RTP & Periodic Evaluation for Probationary Faculty

Schedule, Processes, Procedures, Guidelines
Topics to be Covered

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RTP/PR
Reappointment, Tenure, and/or Promotion
Also known as...
Performance Review (PR)

PE for Prob Fac
Periodic Evaluation (PE)
Tenure-Track Ranks

- Assistant Professor > Associate Professor w/ Tenure
- Associate Professor > Tenure Only OR Professor w/ Tenure
- Associate Professor w/ Tenure > Professor
- Professor > Tenure Only
- Professor w/ Tenure > ....

You can find more information here: fa.sdsu.edu/about/academic-ranks
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## Evaluation Cycle

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Mentoring meetings are conducted in lieu of a periodic evaluation in a faculty member’s first year only. A mentoring meeting is to orient the faculty member in the academic year (typically the 1st semester) in which they were hired, because newly hired faculty do not have enough data at this stage in their SDSU-career to produce an adequate periodic evaluation. It is a meeting with their department chair/school director to set expectations, discuss resources, etc. When a probationary extension is granted, the mentoring meeting shall not be done again, as it is an orientation that need not be duplicated.
Multiple sources are pulled to generate; units help with accuracy.

Probationary “extensions” are a lengthening of your probationary period, but are denoted on the schedule as repeating a year. Probationary periods are typically 6 years, and this way of recording it helps us not to exceed that 6 years.

If faculty are in their 1st year, the schedule is typically asking for a mentoring meeting not a periodic evaluation, unless there are special circumstances that would warrant a periodic evaluation. Most faculty do not have enough data to be evaluated on in their first year.
Website

• 108 documents updated every AY
• Many of your answers reside here: fa.sdsu.edu
  • If a candidate is asking the question, look in the candidate section for an answer.
  • If a reviewer is asking the question, look in the reviewer section for the answer.
  • If you (staff) have a question, look in the staff section for the answer and/or ask your college RTP Rep.
• Peer Observations (NEW 16-page guide, includes templates, etc.)
• External Reviews (anyone can request an external review; see FA website>Performance Reviews: Additional Forms)
Constituting Committees

- A minimum of three (3) tenured faculty members are needed to constitute a peer review committee.
- For **reappointment and tenure consideration**, reviewers must be tenured faculty employees of any rank.
- For **promotion consideration**, reviewers shall have higher rank than those being considered for promotion.
- For **post-tenure review**, reviewers must be tenured faculty employees of any rank.
- For **temporary faculty** evaluations, reviewers must be tenured faculty employees of any rank.
- Faculty candidates being considered for promotion shall not serve on promotion or tenure committees.
- Faculty members may serve on more than one committee as long as they do not review the same faculty employee at more than one level of peer review in one academic year.
- A department chair or school director who makes a separate recommendation shall not participate as a member of the departmental peer review committee but may serve as an external member of another department or college committee.

Instructions for constituting committees can be found in Reviewer Guide and Staff Guide. **FASS highly encourages committee elections to be held in the Spring.**

Staff should confirm eligibility before sending lists to FASS.

Committees are now published on our website [here](http://example.com).
Student Feedback Surveys

- Evaluation requirements are influenced by Explorance capabilities
- FAQs found here: my.sdsu.edu/faculty/faq
Interfolio

- **Staff Permissions found** [here](#)
  - College RTP Reps = Administrators
  - Administrative Coordinators = Case Managers
  - Case Managers do not have access to the activity log; please contact College RTP Rep or FASS if you need activity log information.

- **Faculty Permissions**

- **Users & Groups Features**

- **Templates**
  - Use the correct template
  - No alterations to templates, requirements, or criteria
Validation

• Who is responsible?
  • Staff? No
  • Department Chair OR Department Peer Review Committee Chair? Both are permitted. They can divide and concur, or one can be designated.

• What if there is a change being requested by validator?
  • See validation checklist for appropriate changes.

• What if there is a change being requested by faculty member?
  • Validation is not to be used as an extension of the submission deadline. Reasonable changes can be made (i.e., incomplete/missed sections, incorrect upload). Use your best professional judgement, ask your associate dean, or FASS.
Recommendation Letters

• Two level checks done by FASS
• Sample vs Template
• Letters should respond to candidate request
• Undecideds (are allowed but not advertised)

• Corrected Copy vs Revised Copy
  • CORRECTED COPY – is used for minor editorial changes (i.e., procedural errors, incorrect cc, formatting, grammar). Date of the letter does not change. Old version is “hidden” in the file.
  • REVISED COPY – is used for substantive changes (i.e., a change in recommendation). Date of the letter changes. Original copy is preserved in the file.
Printing Evaluations & PAF Filing

FASS is the custodian of the Official Personnel Action Files (PAF) for Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty.
There is no policy that states that departments or colleges must keep a Working Personnel Action File (WPAF).

For RTP/PR

• Evaluative Letters
  • Department/School Committee
  • Department Chair/School Director
  • College
  • Dean
  • UPTRP (if applicable)
  • Provost

For Periodic Evaluation

• Evaluative Letters
  • Department/School Committee
  • Department Chair/School Director
Any Questions?

Office of Faculty Advancement and Student Success

Have a question and need to know who to ask?

FACULTY FAQs
STAFF FAQs

Contact College RTP Rep
Contact Kavalya Fletcher, FASS