

Checklist for the Chair of the Department Chair's Committee (2018-2019)

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- During an initial planning meeting, the following discussions should take place:
 - The first item of business is to elect a chair if one was not elected during the previous academic year.
 - Remind committee members that maintaining confidentiality is a professional obligation of all members. E-mail is not a confidential medium.
 - Set up future meeting times and dates.
 - Faculty members going up for a review should not serve on the committee, and no person can participate in more than one stage of the review process.
- During the time frame of September 10 – September 28, the committee deliberates about Promotion and tenure recommendations for Department Chairs.
- By September 28, a letter containing the committee's recommendation which includes a detailed statement of their assessment of observed strengths and weaknesses is placed in the portfolio via the digital workflow. A copy of the letter is delivered to the faculty member and chair of the department committee.
- During the time frame of October 8 – October 26, the committee deliberates about pre-tenure review recommendations for Department Chairs.
- By October 26, a letter containing a detailed assessment of the candidate's current readiness to be tenured including a detailed description for each area of performance that addresses how the candidate meets or does not meet the actual expectations for tenure as well as specific suggestions for maintaining and enhancing further preparations for a successful tenure review in the future. The letter must address each area of review in detail. A copy of the letter is placed in the portfolio via the digital workflow. A copy of the letter is delivered to the faculty member and Chair of the department committee.

Committee Voting

- Since the committee must make a recommendation, a voting member must cast his or her vote unless there is a conflict of interest. When there is a conflict of interest, a voting member must disqualify himself/herself prior to the discussion of that portfolio and shall not be present for the discussion or vote on that case. Disputes regarding whether a committee member has a conflict of interest may be discussed with the KSU Ombuds. If adjudication is required, the case will be referred to the P&T Process Review (formerly Oversight) Committee, who will make a binding determination in the case. Members of the Process Review Committee who are in line to review the case will be recused from this process. All committee votes are to be cast by secret ballot. Potential ethical discretions during the process may also be directed to the Provost.

Optional Faculty Member Response

- The candidate under review may respond to recommendations at each level in a letter written by the faculty member within 10 calendar days from the review recommendation date. Response letters are directed to the reviewing committee or administrator and copied to the next level of review.

Note: Department P&T guidelines are understood to be primary in promotion and tenure recommendations. Recommendation letters need to reference department P&T guidelines in justifying their recommendations.