

PART IV HUMAN RESOURCES
Chapter 04.04 - Faculty

P04.04.010. Academic Freedom.

Nothing contained in regents' policy or university regulation will be construed to limit or abridge any person's right to free speech or to infringe the academic freedom of any member of the university community.

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P04.04.020. Construction.

This chapter and university regulation shall govern the university system and the institutions therein, regulating the matters contained herein as authorized by law. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the power of the board to periodically alter, amend, revise, or repeal the provisions hereof in whole or in part from time to time.

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P04.04.022 . Application.

This chapter and the university regulation promulgated under it shall apply to the university system and are designed and intended for use with appropriate policies and procedures

P04.04.040.

D. Continuing and fixed term appointments

1. Continuing appointment. A continuing appointment is one that is expected to continue unless a faculty member is terminated in accordance with P04.04.047. Continuing appointments shall be given with appointment to academic rank and tenure track positions, with or without tenure. A continuing appointment may be appropriate for an appointment to special academic rank. Continuing appointments may be made for up to three years in duration. Appointment may be renewed subject to limitations imposed by P04.04.045.
2. Fixed term appointment. A fixed term appointment is one that is expected to expire at the end of a specified period of up to three years unless renewed or terminated early in accordance with P04.04.047. Such appointments may not be made for periods longer than three years, but may be renewed. Fixed term appointments may be given to a faculty member appointed to special academic rank.
3. Termination appointment. A termination appointment is a fixed term appointment used when a decision has been made to terminate a faculty member at the end of the next appointment.

E. Appointments of distinction for faculty.

1. Distinguished Professors. Tenured appointment as distinguished professor may be made by the president, subject to a process of review and recommendation established by the chancellor of the MAU in which the faculty member holds tenure.
2. Distinguished Visiting Professors. Appointment as distinguished visiting professor shall be made by the chancellor, following consideration of recommendations of the faculty. Such appointment shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

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3. Years of Service

- a. Toward mandatory review. In computing total consecutive years of service for determining the time of mandatory tenure review, periods of leave at full salary and sabbatical leave will be included. Periods of leave of absence at partial or no salary shall not be included unless requested by the faculty member and approved at the time the leave is granted. However, regardless of inclusion in the computation of total years, leave of absence shall not be deemed an interruption of otherwise consecutive service. Years of service preceding a break in consecutive years of university employment may be counted only upon agreement between the faculty member and the university at the time of re-employment.
 - b. Partial year of service. A partial year of service which includes at least one semester of full-time faculty service, as in a mid-year appointment, will be included as a full year of service in computing the time of mandatory tenure review only if this year has been included in determining eligibility for any sabbatical leave.
- E. Failure to receive tenure. A faculty member must stand for tenure in the mandatory review year as defined in D.2 of this section. If tenure is not awarded, the faculty member shall be offered a terminal appointment for one additional year of service. A faculty member may stand for tenure prior to the mandatory year of review. In so doing, the candidate may withdraw at any step in the process prior to review by the chancellor. If the decision of the chancellor is to deny tenure, the faculty member shall be offered a

2. six months prior to the end of an appointment expiring after the completion of one, but not more than two, years of service within the university system, but not later than December 15 for appointments ending in May, June, July or August;
 3. twelve months prior to the expiration of an appointment after two or more years of uninterrupted service within the university system.
- C. Failure to receive tenure. Following a decision not to award tenure in the mandatory year for tenure review, the faculty member will receive notice at least twelve months prior to the end of the academic or fiscal year of final service.
- D. Retirement. Retirement eligibility is determined by the Teachers Retirement System, the Public Employees Retirement System of the State of Alaska, or the University of Alaska Optional Retirement Plan. Faculty planning to retire shall notify their supervisor as soon as possible prior to the anticipated retirement date.
- E. Resignation. A faculty member intending to resign from employment with the university system shall file with the appointing authority a written resignation stating the effective date. A faculty member is expected to provide notice adequate to allow for his or her orderly replacement.
- F. Discontinuance of program. When a decision is made to discontinue a program following program review as specified in R10.06.010, a good faith effort must be made to place tenured faculty in another program where appropriate. The chancellor or the chancellor's designee will notify each faculty member of the decision to terminate employment in writing not less than:
1. Three months prior to the end of the academic or fiscal year of a faculty member's first year of uninterrupted service within the university system, but not later than March 1 for appointments ending in May, June, July or August.
 2. Six months prior to the end of the academic or fiscal year after the completion by a faculty member of one, but not more than two, years of service within the university system, but not later than December 15 for appointments ending in May, June, July or August.
 3. Twelve months prior to the

P04.04.050. Evaluation of Faculty.

- A. It is the policy of the university to evaluate faculty on a schedule to be set as appropriate for and by each university according to regents' policy and procedure. Such evaluation shall be the responsibility of the chancellor or the chancellor's designee.
- B. The purpose of evaluation pursuant to this chapter shall be the appraisal of:
 - 1. the extent to which the faculty member has met the professional obligation;
 - 2. the extent to which the faculty member's professional growth and development has proceeded;
 - 3. the prospects for the faculty member's continued professional growth and development; and
 - 4. the identification of changes, if any, in emphasis required for such growth.
- C. Written documentation of the evaluation shall be made available to the faculty member concerned. These evaluations shall play a major part in determining if the faculty member will receive renewal of employment or be promoted or tenured.
- D. In conducting evaluations pursuant to this chapter, faculty and administrative evaluators may consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria set out in 1.-7. of this subsection as appropriate to the faculty member's professional obligation. In addition, units may elaborate in writing on these or other criteria that take into account the distinctive nature of the discipline or special university assignment. Criteria may include:
 - 1. mastery of subject matter, demonstrated by such things as advanced degrees, licenses, certifications, awards, honors and reputation in the subject matter field;
 - 2. effectiveness in teaching, demonstrated by such things as: evaluation by peers; reaction of students as determined by surveys and classroom and laboratory observations; development of improved teaching materials and processes; development of new courses; advising of students; assessments of student achievement; and participation in necessary and routine duties that support classroom performance;
 - 3. scholarly and creative activity, which is activity beyond the development of curriculum demonstrated by such things as: success in developing and carrying out significant applied and basic research; work in contributing to the arts; publication in advancing knowledge; and reputation among colleagues and peers both within and without the university;
 - 4. effectiveness of public service, demonstrated by such things as: professionally related and publicly recognized service to constituencies external to the university, including public and private sector groups, governmental agencies, elementary and secondary schools, boards, commissions, committees, public interest groups, community groups, businesses, and urban and rural residents;

successful design and implementation of technology-transfer programs to external constituencies; application of directed research to the needs of constituencies; recognition, awards, and honors from constituent groups; and reputation among peer deliverers of public service;

5. effectiveness of university service, demonstrated by such things as: work on university committees and task forces; participation in faculty governance; colleague assistance; administrative work; and work with students beyond formal teacher-student relationships;
6. professional development, demonstrated by such things as: research and other scholarly and creative activity; continuing education or other activities to keep abreast of current developments in the faculty member's fields; and ability to successfully handle increased responsibility in the faculty member's professional obligation;
7. total contribution to the university, demonstrated by overall contribution to the mission of the university system and of the individual unit.

- B. All non-tenured faculty holding academic rank or special academic rank are eligible for evaluation for reappointment and must be evaluated in accordance with the terms and conditions of their appointment and with the provisions of P04.04.050 and the policies and procedures approved for each university.
- C. Policies and procedures approved for each university shall delineate the exclusive process by which a faculty member denied reappointment may seek reconsideration of the decision.

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includes at least one semester of full-time faculty service may be included as a full year of service for the purposes of eligibility for sabbatical leave if also counted as time towards mandatory tenure review. The faculty member must apply for such inclusion in writing. Periods of leaves of absences, other than vacation and sick leave with salary, and periods of part-time service shall not be included but shall not be deemed an interruption of otherwise consecutive service.

- D. Sabbatical leaves may be granted for one academic year or an equivalent period at rates not to exceed six months salary or for one semester or an equivalent period at rates not to exceed one semester's salary. Faculty may, with the prior approval of the chancellor, accept fellowships, grants-in-aid, or earned income to assist in accomplishing the purposes of their sabbatical leaves. In such cases, the chancellor may adjust the sabbatical leave salaries to reflect such income provided that total earnings for the leave period are not less than full salary had the recipient not been on leave. A faculty member on a terminal appointment loses any rights to a sabbatical leave.
- E. Applications for sabbatical leaves shall be submitted to the chancellor through channels and procedures contained in approved policies and procedures. Each application shall include a statement outlining the program to be followed while on sabbatical leave and indicating any prospective income from outside of the university system.
- F. The recipient is obligated to return to the university for further service of at least one appointment period. Failure of the recipient to fulfill this obligation will require the full and immediate repayment of salary and benefits received from the university while on leave, except in extenuating circumstances acceptable to the chancellor.
- G. A written report detailing the professional activities and accomplishments for which the leave was granted and specifying the sources and amounts of additional funds secured for this period shall be submitted by the recipient to the chancellor within three months after returning from leave.
- H. Consistent with provisions of D. of this section, the chancellor may approve such sabbatical leave as the chancellor deems appropriate. A record of such leaves shall be reported to the president annually.
- I. Vacation and sick leave credits shall not be accrued or used during sabbatical leave.

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P04.04.062. Time Off in Lieu of Annual Leave.

Faculty will receive time off rather than annual leave.

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P04.04.070. Emeritus Status.

Emeritus status is an honor conferred by the chancellor, president, or Board of Regents upon the outstanding employees of the university upon retirement or separation and is not an automatic recognition of services rendered. The prerequisites of emeritus status will be as provided by university regulation.

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R04.04.062.

Promotion Committee, with a criterion for evaluation being that recommendations will be evaluated to assess whether accomplishments and contributions to the university are exceptional, with the added caveat that the position of emeritus faculty member is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon retiring faculty. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the chancellor, whose decision is final and non-reviewable. As appropriate to their faculty position and rank, candidates promoted to emeritus status under this regulation will have titles including "adjunct professor emeritus", "instructor emeritus", "assistant professor emeritus", or "associate professor emeritus".

- D. The chancellor, in his or her sole discretion, may confer emeritus status on senior administrators and officers of the university who served as University of Alaska faculty prior to their executive administrative appointment, who otherwise meet the criteria for professor emeritus appointment as faculty members, full professors, and who retire from the University of Alaska may be honored through appointment as professor emeritus. Recommendations for conferring emeritus status may be made by the appropriate dean or director up to six months prior to reW*17/4057/2014 appropriate promotion

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- G. Emeritus status may be revoked when, in the sole discretion of the chancellor, a continuing connection with the university is no longer in the best interest of the university. The chancellor shall inform the affected individual, after providing advance notice to the Board of Regents, the president, and the appropriate dean, director or administrative officer.

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