ARTICLE VII
CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, AND TENURE

A. Appointment of Faculty Members and Librarians


Qualifications for appointment as hereinafter set forth in this Article are not to be construed to limit the right of recommending authorities to specify additional criteria when such criteria are customarily required for specialized or professional areas or are justified by exceptional or special circumstances. Candidates for initial appointment to a position within the Unit who must relocate their residences because the distance between the University of Massachusetts Lowell and their residence would not permit commuting, must agree to relocate their residences to Massachusetts as a condition of receiving initial appointment to positions within the Unit. Such agreement to initially relocate residence within Massachusetts is required to encourage new faculty to participate in community service activities within the Commonwealth; however, it is understood that such agreement shall not control in contravention of the principles that underlie the Constitution of the United States, nor where waived by the Chancellor of the University. [The Chancellor in his sole nongrievable discretion may waive such agreement where it would impose an unusual personal hardship on the candidate or his/her family.] Candidates appointed in September shall receive two-year initial appointments, and candidates appointed in January shall receive appointments that terminate two years after the September subsequent to their appointment.

High level academic administrators traditionally given faculty appointments may be given such appointment and/or tenure at any time within eighteen months of initial appointment. Other academic administrators such as Associate and Assistant Deans may be given faculty appointments in appropriate situations with consent of the MSP and the affected department. However, the search and department approval process for filling a new full-time faculty position must be followed before any such administrator holding a non-tenure track faculty appointment may enter the bargaining unit in a full-time faculty position.

Other than the above, the processes specified in this article are the exclusive legal methods of appointing unit personnel or persons with the right to enter the unit and no person may be legally awarded tenure in the unit except under and in conformance with the criteria specified in this Article and the processes specified in the Article that follows it; and/or in settlement of a grievance explicitly sanctioned by the MSP; and no person may be promoted to a unit rank except while a member of the unit under the criteria and through the processes specified in the same two articles, and/or in settlement of a grievance explicitly sanctioned by the MSP. In special situations, an individual may be permitted to enter the unit through the transfer to the University of an appropriate position from another institution under the jurisdiction of the Board, but such transfers shall occur only after the Office of Academic Affairs has entered into written joint agreement with the MSP and under the specific terms of such agreement.

a. Additional Appointment Criteria and Appointment Deadlines

Upon authorization from the Provost for Academic Affairs to fill a vacant position, the department chairperson shall determine with the advice and
consent of appropriate department committees, and the Director of Libraries shall determine after consultation with appropriate library committees and division heads, such additional criteria as may be deemed proper for the specific vacancy to be filled and the procedures for reviewing applicants and nominating candidates to the University Administration. However, the filling of all vacancies shall be subject to specified administrative academic and professional requirements and deadlines, as well as the valid objectives of the University Affirmative Action program. The final candidates to be nominated for faculty position vacancies shall be interviewed by the Department Chairperson and the College Dean. Such candidates for librarian position vacancies shall be interviewed by the Director of Libraries.

b. Recommendation Process

The name of the candidate recommended, together with complete professional vita and comments of the department chairperson, shall be submitted to the College Dean. The College Dean or the Director of Libraries, as the case may be, shall review all recommendations, shall add his/her recommendations, and shall transmit all recommendations and supporting documents to the Provost for Academic Affairs, who shall review all materials forwarded and transmit them, together with his recommendation, to the Chancellor. In the event that the candidate recommended by the department chairperson or the Director of Libraries is rejected by the Chancellor, the procedure specified above shall be repeated until a candidate shall be appointed to fill the authorized position or the position authorization is withdrawn in accordance with procedures and deadlines for reallocating vacant positions.

c. Upper Level Rank Appointments

If an appointment is to be made at the rank above Assistant Professor or Assistant Librarian, such appointment shall be subject to the same review process as is required for promotion to the specified rank. If appointment is to be made with tenure, such appointment shall be subject to the same process as is required for the awarding of tenure to a member of the Unit. An individual who is offered an initial appointment or who is subsequently offered reappointment is required to sign an official University contract and to file such contract with the Office of the Provost for Academic Affairs within one month of notification of appointment or reappointment. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in cancellation of appointment or reappointment without prejudice to the University.

2. Faculty Appointments

Faculty appointments shall be made at the appropriate rank in keeping with standard requirements or the specified exceptions to requirements.

a. Standard Requirements for Faculty Appointments

(1) Instructor

A master’s degree from an accredited institution and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities;
(2) Assistant Professor

An earned doctorate from an institution accredited at the doctoral level and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities;

(3) Associate Professor

An earned doctorate from an institution accredited at the doctoral level and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities; a record of instructional effectiveness with six years of successful full-time teaching experience in four-year institutions of higher education and at least two years of such experience at the rank of Assistant Professor; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a continued record of accomplishment resulting in publication of a significant number of articles in recognized professional and/or academic journals and/or in publication of a book or its edited equivalent, and/or significant recognition by learned societies or professional associations for demonstrated achievement or leadership in the discipline or professional area which is to be taught;

(4) Professor

An earned doctorate from an institution accredited at the doctoral level and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities; a record of instructional effectiveness with eight years of successful full-time teaching experience in four-year institutions of higher education at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher and at least two years of such experience at the rank of Associate Professor; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a continued record of accomplishment resulting in publication of a significant and extensive number of articles in recognized professional and/or academic journals and/or in publication of a book or its edited equivalent, and/or significant and wide recognition by learned societies or professional associations for demonstrated achievement or leadership in the discipline or professional area which is to be taught.

b. Exceptions to Requirements for Faculty Appointments

(1) Waiver of Master's Degree for Instructor Appointments

The specified master's degree requirement for appointment to the rank of instructor may be waived for a candidate actively pursuing a doctoral program in an institution accredited at the doctoral level if such a candidate has completed all requirements for such a program except the thesis;

(2) Waiver of Doctorate for Appointment to Assistant Professor and Assistant Clinical Professor

The specified doctoral requirement for the rank of Assistant Professor may be waived by recommending authorities as follows:

(a) Accounting

In the area of accounting for an individual who possesses both the M.B.A. degree and professional C.P.A. certification;
(b) Computer Science

In the area of computer science for an individual who possesses a master's degree in the area to be taught plus additional experience and/or training acceptable to recommending authorities.

(c) Health Professions

In the areas of exercise physiology, health, medical technology, nursing, and physical therapy for an individual who possesses a master's degree in the field to be taught from an institution accredited for graduate study by the appropriate professional association plus 30 graduate credits or demonstrated clinical excellence acceptable to recommending authorities.

(3) Waiver of Doctoral Requirements

The specified doctoral requirements for the three professorial ranks may be waived by recommending authorities for any one of the following categories of candidates:

(a) Studio Art and Music Performance

Candidates in studio art and music performance (excluding candidates in such academic or professional fields as art education, art history, music education, music history, and music theory) who possess professional graduate degrees which are recognized by recommending authorities as "terminal qualification" in the disciplines or fields to be taught and which have been awarded by institutions accredited for graduate study by the appropriate professional association;

(b) Industrial and Sound Recording Technology

Candidates in the field of industrial and sound recording technology who possess professional graduate degrees which are recognized by recommending authorities of the College of Engineering or College of Music as "terminal qualifications."

(4) Waiver of Doctorate and Experience Requirement for Exceptional Candidates

The specified doctoral and/or teaching experience requirements for the three professional ranks may be waived by recommending authorities for individuals of exceptional talents or special accomplishments who are widely recognized in their fields for such talents or accomplishments.

(5) Waiver of Teaching Requirement

Up to three years of the teaching requirements may be waived for specified reasons relating to specialized or professional areas when, in the judgment of recommending authorities, candidates for appointment possess suitable substitute experience.
(6) Substitutions for Publication Requirement

Comparable studio and performance achievements may be substituted for the specified publication requirements of the upper professorial ranks by terminally qualified individuals in studio art and music performance.

3. Professional Librarian Appointments

Librarian appointments shall be made at the appropriate rank in keeping with the standard requirements or the specified exceptions to requirements.

a. Standard Requirements for Professional Librarian Appointments are as follows:

(1) Instructor Librarian

A master's degree in library science from an accredited ALA institution or other master's degree which is in an area specifically related to library functions and which is acceptable to recommending authorities;

(2) Assistant Librarian

A master's degree in library science, information science, or information studies from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent graduate degree acceptable to recommending authorities in an area specifically related to library functions plus two years of full-time professional library experience in a college, university, or research library;

(3) Associate Librarian

A master's degree in library science, information science, or information studies from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent graduate degree acceptable to recommending authorities in an area specifically related to library functions and an additional equivalent graduate degree in a field appropriate to library functions which is acceptable to recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a publication record in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and/or recognition by learned societies or professional library associations for demonstrated leadership or achievements; and six years of successful, full-time professional library experience in a college, university or research library with at least two years of such experience at the rank of Assistant Librarian or higher;

(4) Librarian

A doctorate in library science from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent doctorate acceptable to recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by significant publication in recognized professional journals and/or significant recognition by learned societies or professional library associations for demonstrated leadership or achievements; and six years of successful, full-time professional library experience in a college, university, or research library with at least six years of such experience at the rank of Assistant Librarian or higher; or a master's degree in library science, information science, or information studies from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent graduate degree acceptable to
recommending authorities in an area specifically related to library functions plus a second master's degree in a field appropriate to library functions which is acceptable to recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a significant publication record in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and/or significant recognition by learned societies or professional library associations for demonstrated leadership or achievement; and eight years of successful, full-time professional library experience in a college, university, or research library with at least eight years of such experience at the rank of Assistant Librarian or higher.

b. Exceptions to Requirements for Professional Librarian Appointments

(1) Waiver of Degree Requirements for Associate Librarian and Librarian

The specified requirement for the second master's degree for appointment to the rank of Associate Librarian and the specified doctoral requirement for appointment to the rank of Librarian may be waived by recommending authorities for individuals of exceptional talents or special accomplishments who are widely recognized in their fields for such talents or accomplishments.

(2) Waiver of Library Experience Requirement

Up to three years of successful, full-time library experience may be waived for specified reasons relating to specialized or professional areas when, in the judgment of recommending authorities, candidates for appointment possess suitable substitute experience.

B. Promotion of Faculty and Librarians


a. Requirements for Promotion

The requirements for promotion are both specific and general. Each candidate for promotion shall first be carefully evaluated at each level as to whether he or she meets the specific requirements for the rank to which the candidate has requested promotion. Except as explicitly provided for in this Agreement, and under the explicit conditions stated, these requirements may not be waived. If the specific requirements are met, the candidate then shall be carefully evaluated in terms of the three general areas of evaluation which are listed below.

In order to be recommended for promotion, candidates must satisfy the specific rank requirements as stated and also must have demonstrated, in the academic judgment of the reviewing level, a sufficiently high overall level of positive accomplishment when their achievements in the three evaluation areas are taken together. Such achievement must be manifested in both qualitative and quantitative terms.
b. Eligibility

To be eligible for promotion, the faculty member or librarian must have satisfied requirements for instructional or professional effectiveness, degree attainment, research, and professional and service achievement at the time of application for promotion and must be able to satisfy the experience requirements by the effective date of requested promotion.

2. Faculty Promotions

Consideration of a candidate for tenure shall be based on the following:

a. Convincing evidence of excellence in at least two, and strength in the third, of the areas of teaching; research, creative, or professional activity; and service, such as to demonstrate the possession of qualities appropriate to a member of the faculty occupying a permanent position.

b. Reasonable assurance of continuing development and achievement leading to further contributions to the University.

c. General Areas of Faculty Evaluation for Promotion

(1) Instructional Effectiveness

Including, but not limited to, adherence to academic rules and regulations promulgated through established academic governance procedures by the Board of Trustees for the University; development, improvement and demonstration of subject-matter competence, continued improvement of methods and procedures of classroom presentation; active participation in departmental evaluation of course offerings and curricula for the purpose of maintaining their quality, relevance, and viability; conscientious discharging of responsibilities for student advisement throughout the academic year; and special or uniquely valuable contributions to the development or implementation or teaching of needed courses in any college or division of the University, and the like.

Notwithstanding achievements made in other areas of faculty evaluation, instructional effectiveness as herein defined shall be considered as indispensable for faculty appointment and advancement.

(2) Research and Publication

Including, but not limited to research funded by governmental agencies, professional associations and/or publicly acknowledged by learned and professional societies; book publications by governmental agencies, professional associations, and/or acknowledged publishing houses; and publications in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and published conference proceedings.

(3) Service Contributions

Professional leadership and achievement, service to the University, and community service:
(a) Professional Leadership and Achievement

Including, but not limited to recognition by learned societies or professional associations for demonstrated achievement or leadership at a substantial level beyond the University community and in an academic or professional area; postdoctoral study in an accredited college or university or in recognized institutes of advanced study;

(b) Service to the University

Including, but not limited to professional activities contributing to the good of the University, its Colleges, and Departments which are not required of faculty members as matters of regular assignment, such as service with college or university wide committees, service on professional boards or accreditation agencies as representatives of the University, service on such task forces of the University as are, from time to time, established by the Chancellor and/or Board of Trustees; and Leadership in the development and/or strengthening of significant programs and courses (including those in Continuing Education) which enhance the University's ability to fulfill its mission. In considering service to the University, recommending authorities also shall give special attention to those individuals who have acquired new skills and knowledge for the purpose of transferring to new programs or departments when such transfer enhances the University's ability to serve its mission as a public institution of higher education.

(c) Service to the Community

Including, but not limited to significant professional activities contributing to the good of the public sector which are associated with the faculty member’s area of academic or professional expertise and which are rendered without remuneration.

d. Specific Rank Requirements

(1) Specific Promotion Requirements for Faculty Ranks

(a) Assistant Professor

An earned doctorate from an institution accredited at the doctoral level and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities. The University shall promote an instructor who satisfies terminal qualifications to the rank of assistant professor without the necessity of going through the entire promotion procedure contained in this agreement where the individual has the positive recommendation of his/her department and the College Dean. The promotion shall become effective at the time next when other promotion recommendations become effective.

(b) Associate Professor

An earned doctorate from an institution accredited at the doctoral level and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a continued
record of accomplishment resulting in publication of a significant number of articles in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and/or in publication of a book or its edited equivalent, and/or significant recognition by learned societies or professional associations for demonstrated achievement or leadership in the discipline or professional area which is taught; and six (6) years of successful, full-time teaching experience in four year institutions of higher education with at least two years of such experience at the rank of Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. [Promotion of a non-tenured Assistant Professor to Associate Professor automatically confers tenure.]

(c) Professor

An earned doctorate from an institution accredited at the doctoral level, a contractual waived doctorate, or a faculty member who falls within the contractual Special Provisions (Grandfather Clauses) and in a discipline or field acceptable to the recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a continued record of accomplishments resulting in publication of a significant and extensive number of articles in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and/or in publication of a book or its edited equivalent, and/or significant and wide recognition by learned societies or professional associations for demonstrated achievement of leadership in the discipline or professional area which is taught; and eight years of successful, full-time teaching experience in four year institutions of higher education at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher with three years of such experience at the University of Massachusetts Lowell two of which years must be at the rank of Associate Professor.

(2) Exceptions to Specific Requirements for Faculty Ranks

(a) Waiver of Doctorate for Promotion to Assistant Professor and Assistant Clinical Professor

The specified doctoral requirement for the rank of Assistant Professor may be waived by recommending authorities as follows:

i. Accounting -- In the area of accounting for an individual who possesses the M.B.A. degree and professional C.P.A. certification;

ii. Computer Science -- In the area of computer science for an individual who possesses a master's degree in the area taught plus additional experience and/or training acceptable to recommending authorities;

iii. Health Professions -- In the areas of exercise physiology, health, medical technology, nursing, and physical therapy for an individual who possesses a master's degree in the field to be taught from an institution accredited for graduate study by the appropriate professional association plus 30 graduate credits or demonstrated clinical excellence acceptable to recommending authorities.
(b) General Waiver of Doctoral Requirements

The specified doctoral requirements for the three professorial ranks may be waived for any one of the following categories of candidates:

i. Accounting -- Individuals appointed to the University prior to September 1980 in the field of accounting who possess both the M.B.A. degree and professional C.P.A. certification;

ii. Studio Art and Music Performance -- Individuals in studio art and music performance (excluding candidates in such academic or professional fields as art education, art history, music education, music history, and music theory) who possess professional graduate degrees which are recognized by recommending authorities as "terminal qualification" in the disciplines or fields which are taught and which have been earned at an institution accredited for graduate study by the appropriate professional association;

iii. Industrial and Sound Recording Technology -- Individuals in the field of industrial and sound recording technology who possess professional graduate degrees which are recognized by recommending authorities of the College of Engineering or College of Music as "terminal qualifications";

iv. Exceptional Candidates -- Individuals who are widely recognized in their fields for exceptional talents or special accomplishments.

(c) Waiver of Teaching Requirements

Up to three years of the teaching requirement may be waived for specified reasons relating to specialized or professional areas when, in the judgment of recommending authorities, the candidate for promotion possesses suitable substitute experience. One year of the overall teaching requirement, but not the minimum number of years of teaching required specifically at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, may be waived where a person, having completed at least one year of teaching at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, is awarded a major research grant and as a result, takes a leave of absence. In such instance the year's leave to pursue the grant-funded research may be counted toward the overall teaching minimum.

(d) Substitution for Publication Requirements

Comparable studio and performance achievements may be substituted for the specified publication requirements of the upper professorial ranks by terminally qualified individuals in studio art and music performance.

e. Special Provisions (Grandfather Clauses)

Assistant Professors who were employed prior to September 1975 by Lowell State College or Lowell Technological Institute and who have been in continuous employment of either predecessor institution and the University may be eligible for promotion to Associate or Full Professor as follows:
(1) Terminally or non-terminally qualified individuals who hold at least a master's degree or doctoral candidacy status and evidence records of superior instructional effectiveness and exceptional, substantive service to the University (including service below the University-wide level) and/or public sector, such service to be directly related to an individual's academic discipline or professional field; or

(2) Non-terminally qualified individuals who hold at least a master's degree or doctoral candidacy status and

(a) evidence records of superior instructional effectiveness and significant recognition by learned or professional associations for demonstrated achievement or leadership in the discipline or professional field which is taught; or

(b) evidence records of superior instructional effectiveness and significant research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by publication in recognized professional and/or academic journals and/or in publication of a book or its edited equivalent, such publications to be directly related to an individual's academic discipline or professional field.

3. Librarian Promotions

a. General Areas of Librarian Evaluation

(1) Professional Effectiveness

Including, but not limited to adherence to professional rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Trustees for the Library (through established governance procedures where appropriate); development, improvement and demonstration of professional competence as librarians; active participation in professional evaluation of library services for the purpose of maintaining their quality, relevance, and viability; and conscientious discharging of library responsibilities. Notwithstanding achievements made in other areas of librarian evaluation, professional effectiveness as herein defined shall be considered as indispensable for librarian advancement. A key element in librarian professional effectiveness shall be a record of positive contributions to the academic functioning of the university and its faculty, on behalf of research and instructional programs.

(2) Research and Publication

Including, but not limited to research funded by governmental agencies and professional associations and/or publicly acknowledged by learned and professional societies; book publications by governmental agencies, professional associations, and acknowledged publishing houses; and publications in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and published conference proceedings.

(3) Service Contributions

Professional leadership and achievement, service to the University, and community service:
(a) Professional Leadership and Achievement

Including, but not limited to recognition by learned societies or professional associations for demonstrated achievement or leadership at a substantial level beyond the University community and in a professional area; postdoctoral study in an accredited college or university or in recognized institutes of advanced study and the like;

(b) Service to the University

Including professional activities contributing to the good of the University which are not required of librarians as matters of regular assignment, such as service on college or university wide committees, service with professional boards or accreditation agencies as representatives of the University, and service on such task forces of the University as are, from time to time, established by the Chancellor and/or Board of Trustees, etc.

(c) Community Service

Including significant professional activities contributing to the good of the public sector which are associated with the professional librarian's area of academic or professional expertise and which are rendered without remuneration.

b. Requirements for Librarian Ranks

(1) Specific Promotion Requirements for Librarian Ranks

(a) Assistant Librarian

A master's degree in library science, information science, information studies from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent graduate degree in an area specifically related to library functions plus two years of full-time professional library experience in a college, university, or research library;

(b) Associate Librarian

A master's degree in library science, information science, information studies from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent graduate degree in an area specifically related to library function and an additional equivalent graduate degree in a field appropriate to library functions which is acceptable to recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a moderate publication record in recognized professional and/or academic journals. and/or recognition by learned societies or professional library associations for demonstrated leadership or achievements; and six years of successful, full-time professional library experience at a college, university, or research library with at least two years of such experience at the rank of Assistant Librarian and three years at the University of Massachusetts Lowell;
(c) Librarian

A doctorate in library science from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent doctorate acceptable to recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by significant publication in recognized professional journals and/or significant recognition by learned societies or professional library associations for demonstrated leadership or achievements; and six years of successful, full-time professional library experience in a college, university, or research library with at least six years at the rank of Assistant Librarian or higher and at least three years of such experience at the University of Massachusetts Lowell at the rank of Associate Librarian; or a Master's degree in library science, information science, or information studies from an accredited ALA institution or an equivalent graduate degree in an area specifically related to library function plus a second master's degree in a field appropriate to library functions which is acceptable to recommending authorities; research or scholarly achievement as demonstrated by a significant publication record in recognized professional and/or academic journals, and/or significant recognition by learned societies or professional library associations for demonstrated leadership or achievement; and eight years of successful, full-time professional library experience with at least eight years in a college, university, or research library of such experience at the rank of Assistant Librarian or higher with three years of such experience at the University of Massachusetts Lowell at the rank of Associate Librarian.

(2) Exceptions to Standard Requirements for Librarian Ranks

(a) Waiver of Experience Requirement

Up to three years of the professional experience requirement may be waived for specified reasons relating to specialized or professional areas when, in the judgment of recommending authorities, the candidate for promotion possesses suitable substitute experience.

(b) Waiver of Degree Requirement for Associate Librarian

The specified requirement for a second master's degree for promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian may be waived by recommending authorities for individuals who possess special talents, skills or abilities which are vital to library functions.

(c) Grandfather Clause for Tenured Instructor Librarian

The master's degree requirement for promotion to Assistant Librarian may be waived for tenured Librarians I who hold a bachelor's degree and were hired prior to and have continuously served since the 1975 merger.

(d) Exceptional Candidates

Individuals who are widely recognized in their fields for exceptional talents or special accomplishments.
C. Faculty and Librarian Tenure

The granting of tenure is the single most important personnel decision made by the University. Tenure, once attained, shall confer upon the individual the right to hold his or her position and not to be removed there from except as provided through due process and for just cause. Barring unforeseen circumstances, tenure obligates the University to the employment of an individual for the balance of his or her professional life. Therefore, when an individual is being considered for a tenure appointment, whether by promotion from within or by appointment from without, a searching review of the candidate must be made by all segments of the University.

1. Review Requirements

The review of candidates for tenure shall be in accordance with Articles IX and VII, and shall indicate, at a minimum, satisfactory achievements of the requirements for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor or Associate Librarian. Additionally, recommending authorities shall assess the potential of the candidate for professional growth and the need for flexibility and growth at the department, college, and university levels or at the library, unit, and university levels. Furthermore, all tenure recommendations must specifically address the programmatic contribution of candidates in light of the present and anticipated overall academic needs of the program, college and university, giving due consideration to preserving and/or promoting sufficient staffing flexibility at departmental, college and university levels which will ensure both the future viability of academic programs and the capacity for necessary institutional change.

For promotion to the rank of associate professor and professor and for all tenure recommendations, the chairperson shall solicit outside letters of reference drawn from a list of scholars and/or professionals. The solicited referees shall include scholars and professionals from those suggested by the faculty member (if he or she wishes to provide names), but the list is not limited to those the faculty member suggests.

All materials in the basic file shall be accessible to the faculty member, with the exception of those letters of recommendation to which he or she has voluntarily waived access.

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2 Two years at the University of Massachusetts Lowell minimum. [CLARIFICATION: Persons hired as Assistant Professors need six years experience minimum to apply for promotion and tenure. At the time of hire, candidates may ask hiring authorities to accept in transfer up to three years of appropriate higher ed. teaching experience if they have it, and/or up to three years of prior specialized or professional experience if they have it, BUT MUST STILL HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL at the time promotion and tenure becomes effective. Accepted years of transferred teaching/specialized/professional experience do not adjust the tenure decision year (TDY), i.e., the year in which a person must apply for tenure. The TDY is the sixth year of an individual’s full time tenure track appointment. For persons hired mid-academic year, the TDY is six years from the following September. Persons hired as associate or full professors and not given tenure at time of hire must have two years of service at University of Massachusetts Lowell at the time tenure becomes effective.]
2. Tenure Review Period

Review for tenure normally shall be made at the time an individual is considered for promotion to Associate Professor or Associate Librarian (usually during the sixth year of an individual’s full-time appointment as a faculty member or librarian).

3. Entitlement

a. Unit members promoted from within the University to the ranks of Associate Librarian, Librarian, Associate or Full Professor shall thereby gain tenure.

b. There shall be no tenure quotas at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

c. All unit members who have been awarded tenure by Lowell State College or Lowell Technological Institute and who have been in the continuous employment of either of the predecessor institutions and the University of Lowell shall continue such tenure at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

4. Recognition of University Service for Promotion and Tenure

a. For the purpose of determining credited years of full-time experience at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, no recognition shall be granted for periods of less than the full academic or professional year, such year being defined as beginning in September and extending through the end of the academic or professional year. In the event that a unit member begins employment after the beginning of the academic or professional year, but before the second week of the academic year or professional year then that unit member’s credited year of full-time experience shall begin that year.

b. An approved leave of absence to a full-time faculty member or librarian shall not be counted as a year of service and shall not be construed as a break in consecutive years of service with the University.

c. Individuals appointed as full-time faculty or librarians who, without a break in University service, subsequently are appointed as part-time shall not be considered to have broken their record of consecutive service upon subsequent full-time reappointment. Such part-time service at the University shall not be counted toward specific rank requirements for the purpose of reviewing an individual for tenure or promotion. However, such individuals shall without exception be given final tenure review early enough so that the terminal year (if termination results) will end before the beginning of their eighth year.

5. Recognition of Non University Service for Promotion/Tenure

a. A maximum of three years, (complete, full academic or professional years), of full-time service in other four-year institutions of higher education may be credited to the experience requirement for promotion which results in tenure, thus permitting early application for promotion resulting in tenure. But prior experience at other institutions may not count in calculating the up-or-out tenure year at the University of Massachusetts Lowell or in calculating whether the eighth year of service at the University of Massachusetts Lowell has begun. At the time of hire, the hiring authority will determine how many years of full-time service a candidate may be credited with, and this information will be included with the appointment letter.
6. Disqualification for Tenure

a. Regardless of evaluation/review processes or any other circumstances, individuals appointed to positions with the rank of Instructor or Instructor Librarian who fail to achieve promotion to Assistant Professor or Assistant Librarian by the end of their fourth year of continuous full-time service are ineligible for tenure at the University and shall receive notice prior to the beginning of the fifth year that they are beginning a terminal one-year contract.

b. Individuals appointed to positions with the rank of Instructor or Instructor Librarian who achieve promotion to Assistant Professor or Assistant Librarian by the end of their fourth year of continuous full-time service, but who have failed to achieve promotion to Associate Professor or Associate Librarian by the end of their sixth year of continuous full-time service are ineligible for tenure at the University and shall be given notice prior to the beginning of the seventh year that they are beginning a terminal one-year contract.

c. Individuals appointed to positions with the rank of Assistant Professor or Assistant Librarian who fail to achieve promotion to Associate Professor or Associate Librarian by the end of their sixth year of continuous full-time service are ineligible for tenure at the University and shall be given notice prior to the beginning of the seventh year that they are beginning a terminal one-year contract.

d. Individuals appointed to positions at the ranks of Associate Professor, Professor, Associate Librarian, Librarian and who have failed to achieve tenure status by the end of their sixth year of continuous full-time service at the University of Massachusetts Lowell shall be given notice prior to the beginning of their seventh year that they are beginning a terminal one-year contract.

7. Exclusions

a. Individuals shall not be awarded tenure solely because of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance on the part of chairpersons, supervisors, deans, directors, or committees. In the event of such malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, the Chancellor shall have the right to act independently to comply with specified notification deadlines. Technical, clerical or procedural errors shall not confer tenure.

b. Individuals holding positions with titles of library division head, department chairperson, department chairperson with head status, coordinator, director, supervisor, dean, or other administrative or quasi-administrative titles, shall not be eligible for tenure with these titles although they may be eligible for tenure with faculty or librarian rank in accordance with policies governing such tenure.

c. Individuals appointed with part-time (less than full-time) status as faculty or librarians shall not be eligible for tenure. Contracts for such part-time faculty or librarians shall note the part-time nature of such an appointment, and any restrictions on further hiring, where applicable.

d. Individuals appointed with part-time status as faculty or librarians who are subsequently appointed as full-time faculty or librarians may not receive credit for part-time appointments in determining eligibility for tenure.