

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Policy 638 Post-Tenure Review

Date: October 22, 2024
Sponsor: Wayne Vaught
Steward(s): Kathren Brown

Policy Process: Regular Policy Action: New

Policy Office Editor: Amanda Cooke

Embedded Attorney: Click here to enter the name of the embedded attorney from OGC.

Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):

This policy is being developed to comply with State law 53B-2-106.1, which requires public educational institutions to implement a post-tenure review process for tenured faculty. Key concerns include:

- 1. Ensuring compliance with state law while maintaining faculty rights and academic freedom.
- 2. Develop policy that is distinct from existing tenure and promotion process.
- 3. Addressing potential legal implications of dismissal processes for tenured faculty.
- 4. Implementing a process that is not overly burdensome for faculty.

Suggested Changes: Click here to enter proposed changes to policy.

- 1. Develop a faculty-driven process that is distinct from processes for tenure or promotion.
- 2. Create a five-year review cycle for all tenured faculty.
- 3. Implement college level committee according to state law that includes faculty and the provost or provost's designee.
- 4. Develop review process.
- 5. Develop procedures for addressing performance deficiencies and potential dismissal.

Requested Approval from President's Council: Entrance to Stage 1

Proposed Drafting Committee: Kat Brown, Wioleta Fedeczko, Nizhone Meza, Hilary Hungerford, 2 department chairs, and a dean.

Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2: 12/12/2024

Target Date for Board of Trustees Review: 3/31/2025

Projected Timeline: [Leave blank. To be filled in by the Policy Office.]



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