wide criteria described in the University of Washington Handbook. This multiplicity of policies and guidelines may occasionally be confusing. This document describes a comprehensive process, citing resources and reference material for each step. This document also describes the broader principles governing the Promotion and Tenure process, citing best practices and common pitfalls.

This document has been prepared to respond to two departmental administrative scenarios. In cases in which the department Chair holds the rank of Full Professor, actions attributed to the department Chair may be undertaken by the Chair or the Chair’s Designee. In cases in which the department Chair does not hold a rank superior to the individual under review for promotion or tenure, the Chair will appoint a Designee with the appropriate rank to fulfill those aspects of the promotion and tenure process requiring a superior rank, as mandated by the University of Washington Faculty Code. Such actions are noted in the text below. In all cases, the Chair’s designee will work closely with the Chair to insure that the promotion and tenure process is handled fairly and accurately.

While re-appointment of Assistant Professors is governed by simpler policies and procedures, re-appointment is an important step toward Promotion and Tenure. Therefore, this document also describes the re-appointment process in detail. Although re-appointment precedes consideration for Promotion and Tenure, the process for re-appointment in the Department of Urban Design and Planning is modeled on the process for Promotion and Tenure; indeed, it may be considered preparation for the faculty member’s future Promotion and Tenure process. Therefore, the discussion of re-appointment follows the discussion of Promotion and Tenure.
This document is divided into several sections:

I. INTRODUCTION: The introductory section describes the purpose of this document, provides a broad overview of the Promotion and Tenure process, identifies important deadlines and recommended beginning dates, and points to additional administrative and policy resources for further reading.

II. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA: The Standards and Criteria section describes the performance standards and some possible metrics that may be considered in evaluating Candidates for Promotion and Tenure within the Department of Urban Design and Planning.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Roles and Responsibilities section describes the Promotion and Tenure process from the vantage points of different participants, from the Candidate for Promotion to the Provost.

IV. PROCEDURES: The Procedures section provides important information about specific aspects of the process. This section cites source policy and recommendations in the University of Washington Handbook, the Academic Human Resources web pages, and elsewhere.

V. RE-APPOINTMENT: The Re-appointment section provides a complete discussion of the reappointment process in the Department of Urban Design and Planning. This section explains how Departments should use re-appointment as a way to aid Assistant Professors in preparing for the Promotion and Tenure process.

The Appendix will contain the Department’s policy for appointing affiliate and adjunct faculty.

B. Overview of Promotion and Tenure Process

This section describes the Promotion and Tenure Process in very broad terms. Later sections in this document provide more detail about participants’ roles, exceptions, and other considerations.

1. Department-Level Procedures—Data Assembly:

No later than Spring Quarter, the Department Chair assembles a list of faculty who wish to be considered for Promotion and/or Tenure the following Autumn Quarter. Candidates are most often identified through self-selection, or because they are compelled to participate (mandatory consideration) in the Promotion and/or Tenure process in accordance with UW Handbook. Faculty may also nominate their colleagues if they believe consideration for Promotion and/or Tenure is warranted. Together with the Department Chair or Chair’s Designee, a committee of three faculty manages the evaluation process. Once Candidates for Promotion and Tenure have been identified in Spring Quarter, the Chair and Chair’s Designee typically meets with each Candidate. Attendees include the Chair and Chair’s Designee, the head of the Review Committee, the Candidate, and any administrative personnel who may be involved in the Promotion and/or Tenure process. The purpose of this early meeting, typically held in Spring Quarter or very early in Summer Quarter prior to submittal of the Candidate’s materials is to describe the process, identify roles, clarify the “time-line,” begin to identify possible external peer reviewers, and initiate the departmental process.

The Chair or Chair’s Designee communicates to all parties involved the “time-line” including deadlines
and milestones for the data gathering and evaluation process, and ensures that the complete dossier is delivered to the Department by the appropriate deadline.

The Candidate prepares two kinds of dossiers: multiple “peer review packages” for external review, and a “complete career dossier” for internal review by the Department. The external peer review package includes a career narrative, a Curriculum Vitae, and all other supporting documentation, including representative publications, reports, portfolios, course materials, and all similar material as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case and Department policy. The Candidate delivers the necessary copies, typically five to six copies of the peer review package, to be sent to reviewers. Early in the process, the Candidate also develops a list of potential external reviewers, and occasionally a brief list of individuals to be excluded as potential reviewers. The Candidate delivers this material to the Review Committee, the Chair and the Chair’s Designee.

The Review Committee, with the input from the Chair or Chair’s Designee, generates its own list of external reviewers, then merges that list with the Candidate's reviewer suggestions to generate a final list of external reviewers, taking into consideration the Candidate's reviewer exclusion list.

The Chair of the Review Committee solicits written evaluations from external reviewers. A copy of the solicitation letter is added to the peer review package. All responses to the written solicitation are collected and added to the Candidate’s complete career dossier (although they may be filed separately for confidentiality and security).

The Candidate prepares a complete career dossier for internal review including a career narrative, a curriculum vitae, and complete career documentation, including all publications (originals strongly preferred), reports, portfolios, course materials including standard, university-approved teaching evaluations, and all similar material as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case. The Candidate delivers the complete career dossier, often several boxes of materials, to the Chair by the deadline established for the department-level evaluation to begin.

Collegial review of teaching, including collegial reviews conducted within one year of the date of application for promotion, is also required. The Chair or Chair’s Designee solicits written evaluations of teaching performance from peer reviewers. A copy of the solicitation letter, and all responses become part of the Candidate’s complete career dossier (although they may be filed separately for confidentiality and security).

2. Department-Level Procedures—Evaluation:

Faculty Review: the members of the Review Committee review the complete career dossier and prepare a written report on the Candidate’s qualifications for Promotion and/or Tenure. The Review Committee Chair provides this report to the Department Chair and Chair’s Designee, who meet with the Candidate. The Candidate must respond in writing within 7 days of the meeting. This report, and the Candidate’s response, become part of the complete career dossier.

If a majority of committee members vote not to recommend Promotion and the case in question is non-mandatory, the Candidate must decide, within 7 days of receipt of the summary, whether to continue the process. The Candidate must provide this decision to the Chair and Chair’s Designee in writing. If the Candidate decides to discontinue the process, the Promotion and Tenure materials are
returned to the Candidate by the Department and no further action is taken. Mandatory Promotion and Tenure cases must proceed through subsequent levels of review, no matter what the Review Committee recommends.

Faculty members who are superior in rank to the Candidate meet to review the complete career dossier, discuss the Candidate’s qualifications for Promotion and/or Tenure, and conduct a vote to recommend Promotion and/or Tenure. The discussion of the Candidate’s qualifications is initiated in one meeting with all faculty except the Candidate present, then sufficient time—usually a week—is allowed for further review of the Candidate’s materials by individual faculty, and the vote takes place at a second meeting limited to faculty senior in rank to the Candidate. A representative of the Review Committee delivers the report on the Candidate's qualifications to the attendees at or near the beginning of the first meeting.

Chair Review: The Chair of the Department or the Chair’s Designee prepares a written summary of the faculty deliberations including the results of the vote. The Chair provides this summary to the Candidate, who must respond in writing within 7 days. This summary, and the Candidate’s response, are both added to the complete career dossier.

In cases where a majority of faculty members vote to deny Promotion and the case in question is not a mandatory one, the Candidate must decide within seven (7) days of receipt of the Chair’s summary whether to continue the process. The Candidate must provide this decision to the Chair and Chair’s Designee in writing. If the Candidate decides to discontinue the process, the Promotion and Tenure materials are kept on file—separate from the faculty member's personnel file—by the Department, and no further action is taken. Mandatory Promotion and Tenure cases must proceed through subsequent levels of review.

The Chair of the Department prepares a confidential memo to the Dean, summarizing the faculty deliberations, providing the Chair’s own assessment of the Candidate’s qualifications, and the Chair’s own recommendation concerning the case. If the Chair of the Department does not hold a rank superior to the Candidate’s, the Chair’s Designee will also prepare a confidential memo to the Dean, summarizing the faculty deliberations, providing the Designee’s own assessment of the Candidate’s qualifications, and the Designee’s own recommendation concerning the case. Both memos, and minutes of the faculty meetings where the case was considered, are added to the complete career dossier.

3. Departmental Assembly and Transmittal of Dossier and copies of Key Documents:

The “key documents” (see Part I, Section D, below) from the complete career dossier are those which will be included in the Promotion package that is forwarded to the Provost’s Office. The Department is responsible for making two copies of the key documents. One of these copies, the Department’s “file copy,” is retained in the Department. For security and confidentiality this file should be separate from the faculty member’s regular personnel file. The original, including originals of all review letters received, and one complete copy of the key documents along with the complete career dossier, including all of the Candidate’s publications, reports, portfolio, course records, teaching evaluations, etc.—usually one or more boxes of materials—are forwarded to the Department of Urban Design and Planning Dean’s Office.

4. College-Level Actions
Associate Dean: From this point, the CBE Associate Dean for Academic Affairs supervises provision of the Candidate’s complete career dossier to the College Council, and tracks the progress of each case through all subsequent levels of review.

College Council: The CBE College Council reviews the complete career dossier, discusses the Candidate's qualifications for Promotion and/or Tenure, and the procedures and metrics used by the Department in evaluating the Candidate, and conducts a vote to recommend Promotion and/or Tenure. The College Council may interview the Department Chair and Chair’s Designee as part of the deliberation process, but this interview is not required. The deliberation process and vote are documented in a confidential memo which is submitted to the Dean. This memo becomes part of the complete career dossier; multiple copies are made and included in the file of key documents.

Dean: The Dean reviews the complete career dossier, the report of the Review Committee, the report of the Chair and Chair’s Designee, and report of the College Council. In considering the Candidate's qualifications for Promotion, the Dean may solicit the opinions and advice of other parties. The Dean documents his or her independent evaluation and recommendation in a memo to the Provost.

In cases where the Dean's recommendation is to deny Promotion and/or Tenure, the Dean will meet with the Department Chair and Candidate to discuss his/her expectations and the likely outcome of the review process, such as denial of Promotion and/or Tenure, extension, or some other outcome. The Dean summarizes this discussion in writing after the meeting.

The Promotion package, made up of the Dean's Memo, College Council Memo, and the key documents from the dossier are forwarded to the Academic Human Resources office. Two sets of documents are forwarded: one set of forwarded documents must include the originals with original ink signatures of all letters, review reports, etc.; the second set will be a complete copy.

5. University-Level Actions

Academic Human Resources: The Academic Human Resources office coordinates review of the case by the Vice Provost of Academic Personnel and the Provost.

Vice Provost/Provost: The Vice Provost of Academic Personnel or the Provost may request additional information from the Department or the College.

Once the Promotion package has been reviewed, and a decision reached, the Provost sends a letter to the Dean reporting on his/her decision. The Dean then notifies the Chair and Candidate of the outcome.

President: If the decision is positive, the Candidate will also receive a letter from the President during Spring Quarter. If the decision is negative, the Dean will provide a letter to the Candidate describing the decision, and any further actions or outcomes resulting from the decision, such as option to resubmit the dossier during the following year, granting a final year of employment, or some other action.

C. Key Dates and Deadlines in Promotion and Tenure Process
The University of Washington Handbook suggests that a faculty member may seek consideration for Promotion at any time. However, the step-by-step process of creating the Promotion submission and obtaining required reviews at each level—Department, College, University—necessitates that the Promotion and Tenure be governed by an annual calendar beginning no later than Spring Quarter of the academic year prior to the year in which the applicant wishes to be considered. Dates and deadlines are as follows:

March 1 to March 15: The Dean’s Office generates a list of faculty members who will be in their mandatory Promotion year as of the following Academic Year. This list is distributed to Department Chairs.

March 25 to April 10: Departments poll faculty for non-mandatory cases for the following Academic Year.

April-early-September: Candidates and the Department begin the information gathering process, including peer review package preparation and complete career dossier preparation, identification of external evaluators (for mandatory cases, provide names by July 1), and solicitation and receipt of evaluation letters. Peer review packages for mandatory cases should be available to be sent to external reviewers no later than 20 August.

Mid-September – October 22: Review Committee report finalized and faculty vote conducted for mandatory cases. Chair and/or Chair's Designee meets with Candidates, completes confidential memo to Dean for all mandatory cases. The Department generate list of non-mandatory cases to be put forward for Promotion.

October 22 Deadline: Complete career dossiers and required copies of key documents for mandatory cases are due to the College of Built Environments Dean’s Office.

December 15 Deadline: Promotion packages for mandatory cases, including Dean's recommendation, are due to the Provost, via Academic Human Resources.

November – December 22: Review Committee report finalized and faculty vote conducted for non-mandatory cases. Chair and/or Chair’s Designee meets with Candidates, completes confidential memo to Dean for all non-mandatory cases.

December 22 Deadline: Complete career dossiers and required copies of key documents for non-mandatory cases are due to the College of Built Environments Dean’s Office.

February 1 Deadline: Promotion packages for non-mandatory cases, including Dean's recommendation, are due to the Provost, via Academic Human Resources.

NOTE: Review of new appointments to the rank of Associate Professor, Professor, Research Associate Professor or Research Professor may occur at any time during the Academic Year.

D. Summary of Promotion and Tenure Documentation

1) Documentation forwarded by Departments to Dean’s Office
a) Key documents included in the Promotion Package to be sent to the Provost’s Office consist of:
   (1) Chair’s/Chair’s Designee’s letter of recommendation
   (2) Concurrence of adjunct appointment; and/or joint appointment as applicable
   (3) Candidate’s written statement/response to faculty vote
   (4) Minutes of Faculty Meetings, or official record of voting
   (5) Report of Review Committee
   (6) Career Narrative
   (7) Curriculum vitae
   (8) Letters from external reviewers, including short Curriculum Vitae of each
   (9) Sample of letter sent by Review Committee Chair to external reviewers
   (10) Letters from internal reviewers/teaching peers, or other evidence of collegial peer
   review of teaching
   (11) Student teaching evaluation tabulation sheets (not required for Research
   appointments)

b) Additional documents to be submitted by Departments are the Candidate’s complete career
   dossier, including all publications, reports, portfolio, course materials, evidence of teaching
   performance, etc., as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case.

2. Documents College Council review

College Council reviews all of the key documents included in the Promotion Package plus the
Candidate’s complete career dossier, including all publications, reports, portfolio, course materials,
evidence of teaching performance, etc., as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case.

E. Resources and Information

Promotion and Tenure cases are reviewed in succession at the Department level, College level, and the
University level.

Individuals with questions about the College of Built Environments procedures should contact the CBE
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

University Resources

University of Washington Handbook

• Voting Membership in the Faculty (vol. 2, ch. 21, sec. 21-32)
• Appointment and Promotion of Faculty Members (vol. 2, ch. 24)
• Tenure of the Faculty (vol. 2, ch. 25)

Academic Human Resources

• Promotion and Tenure
• Voting
• Position Descriptions (by title)
II. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE
A. Expectations for Scholarly Achievement by UDP Faculty

The goal of the Department of Urban Design and Planning is excellence in scholarly achievement by its faculty. The University of Washington Handbook uses the term "research" rather than scholarly achievement. However, as defined in the Handbook, “research is broadly construed including funded and unfunded research, scholarly inquiry, and creative activities of all kinds.” The term scholarly achievement is meant to capture the broader ambit of academic work in which faculty in a professional program like Urban Design and Planning engage. Excellence in scholarly achievement is the principal requirement for Promotion and Tenure in the Department (and the College).

Excellence within the Department of Urban Design and Planning may be achieved in many different ways. The Department is a broad and inclusive unit that recognizes that the strength of its academic and professional programs depends on an intellectually engaged faculty who successfully pursue diverse academic and professional activities. It is the responsibility of individual faculty members to identify and pursue their particular career directions, with the achievement of excellence as the measure of success.

According to the University of Washington Handbook (vol. 2, ch. 24, sec. 24-34):

- “Appointment to the rank of associate professor requires a record of substantial success in both teaching and research, except that in unusual cases an outstanding record in one of these activities may be considered sufficient.”
- “Appointment to the rank of professor requires outstanding, mature scholarship as evidenced by accomplishments in teaching, and in research as evaluated in terms of national or international recognition.”

All Promotions in the Department of Urban Design and Planning are considered against a standard of excellence, but the variety of the Department’s sub-disciplines means that there will be differences between promotion cases for a given rank. There are significant publication differences among subfields in Urban Design and Planning. Some sub-disciplines have a tradition of publishing full-length synthetic works, while others place greater importance on peer-reviewed journal publications. For faculty involved in professional planning and design practice and public policy, a variety of other kinds of scholarly outputs are possible. In addition to those sub-disciplinary differences in terms of scholarly output, other conditions influence the career development of faculty in the Department in different ways, such as the particular balance between applied and theoretical work, the availability of funding, outside requests to serve in a public capacity, involvement in doctoral education, etc.

In line with this diversity of scholarly activity, the University of Washington Handbook construes the term “research” very broadly to include scholarly achievements of all kinds. The Handbook makes this clear (vol. 2, ch. 24, sec. 2432):

- “The creative function of a university requires faculty devoted to inquiry and research, whose attainment may be in the realm of scholarly investigation, in constructive contributions in professional fields, or in the creative arts, such as musical composition, creative writing, or original design in engineering or architecture. While numbers (publications, grant dollars, students) provide some measure of such accomplishment, more important is the quality of the faculty member’s
published or other scholarly work.”

• “Important elements in evaluating the scholarly ability and attainments of faculty members include the range and variety of their intellectual interests; the receipt of grants, awards, and fellowships; the professional and/or public impact of their work; and their success in directing productive work by advanced students and in training graduate and professional students in scholarly methods. Other important elements of scholarly achievement include involvement in and contributions to interdisciplinary research and teaching; participation and leadership in professional associations, and in the editing of professional journals; the judgment of professional colleagues; and membership on boards and committees.”

The Department of Urban Design and Planning expects that its faculty will have a wide variety of interests and areas of expertise. Depending on the candidate, scholarly achievement in the Department will be assessed according to criteria similar to those applied in the humanities, the social sciences, and/or the natural sciences, since planning often crosses the boundaries of these academic traditions. The concept of scholarly achievement serves the expected variety in faculty interests well because it leaves flexibility in the definition of accomplishments. As the Department and the disciplines of design and planning understand it, scholarly achievement includes both traditional academic scholarship and public/professional scholarship, as documented in the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning guide on faculty evaluation “Professionally Related Public Service as Applied Scholarship: Guidelines for the Evaluation of Planning Faculty.” (Checkoway report 1997),¹ and the more recent “Scholarship in Public: Knowledge Creation and Theory Policy in the Engaged University, A Resource on Promotion and Tenure in the Arts, Humanities, and Design.”²

Though there will be differences between the sub-disciplines of the faculty, the criteria for evaluation and the measures of success in scholarship will be consistent within a sub-discipline. Accordingly, the Department of Urban Design and Planning defines excellence in research with respect to the criteria used and standards of excellence applied by the best Departments in the Candidate’s sub-discipline. Thus, a Candidate’s career accomplishments are measured in comparison to those of his/her peers.

In an academic career that will typically last for several decades, excellence in scholarly achievement can also be measured in terms of sustained commitment to high quality work. Not only should the Candidate’s current achievements be considered, but an assessment of whether the Candidate will continue to be productive in the future should be addressed. This consideration is especially important in the case of Tenure, but it should be assessed for all Promotion cases.

When considering Candidates for Promotion, the Department of Urban Design and Planning should apply the criteria and standards of excellence of the best Departments in its disciplines, and make evaluations based on the standard of excellence as established by leading peers in the Candidate’s sub-discipline. Evidence of the impact and influence of the Candidate’s creative work should be identified as instances of distinction based on peer evaluation. External letters of evaluation or “peer review letters” should be sought from leaders in the field capable of independently assessing the Candidate’s accomplishments against the standard of excellence. In the appropriate cases, peer reviewers should include those with an appreciation for public and professional scholarship.

¹ http://www.acsp.org/Documents/checkoway.pdf
² http://www.imaginingamerica.org/IApdfs/TTI_REPORT%20FINAL%205.2.08.pdf
The Department should also assess the Candidate’s “career trajectory” and the likelihood the Candidate will continue to be a productive scholar after the Promotion.

**B. Expectations for Achievement in Teaching by UDP Faculty**

In addition to the goal of excellence in scholarly achievement among the faculty, the Department of Urban Design and Planning also values excellence in teaching. In considering the achievement of faculty, the criteria and standards for teaching are intended to encourage faculty to do their jobs well, and to provide a framework for acknowledging the accomplishments in teaching appropriate to university faculty. The accumulation of a record of excellence in teaching is a constructive process parallel to building a strong record in scholarly work.

1. **Scope of Teaching**

Just as the University of Washington Handbook construes the term “research” very broadly to include scholarly achievements of all kinds, the Handbook recognizes the broad scope of activities involved in teaching, and a variety of methods that may be used to evaluate teaching (vol. 2, ch. 24, sec. 24-32):

- “The scope of faculty teaching is broader than conventional classroom instruction; it comprises a variety of teaching formats and media, including undergraduate and graduate instruction for matriculated students, and special training or educational outreach. The educational function of a university requires faculty who can teach effectively. Instruction must be judged according to its essential purposes and the conditions which they impose. Some elements in assessing effective teaching include the ability to organize and conduct a course of study appropriate to the level of instruction and the nature of the subject matter; the consistency with which the teacher brings to the students the latest research findings and professional debates within the discipline; the ability to stimulate intellectual inquiry so that students develop the skills to examine and evaluate ideas and arguments; the extent to which the teacher encourages discussion and debate which enables the students to articulate the ideas they are exploring; the availability of the teacher to the student beyond the classroom environment; and the regularity with which the teacher examines or reexamines the organization and readings for a course of study and explores new approaches to effective educational methods. A major activity related to teaching is the instructor's participation in academic advising and counseling, whether this takes the form of assisting students to select courses or discussing the students' long-range goals. The assessment of teaching effectiveness shall include student and faculty evaluation. Where possible, measures of student achievements in terms of their academic and professional careers, life skills, and citizenship should be considered.”

Within the Department of Urban Design and Planning faculty teaching efforts may be conceptually divided into the following categories: (1) classroom instruction, including lecture, seminar and similar teaching; (2) studio instruction, including both on-site and off-site studios as well as design/build; and (3) individual instruction in the forms of thesis supervision, independent study, special projects and the like. While the primary emphasis in this section is on classroom and studio teaching, this should not be interpreted as a disregard for individual instruction. The nature of individual instruction is such that it is more difficult to evaluate in isolation. A complete record of teaching performance must include a record of individual instruction such as thesis supervision, independent study, special projects and the
like, and if possible, information that demonstrates the quality of the training received by individual students in these contexts. However, this section primarily focuses on classroom instruction and studio instruction grouped under the term “course instruction.”

Excellence in teaching should be measured by its “effectiveness.” Is the faculty member an “effective” teacher? As with research/scholarly achievement, the interpretation of achievement in teaching will be made by those making the evaluation—Department faculty, Department Chair, College Council, Dean and Provost.

The Department of Urban Design and Planning expects all faculty to engage in continuing efforts to improve their teaching performance through improvements in the presentation of individual courses. Improvements may include updating the curricula and content of courses, updating the teaching methods used in courses, and, as appropriate, offering new courses. Because faculty will, for the most part, teach many of the same or similar courses year after year, the expectation of excellence in teaching will be measured in part in terms of improving performance especially in the early years of teaching, and consistency of performance throughout the teaching career. Accumulation of a consistent record of effectiveness in individual courses will require a process of curricular modification, modernization, and innovation. Overall, the level of achievement should be improving or consistently high; however, the process of trying new directions and methods may involve occasional missteps and corrections. Thus, it is normal that in any faculty teaching record there will be some anomalies that represent unsuccessful changes. Such anomalies are not cause for concern when measured against a backdrop of otherwise effective teaching created by the overall record.

Although determinations of faculty teaching assignments rest with the Chair of the Department, it is expected that the Department of Urban Design and Planning will regularize the teaching assignments of new faculty within no more than a year or two after arrival at the University of Washington. For each faculty member to build a record of improvement and a consistent record of effectiveness in teaching, it is essential that each faculty member have relatively regular annual teaching assignments, especially as they approach consideration for Promotion and Tenure.

2. Assessing Teaching Effectiveness

There are multiple measures of teaching effectiveness. The University of Washington requires both student evaluations of teaching and collegial evaluations of teaching. Given the breadth of the scope of teaching as described in the University Handbook, no list of evaluation tools for teaching can be complete. Within the framework of the Department of Urban Design and Planning, some measures of teaching performance have routinely been used. The following discussion addresses some of the most common ways in which teaching effectiveness has been evaluated, but it is not an exhaustive list. Candidates seeking Promotion should submit a variety of evidence of teaching effectiveness to allow the fairest possible evaluation of teaching performance.

University of Washington Student Course Evaluations: Standard UW student course evaluations are a significant source of data for the teaching evaluation procedure and must be included in Promotion and Tenure dossiers in the Department of Urban Design and Planning. Student evaluations are by their nature limited to an evaluation of classroom performance. Because many factors outside the instructor’s control, such as class size or required vs. elective, can have a significant effect on student evaluation ratings, responsible interpretation of student evaluation ratings must consider such factors.
Similarly, because evaluations for an individual course can be effected by factors not relevant to the teaching evaluation process, a single course evaluation cannot provide reliable information. Despite these limitations, student evaluations of a number of courses, when considered as a group, can provide useful information: the larger the number of evaluations provided, the more complete the picture of teaching effectiveness is likely to be. However, such evaluations must not be considered alone, but should be considered together with other demonstrations of teaching performance.

The decision of how many courses should be evaluated using standard U W course evaluations is made at the Departmental level. Evaluation of all courses using standard forms gives the most complete picture of teaching effectiveness that can be achieved using these forms.

Candidates for Promotion in the Department of Urban Design and Planning must submit a complete set of copies of all of the numerical summary forms provided to the faculty member by the University of Washington Office of Educational Assessment. These forms may be accompanied by a selection of copies of the individual student (yellow) comment sheets. (A complete set of copies of all individual student comment sheets for all courses taught need not be submitted.) Numerical forms and sample yellow sheets may also be components of course portfolios, as described below.

Student course evaluations should always be considered in the context of other evidence of teaching performance. Especially in the case of studio courses, experience has shown that the best student work may not always be produced in the studios that receive the highest numerical evaluations on the student course evaluation forms.

Course Portfolios: Candidates for Promotion in the Department of Urban Design and Planning should include a complete “course portfolio,” representing the most recent version of each course regularly taught, as part of their complete career dossier. The contents of the course portfolio should be determined by the faculty member, but will typically include at least the following: syllabi, reading lists, assignments, tests, and samples of student work—copies of papers, studio projects, etc. For courses that have web sites with daily sets of images as in history lecture courses for example, a web address and password should be provided. Evidence of teaching evaluation should also be part of each course portfolio. Ideally course portfolios will be organized in a way that makes them easily accessible for review—one typical approach in the Department of Urban Design and Planning has been to submit a loose-leaf notebook for each course with the different sections divided by pages with tabs.

Candidates may also submit complete “course portfolios,” representing courses taught only occasionally, as part of their complete career dossier. However, it is not necessary to submit such a course portfolio for every course.

Course portfolios containing samples of student work are especially important for studio faculty. Because studio courses with the identical course name and number may be quite different from one year to the next, faculty who teach studios should use their judgment relative to deciding which studios and how many studios to represent in course portfolios. The advice of the Department Chair and/or senior faculty may be useful in this regard.

Individual Student Teaching: Candidates for Promotion in the Department of Urban Design and Planning should include a record of individual student instruction if this is part of their teaching as part of the Curriculum Vitae, and should discuss individual instruction in the Career Narrative.
Representative products of individual instruction, such as dissertations and theses completed under the Candidate’s supervision, independent projects completed under the Candidate’s supervision, and similar projects should be submitted as part of the complete career dossier.

Advising and Counseling: The University Handbook includes “participation in academic advising and counseling” as part of its discussion of the scope of teaching. A faculty member who plays a role in advising and counseling, as well as assisting students to select courses or discussing the students’ long-range goals should discuss this activity in the Career Narrative section addressing teaching, and list this activity on the Curriculum Vitae under teaching.

Peer Reviews of Teaching: Collegial reviews of teaching are another important source of information regarding teaching performance. Recent collegial peer review of teaching is a requirement under the University of Washington Handbook. (University of Washington policy states that collegial review of teaching by Assistant Professors should take place annually; collegial review of teaching by Associate and Full Professors should take place at least every three years.) Peer review of teaching may consist of review of course materials or course portfolios, review of classroom performance, and/or review of student work produced or other student performance in the Candidate’s courses. Ideally all appropriate methods of peer review of teaching will be applied to provide a full and balanced appraisal of teaching performance.

The diversity of courses and programs in the Department of Urban Design and Planning makes it impossible to require one particular method of collegial evaluation of teaching to produce the required report on teaching effectiveness that is part of the documentation for Promotion and/or Tenure. The Chair of the Department should not have sole responsibility for conducting the evaluation, and evaluators need not all be senior faculty. A record of recent peer evaluation of teaching must be included in the Department’s review of each Candidate for Promotion or Promotion and Tenure, and this record must be presented in some form in the complete career dossier submitted to the Dean’s Office and in the Promotion package sent forward to the Provost’s Office.

A useful reference is the booklet "Evaluating Teaching, "available from the Center for Instructional Development and Research.

C. Service Criteria

Service is work performed primarily in the role of a representative of the Department, College, University, or a professional or community organization, rather than for the individual credit of the faculty member. A faculty member’s primary service responsibilities are those duties agreed to at the departmental level. Such duties may include membership on Department, College, and University committees, as well as involvement in organizations outside the University and other forms of academic and professional administration.

Service is not listed in the University Handbook among the criteria for Promotion to Associate Professor or to Full Professor. Thus, no Promotion case at any level can be built with service as its central pillar. Nonetheless, service is essential to the Department, College and University and to the larger communities, particularly the professional communities that are stakeholders in the disciplines and Departments of the College. It is the responsibility of every faculty member to share equitably in service duties during their academic careers. However, it is common and even encouraged for Departments to
limit the service duties of junior faculty until they have established their research and teaching programs.

Promotion at any level will normally require the demonstration of “satisfactory” levels of service. The definition of “satisfactory” must be imprecise as it will depend on the stage of the faculty member’s career, as well as the specific circumstances in the Department, and relationships to communities external to the Department, College, and University.

While service contributions of Candidates for Promotion to Associate Professor may necessarily be limited, Promotion to Full Professor will normally require the demonstration of satisfactory service contributions—that is, service that roughly corresponds to the competent execution of the faculty member’s fair share of the various committee and other administrative tasks required for the Department and College to operate.

Because the Department of Urban Design and Planning includes accredited professional programs and with relationships to external professional communities with recognized professional organizations, outstanding professional service may be a measure of “recognition” as required in the criteria for Promotion to the rank of Professor.

As with the other components of Promotion cases, outstanding service at this level may be taken into account when comparing research and teaching accomplishments to Candidates with weaker service records. However, while in very rare cases inadequate service may, on its own, be enough to postpone or prevent promotion to Full Professor, in no case will outstanding service, on its own, be sufficient grounds for Promotion.

A Candidate for Promotion must provide a record of service in the Career Narrative and Curriculum Vitae.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN TENURE AND PROMOTION
A. General responsibilities and roles

1. From the time an Assistant Professor joins a Department faculty, the Chair, senior faculty, and the head of Promotion and Tenure Committee should help the Assistant Professor to identify issues and aid the Assistant Professor in addressing them. Candid assessments at an early date are critical so that the evaluation at the time of a Promotion and Tenure decision will be easier and fairer. Similar assessments and assistance should be available to Associate Professors.

2. Mentoring of junior faculty is a significant responsibility of the Department Chair, the candidate’s faculty mentor, and all senior faculty.

3. Meetings with Chair:
   a. Annual meetings between each Assistant Professor and the Chair of the Department are required by the University Handbook. These meeting should be used for frank discussions of progress towards Promotion and Tenure, problems, and where an Assistant Professor can receive additional assistance if needed. Written documentation of these meetings is required by the University Handbook. One focus of such meetings should be the review of the Candidate’s annually updated career narrative and curriculum vitae.
b. Bi-annual meetings between each Associate Professor and the Chair of the Department are required by the University Handbook. These meetings should be used for frank discussions of progress towards Promotion, problems, and where an Associate Professor can receive additional assistance if needed. Written documentation of these meetings is required by the University Handbook.

4. The process of re-appointment of an Assistant Professor to a second contract is an opportunity for the Assistant Professor to prepare written documents similar to those which will be required for Promotion and Tenure, and to set forth a “plan” to achieve the necessary level of “substantial success” in teaching and research as required by the University Handbook for Promotion and Tenure. Re-appointment is an opportunity for senior faculty in the Department to review progress and to make suggestions for adjustments to the Assistant Professor’s plan. (A thorough discussion of re-appointment is found in Section V of this document.)

B. Responsibilities of the Candidate

1. Notifies Chair of intent to pursue Promotion and/or Tenure (non-mandatory cases only).
2. Provides Review Committee with list of potential external reviewers. Five or more external reviewers should be identified. Provides Review Committee with short list of reviewers to exclude due to conflict of interest.
3. Prepares the “peer review package” including complete career narrative, complete curriculum vitae, other supporting documentation, and examples of creative work to be sent to external peers for review. Prepares six (6) copies of the package.
4. Provides Chair with list of potential teaching peer reviewers—several teaching peer reviewers should be identified.
5. Prepares the “complete career dossier” for internal review including a complete career narrative, a complete curriculum vitae, and complete career documentation, including all publications (originals strongly preferred), reports, portfolios, course materials, and all similar material as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case.
6. Reviews and responds (within 7 days) in writing to Review Committee Report.
7. Reviews and responds (within 7 days) in writing to Chair’s Summary of Faculty Deliberations.
8. At the end of the process, writes a summary report and evaluation of the process. The report is filed as part of the permanent record.

C. Responsibilities of the Chair or Chair’s Designee

1. Ensures that he/she and the Department faculty are familiar with the rules and guidelines for Promotion and Tenure.
2. Assigns a principal faculty mentor to each junior faculty member, based on the junior member’s recommendation, in their first year of service.
3. Holds annual meeting with each Assistant Professor; holds bi-annual meetings with each Associate Professor. In the case of Assistant Professors, establish a mentoring program that junior faculty can rely on for advice on wide range of issues during the appointment. The Chair and the principal mentor should be different individuals. The principal mentor should hold the rank of Associate Professor or above.
4. Verifies that required collegial reviews of teaching are taking place (annual reviews for Assistant
Professors; reviews at least every three years for Associate and Full Professors).
5. Assembles lists of mandatory and non-mandatory Candidates for Promotion and/or Tenure. Provides copies of lists to Department of Urban Design and Planning Dean’s Office.
6. Appoints the review committee for each candidate, taking into account the candidate’s suggestions.
7. Convenes introductory meeting with each Candidate, including Review Committee Chair and any others involved in Promotion and Tenure processes.
8. Oversees data gathering and departmental evaluation process.
9. Provides written summary of Review Committee deliberation and solicits Candidate response (within 7 days).
10. Organizes faculty deliberations and faculty vote.
11. Provides written summary of faculty deliberation and vote to Candidate, and solicits Candidate response (within 7 days).
12. Writes letter/memo to Dean summarizing the faculty evaluation, recording the faculty vote, and providing an independent assessment of the Candidate’s qualifications for Promotion/Tenure.
13. Assures that the complete career dossier is assembled. Makes two copies of key documents. Transmits original and one copy of key documents to Dean’s Office along with complete career dossier. Retains one copy of key documents in secure location in Department.
14. At the end of the process, writes a summary report and evaluation of the process. The report is filed as part of the permanent record.

D. Responsibilities of the Review Committee

1. Reviews and advises Candidate on career narrative and curriculum vitae, and on contents of “peer review packages” and “complete career dossier.”
2. Manages communication with and concurrence from joint appointing Department, if any.
3. Working with the Department Chair or Chair’s Designee establishes their own list of external reviewers, and chooses a final list of external peer reviewers based on their own list and the Candidate's list of potential reviewers, and reviewers to exclude. Selects five reviewers, and a sixth alternate reviewer in case one reviewer is unable to perform review.
4. The Provost requires three to five external peer reviews. Experience has shown it is to the benefit of the Candidate to have more review letters rather than fewer. Most CBE Departments seek five external review letters. Note: All review letters received must be forwarded.
5. Working with the Chair or Chair’s Designeee, solicits written evaluations from external reviewers. A copy of this solicitation letter is added to the dossier (although they may be filed separately for confidentiality and security). Also requests short Curriculum Vitae or career summary from each external reviewer.
6. Assembles all external peer review letters and includes in complete career dossier (although they may be filed separately for confidentiality and security).
7. Generates a report of the Candidate’s qualifications for Promotion and/or Tenure, including votes by secret ballot on recommendations. Shares this report with the Department Chair and Chair’s Designee. The Department Chair or Chair’s Designee and head of the Review Committee share a copy of the Committee Report with the Candidate, and solicits a Candidate response within seven (7) days of delivery. A copy of this report, and the Candidate response are added to the complete career dossier.
8. Delivers report on Candidate qualifications to the attendees of the faculty meetings to review and to vote on Candidate's Promotion and/or Tenure.
9. At the end of the process, the Chair of the committee writes a summary report and evaluation of
the process. The report is filed as part of the permanent record.

E. Department Faculty

1. Department Faculty who are superior in rank participate in mentoring and advising faculty who are junior to them.
2. Serve as teaching peer reviewers and prepare teaching peer review letters or other teaching evaluation reports.
3. Department Faculty who are superior in rank to the Candidate review the complete career dossier in detail to prepare for discussion of the Candidate, and vote on Promotion and Tenure, or Promotion.
4. Department Faculty who are superior in rank meet to discuss the Candidate's qualifications, and vote whether to recommend Candidate for Promotion and Tenure, or Promotion.

F. College Council

1. Reviews the complete career dossier, including materials submitted by the Candidate, all review letters, Review Committee report, faculty meeting minutes, Chair's letter/memo, Candidate's response(s) for each Candidate for Promotion and Tenure, or Promotion.
2. Reviews procedures used by Department. Discusses the Candidate's qualifications for Promotion and/or Tenure. May interview the Department Chair and Chair's Designee as part of the deliberation process.
3. Conducts a vote by secret ballot supporting or differing from Department faculty action.
4. Prepares a confidential memo which summarizes deliberation and vote, and submits this memo to the Dean.

G. Dean

1. Reviews the complete career dossier, including the memo from the Chair and Chair’s designee, and the College Council memo.
2. May solicit the opinions and advice of other parties.
3. Prepares as a memo a confidential assessment and recommendation to the Provost.
4. In cases where the Dean's recommendation is to deny Promotion and/or Tenure, meets with the Department Chair and Candidate to share his/her expectations, and discuss the likely outcome of the review process, for example; denial of Promotion and/or Tenure, extension, or some other outcome. This meeting is summarized in a confidential memo to the Chair and Candidate. If the case is non-mandatory, and the recommendation of the Dean is negative, the process ends at this point and it is not sent to the Provost’s Office. If the case is mandatory, it is sent forward even if the Dean’s recommendation is to deny Promotion and Tenure.
5. Submits Promotion package to Provost’s Office, unless Dean’s recommendation is to deny, and the case is non-mandatory.
6. Notifies Chair and Candidate of the final decision of the Provost and any further actions or outcomes of this decision.

I. Provost and President

1. Reviews the Promotion package forwarded by the CBE Dean’s Office, including memo from the
Chair and Chair’s Designee, College Council memo, and Dean’s memo.
2. May request additional information from the College or the Department.
3. Notifies the Dean of his/her decision with regard to Promotion and/or Tenure.

IV. PROCEDURES AND CHECKLISTS FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE

A. Organizing the Process

The Department Chair is ultimately responsible for organizing and overseeing the overall department-level Promotion and Tenure, or Promotion processes, including data gathering, evaluation, and submitting the final complete career dossier with all reports and evaluations to the Dean’s Office. Significant elements of this responsibility are delegated to the Departmental Review Committee.

An initial meeting held in Spring Quarter with each Candidate who is up for Promotion and/or Promotion and Tenure in the following Autumn should include the following elements:

1. Review of Department Promotion and Tenure Review Criteria. Of course, the Department criteria should be given to new Assistant Professors in their first quarter of employment in the Department.
2. A timeline, including milestones and intermediate deadlines for Data Gathering, Evaluation, and Submission of peer review packages and complete career dossier.
3. A list of participants in the Promotion and Tenure process, including the Review Committee Chair and a description of the role of each participant.
4. A list of relevant College and University policies and resources.

B. Identifying Candidates for Promotion and Tenure: Chair’s Role

Candidates, or faculty members for whom some personnel action will be evaluated by the College Council, the Dean, and the Provost, are typically identified by Departments. In general there are four groups of Candidates to be considered:

1. Mandatory Promotion and Tenure cases consist of Assistant Professors and Mandatory Promotion cases consist of Research Assistant Professors who have entered into their mandatory Promotion year. The period of time between a faculty member’s appointment and mandatory year is usually, but not always, six years. This period of time is often called the "Tenure clock," a phrase which can be misleading when applied to Research Assistant Professors, who cannot attain Tenure. The policy which dictates this duration is located in the University of Washington Handbook (Volume 2, Chapter 24, Section 24-41, Section B for policy on Assistant Professors, and Section G for policy on Research Assistant Professors).

A faculty member’s “Tenure clock” may in exceptional circumstances extend beyond a period of six years. In some cases the extension of the Tenure clock happens automatically, and in some cases the extension must be requested. These exceptional circumstances are described below:

a. The faculty member’s appointment began after the half-way point of the Academic Year. Assistant Professors who begin an appointment on or after December 17, and Research Assistant Professors who begin their appointment on or after January 2 will have this first partial appointment year automatically waived. Their Tenure clock will automatically begin with the
following Academic Year.

b. The faculty member took six months or more of medical or family leave in a given Academic Year, or the faculty member became a parent, or other family care responsibilities have interrupted a faculty member's dedication to teaching or scholarship. In any of these cases, the faculty member may request extension of his or her Tenure clock. Note: The extension is not automatic, but must be requested—the request should be made at the time of the medical leave, the birth or adoption of a child, or other interruption due to family circumstances.

c. An Assistant Professor worked less than 90% Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE). Assistant Professors who work greater than 50% FTE and less than 90% FTE will have their Tenure clock automatically extended an additional one to three years. (More information on the underlying policy can be found at: http://www.washington.edu/admin/acadpers/wp/Assistant_Professor.html This rule also applies to research-track faculty.)

d. Circumstances beyond the faculty member's control interrupted or delayed the faculty member's ability to focus on teaching or scholarship. Such extensions are unusual, and must be requested in writing prior to the faculty member's mandatory year. Extension requests are submitted by the Chair to the Provost, via the Dean's Office.

During Winter Quarter, the College of Architecture and Urban Planning Dean's Office will distribute to Department Chairs a list of faculty members who appear to be entering their mandatory year during the following Academic Year. Departments are asked to compare this list to their own records. This early review should allow adequate time for Departments to notify faculty members and/or resolve any Tenure-clock concerns prior to the following Academic Year.

2. Non-mandatory cases consist of faculty members who wish to be considered for Promotion voluntarily. Note that this category includes Promotion of:

   a. Assistant Professors or Research Assistant Professors who have not yet reached their mandatory year
   b. Associate and Research Associate Professors
   c. Affiliate faculty

Note: Lecturers are not considered “promotable” by the Provost's Office. Current Lecturers may be appointed to a Senior Lecturer position, and Departments may make decisions regarding Senior Lecturer appointments using a process similar to that for ladder-rank faculty; however, this is technically not considered a Promotion and review by the College Council is not required.

Practices for identifying non-mandatory cases usually involve a call for nominations, including self-nominations, by the Department Chair typically early in Spring Quarter. Each faculty member below the rank of Professor who submits his/her name must be considered for Promotion.

1. Mandatory Tenure Reviews are required for each faculty member appointed at a higher rank to the special "Associate or Full Professor Without Tenure 3-Year" title. Faculty appointed as "Associate or Full Professor Without Tenure" face a mandatory Tenure consideration during their second year of appointment. This review normally takes place in Spring Quarter of the second year. Candidates must assemble materials by early Winter Quarter so the Department can solicit the necessary external peer review letters to allow for completion of the review process in Spring Quarter. Submittal requirements are similar to those for Promotion and Tenure.
2. Track adjustments are also subject to formal review. Typical examples include: a faculty member has elected to “jump tracks” from a Tenure-track to research track appointment or vice-versa; or a faculty member without Tenure for reasons of funding who is being considered for Tenure when a new funding line becomes available. When a track change is considered, the Department Chair is encouraged to contact the College of Built Environments’ Dean’s Office.

Note: New appointments to a higher-than-entry-level rank consist of faculty members hired into the rank of Associate Professor, Professor, Research Associate Professor or Research Professor. New appointments to these ranks may happen at any time and are not subject to the same deadlines as the cases listed above. When a new appointment to higher-than-entry-level rank is considered, the Department Chair should contact the College of Built Environment Dean’s Office. Note: In general, new appointments at higher-than-entry-level rank may be made only if the advertisement for the position indicated that the appointment might be made at such a rank.

C. Preparing Materials to Submit: Candidate’s Role

1. Documentation to be submitted: The Candidate assembles his/her peer review packages and his/her complete career dossier. The peer review package for external review includes the Career Narrative, the Curriculum Vitae, and all other supporting documentation, including representative publications, reports, portfolios, course materials, and all similar material as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case, and individual Department policy. The complete career dossier for internal review includes the complete career narrative, the complete curriculum vitae, and complete career documentation, including all publications (originals strongly preferred), reports, portfolios, course materials, and all similar material as appropriate to the Candidate’s particular case.

1a. Career Narrative: The Candidate’s Career Narrative is the document in which the Candidate states his/her case. This document is typically five to nine pages. The first section of the Career Narrative should exactly quote the criteria from the University of Washington Handbook for the rank to which the Candidate is seeking Promotion, and then should frame the Candidate’s research, scholarship, practice and other achievements to indicate how they meet the specific criteria. Achievements in teaching should also be framed in similar fashion since the criteria for each rank includes a level of achievement in both scholarly achievement and teaching. As appropriate, the Candidate may wish to address goals, direction, and impacts. In the second section the Candidate should provide a roughly chronological discussion of his/her achievements in research/scholarly achievement. Although a discussion of the Candidate’s complete career is appropriate, the majority of selected contributions should have been completed after appointment as Assistant Professor when seeking Promotion to Associate Professor, or after appointment to Associate Professor when seeking Promotion to Professor. In the third section the Candidate should provide a roughly chronological discussion of his/her achievements in teaching. Again, although the full career should be addressed the emphasis should be on teaching completed after appointment as Assistant Professor when seeking Promotion to Associate Professor, or after appointment to Associate Professor when seeking Promotion to Professor. The section on teaching should also indicate how the Candidate’s teaching draws upon or benefits from the Candidate’s research/scholarly achievement. The final section of the Career Narrative should be a brief account of significant service contributions.

Each Career Narrative will be tailored to the Candidate’s specific areas of scholarly achievement and teaching, and will reflect the standards for achievement in the Candidate’s sub-discipline. Depending
on the Candidate’s areas of focus, any of the following may be appropriate:

--The Candidate may assess her/his own performance, how s/he has responded to performance recommendations from mentors, or has otherwise sought to improve the record of research/scholarly achievement and teaching.

--If the Candidate has been involved in collaborative projects or has been a co-author of a published work, and indicates the Candidate’s precise contributions.

--If the Candidate has been involved in scholarly or professional work that leads to direct impact beyond the academy, for example standards adopted by a government agency, or an official report on a policy issue, this impact should be discussed.

--The Career Narrative should reference what the Candidate considers to be his or her most significant scholarly achievements to date, should explain their significance, and mention their impact or potential impact.

--Candidates for Promotion to Full Professor for which the criteria include “national or international recognition” should discuss how their scholarly achievement meets this standard of recognition, for example through citation by others, publication of work in professional journals, awards, invitations to lecture, editorship of peer-reviewed journals, and all other indications of recognition. Candidates for Promotion to Associate Professor may choose to include evidence of recognition if they or their work has already begun to win recognition.

--Candidates may include a brief discussion of their anticipated future activities in the research and teaching sections of the Narrative. However, the discussion of future plans should be succinct. The emphasis of the reviewers will be on the Candidate’s achievements to date that meet the criteria for Promotion and Tenure, or for Promotion.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to solicit feedback, for example from colleagues, the Department Chair or the Chair’s Designee, and Review Committee Chair on the quality of the Career Narrative. Candidates may also ask to see the Career Narratives of faculty who have recently been promoted, and to consider their statements as models for structure and language. However, Candidates must remember that seeing another faculty member’s Career Narrative is a privilege, not a right. Further, each faculty member’s career is unique, and therefore each Career Narrative should be specific to the Candidate’s career.

1b. Curriculum Vitae: While the structure of the Curriculum Vitae will be specific to the Candidate, some general recommendations and minimum expectations can be established. In general the Curriculum Vitae should be as complete as the Candidate can make it. The Curriculum Vitae should cover the Candidate’s entire academic career. The Curriculum Vitae should be structured in outline format.

For ease in review, the Curriculum Vitae should be organized with sections paralleling the Career Narrative: Research/Scholarly achievement, Teaching, and Service. The Research/Scholarly achievement section may have sub-sections as appropriate to the Candidate’s specific areas of expertise, but will often include Education, Research/Scholarship, and Professional Practice. As
appropriate, the Service section may include sub-sections for Department/College/University Service, Professional/Academic Service, and Community Service.

However the Candidate organizes the Curriculum Vitae, the following information must be included at the appropriate locations:

1. Education – including institutions, degrees granted, dates
   a. Ph.D. dissertation title is required if the final degree is Ph.D.
   b. Master’s Thesis title is optional if the terminal degree is a professionally accredited Master’s degree

2. Research/Scholarly achievement products, for example: publications, designs, public scholarship, research grants/contracts with funding agencies and amounts of funding, professional practice/consulting, lectures/presentations, etc. Bibliographies should be in full bibliographic format—refereed publication should be identified; lectures, talks, presentations should include dates and type of presentation—refereed, invited, keynote, panel, etc.

3. Teaching/Employment—institutions including UW, positions, dates; courses taught with dates; course improvements, teaching aids; individual instruction; table of course evaluation scores from individual course evaluations.

4. Service
   a. internal to UW Department, College, University (include list of all committees and dates of service)
   b. external to UW, including Professional/Academic organization service and community service as appropriate

The above outline is not a complete outline for a Curriculum Vita. It is only a starting point. Each Candidate will have many individual career achievements that should be included in the Curriculum Vita that are not included in this outline. As with the career narrative, candidates are strongly encouraged to solicit feedback from colleagues, the Department Chair or Chair’s Designee, and Review Committee Chair on the content, organization, and quality of the Curriculum Vitae. Candidates may also ask to see the Curriculum Vitae of faculty who have recently been promoted and to consider their Curriculum Vitae as models for content and organization. However, Candidates must remember that seeing another faculty member’s Curriculum Vitae is a privilege, and not a right. Furthermore, each faculty member’s career is unique and therefore each Curriculum Vita should be specific to the Candidate’s individual career.

V. RE-APPOINTMENT EXPECTATIONS AND PROCESS

A. General Comments

1. Timing

The initial appointment to the rank of Assistant Professor and Research Assistant Professor at the University of Washington is for a three-year term. The University requires that at the end of the second year, or the sixth quarter of the appointment, a vote be taken by the senior faculty either for reappointment to a second term—three years except for those whose appointments are less than 1.0 FTE - or for the termination of the appointment at the end of the following academic year, at the end of the
third year of employment.

A new appointee may, in exceptional circumstances, have longer than five quarters prior to re-appointment. These exceptional circumstances are described below:

a. The faculty member's appointment began after the half-way point of the Academic Year. Assistant Professors who begin an appointment on or after December 17, and Research Assistant Professors who begin their appointment on or after January 2 will have this first partial appointment year automatically waived. Their five quarters will automatically begin, at the same time as the Tenure clock, with the following Academic Year.

b. The faculty member was initially appointed for a fixed term as an Acting Assistant Professor. (An Acting appointment is made because the dissertation is not complete.) The five quarters will automatically begin, at the same time as the Tenure clock, when the appointment is converted from Acting Assistant Professor to Assistant Professor.

2. Expectations

An Assistant Professor has only five quarters prior to being considered for re-appointment. Five quarters is not a lot of time in which to build an extensive record, but it is sufficient time for an Assistant Professor to begin to build a record of achievement, and to plan for the next several years prior to mandatory consideration for Promotion to Associate Professor. Re-appointment is, therefore, not only an opportunity for the senior faculty in the Department formally to review progress by an Assistant Professor, but also the opportunity formally to review the Assistant Professor’s plan to achieve Promotion and Tenure. Candid assessments should be made of the Assistant Professor’s plan in the terms of the criteria for Promotion and Tenure, and in terms of the time available prior to mandatory consideration. In other words, if the Assistant Professor carries out his/her plan, will he/she meet the criteria of “substantial success in teaching and in research,” and does the Assistant Professor realistically have sufficient time to carry out the plan prior to his/her schedule for mandatory consideration for Promotion and Tenure?

3. Authority for Re-appointment

According to the University of Washington Handbook, re-appointment of Assistant Professors is primarily a departmental decision. Re-appointments are forwarded to the Dean, but are not typically reviewed by the College Council. The Dean notifies the Assistant Professor of the faculty decision regarding re-appointment, and forwards a copy of the letter to the Academic Human Resources office.

B. Procedure

Experience has shown that Assistant Professor Candidates for Promotion and Tenure are better able to anticipate what will be required if Departments use a re-appointment process that is a “rehearsal” of the Promotion and Tenure process. Therefore, like in a tenure case, the Chair should appoint a committee of three faculty to guide the reappointment process, evaluate the candidate’s record, and make recommendations to the faculty.

1. Documents to be submitted by the Candidate for Re-appointment
At the time of re-appointment—the beginning of the sixth quarter—the Candidate for re-appointment should submit a Curriculum Vitae and a Career Narrative.

The Career Narrative should have the usual sections addressing research/scholarly achievement, teaching, and service. The research/scholarly achievement and teaching sections should include: one part discussing accomplishments to date, and a second part discussing plans for the next several years. The narrative should clearly indicate how the Candidate’s plan for the next several years will produce results that will meet the criterion of “substantial success” required for tenure.

The Curriculum Vitae should have the usual sections covering research/scholarly achievement (including educational background), teaching, and service. The teaching section should include a record of teaching evaluations.

The Career Narrative and Curriculum Vitae, while not as extensive as those addressing the Candidate’s career at the time of consideration for Promotion and Tenure, should nonetheless be prepared to a quality level similar to documents for Promotion and Tenure. The quality of content, language, and graphics should all be at the level anticipated for the submittal for Promotion and Tenure. This quality will enable the review committee and Department Chair or Chair’s Designee to give the clearest advice to the Candidate.

The Department also expects that Candidates submit additional documents such as all published articles, draft articles, sample course materials, student course evaluations, sample portfolio, and/or similar documents.

2. Evaluation and Vote on Re-appointment

The members of the Review Committee review the re-appointment submittal and prepare a written report on the Candidate’s qualifications for reappointment. This report will usually address both the Candidate’s accomplishments to date and the Candidate’s plan for achieving Promotion and Tenure. The Review Committee Chair provides this report to the Department Chair or Chair’s Designee, who meets with the Candidate, who may respond within seven (7) days. This report, and the Candidate's response, if in writing, are added to the re-appointment submittal. Faculty members who are superior in rank to the Candidate meet to review the re-appointment submittal. Often the discussion of the Candidate’s qualifications may be initiated in one meeting, then time, often a week, will be allowed for further review of the Candidate’s re-appointment submittal by individual faculty, and then a vote will take place at a second meeting. (Such a delay is not strictly required.) A representative of the Review Committee delivers the report on the Candidate's qualifications to the attendees at or near the beginning of the first meeting.

The Chair or Chair’s Designee should prepare a written evaluation to be shared with the Candidate. This evaluation should discuss accomplishments to date—the primary basis for re-appointment—but should also evaluate the Candidate’s plan to achieve Promotion and Tenure. The Candidate should be given a realistic assessment of whether the plan will produce results that rise to the level of “substantial success” and whether the plan is realistically achievable in the time available before mandatory consideration. Recommendations for adjustments can also be made at this time.

The Chair of the Department or Chair’s Designee prepares a written summary of the faculty
deliberations and vote. The Chair provides this summary to the Candidate, who may respond within seven (7) days. This summary, and the Candidate's written response, if any, are both added to the re-appointment submittal.

The Chair of the Department prepares a memo to the Dean, summarizing the faculty deliberations, and provides the Chair's own assessment of the Candidate's qualifications and the Chair's own recommendation concerning re-appointment. The Chair's Designee may also submit a memo to the Dean providing his/her own assessment of the Candidate's qualifications and own recommendation concerning re-appointment. The memo/s, and minutes of the faculty meetings where the case was considered is/are added to the reappointment submittal.

3. Submittal to CBE Dean's Office

The re-appointment submittal sent to the Dean's Office should include the following documentation:

1. Letter from the Chair (and Chair's Designee, when appropriate), reporting the following items:
   a. the Departmental recommendation, including the term of appointment
   b. the faculty vote (votes for, against, abstaining, absent, and total number of eligible voters)
   c. reasons for the faculty decision
   d. Chair’s independent recommendation
   e. an assessment of the Candidate's research, teaching (if applicable), and service; or a brief analysis of the character and quality of functions performed in the Department
2. Review Committee Report
3. Candidate’s Career Narrative
4. Current Curriculum Vitae
5. Report from secondary Department when the Candidate holds a joint appointment in another academic unit; the primary Department initiating the recommendation must ensure that a complete recommendation from the secondary Department (with the faculty vote, Chair's recommendation, and any other pertinent information) is included in the documentation.

C. Recommendations to Assistant Professors

1. Documentation

Ideally the Assistant Professor should develop drafts of his/her Curriculum Vitae and Career Narrative in the first year of appointment. These documents should be developed with the assistance of the Department Chair and/or any appropriate senior faculty mentor(s). The new Assistant Professor is urged to seek out faculty who have successfully moved through the Tenure and Promotion process to gain advice, and to request examples of documents that may serve as models.

The University Handbook requires that all Assistant Professors meet annually with the Department Chair. One focus of such meetings should be the review of the Candidate's annually updated Career Narrative and Curriculum Vitae. When appropriate, the Chair’s Designee may also attend such meetings.

However, as the Department Chair may come from a sub-discipline different from the Assistant Professor’s field, for example the Chair might come from transportation planning while the Assistant
Professor may be from historical preservation, Assistant Professors should seek out senior faculty mentors. Mentors may be found not only in the Assistant Professor’s own Department, but may be found in other Departments in the CBE or elsewhere in the University.

The Department Chair and senior faculty mentors should provide constructive criticism, advice, and help develop the career plan.

2. Recommendations to Assistant Professors (Peer networks)

Part of the process of building an academic career includes developing a network of peers in one’s sub-discipline within, but especially outside, the University. External peer review is required by the University for consideration for Promotion and Tenure. An Assistant Professor must become familiar with the work of distinguished scholars working in his/her area of expertise, and is advised to build relationships with senior scholars who may serve as external peer reviewers when the Assistant Professor seeks Promotion and Tenure.

VI. APPENDIX

Policy for appointing affiliate/adjunct faculty to be inserted here.