



# TIPS: FACULTY ADVANCEMENT, SUCCESS AND TENURE (FAST)<sup>TM</sup>

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# Promotion and Tenure Review Process

- General
  - Committee deliberations are confidential
  - Individuals have to be present (or virtually present) for the discussion of your document
  - Levels of review
    - Department/School (unit)
    - College
    - University
    - Board of Trustees
- Tenure
  - Assistant to Associate Professor (tenure associated with promotion)
  - Associate to Tenured Associate (for faculty who come in as Associate)



# General Information

- Units will do the most thorough review of your scholarship
  - Build a story
  - Celebrate your accomplishments
  - Explain your impact – don't leave reviewers to guess
- Reviewers at the College and University levels will read the letters from external reviewers very carefully

# Tips - Promotion Document

- You create and write the document
  - Look at prior promotion documents
  - Look at the local guidelines (College and Dept/Unit)
  - Make sure to have others review your document and help you improve it before the committee reviews it
  - Listen to suggestions from experienced faculty
  - You have the right to include what you want
- External letters
  - Get to know individuals in your field at meetings  
...virtual networking as an option
  - External reviewers need to be at “arms length” but should be knowledgeable about your field



# Mentoring

- Seek your mentor(s) as early as possible
- Let them know about your work and overall wellbeing
- Review your P/T material
- Present you in primary committee meetings
- Network with other senior faculty

# Impact of Covid-19 on Faculty Productivity

- Extra effort in online teaching---new instructional methodology, preparation and grading; dealing with technology;
- Mentoring students who are in need due to Covid-19 impact on them;
- Canceled or postponed professional meetings affecting scholarly presentations and networking;
- Travel restrictions affecting field work and collaboration;
- Reduced grant opportunities affecting research progress and supporting graduate students;
- Extended review time from reviewers and publishers affecting timely progress of publications;
- Mental health, hardship and stress from child care, senior care and overall difficulty caused by Covid-19;
- Recognition from campus---automatic tenure clock extension directly due to Covid-19; documenting delayed work and impact;
- Work in CLA on recognition of such impact and ideas how to address them.



# Processes – Promotion Document

- Defining your scholarship

## President's Office Form 36 NOMINATION FOR PROMOTION

7	<b>BASIS OF NOMINATION - EMPHASIS OF SCHOLARSHIP</b> (one or more areas must be checked)		
	Discovery		
	Learning		
	Engagement		
8	<b>PRIMARY COMMITTEE VOTES</b>	Yes	
9	Comments by Head of Department (or School)		
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

– National and international recognition

# Some suggestions

- Your promotion document
  - Start it now – think about your scholarship
  - Think about external reviewers (letter writers)
- Make sure colleagues know what you are doing
- Get involved professionally
  - Chair sessions at professional meetings
  - Organize workshops
  - Use your networks
- Document student mentoring activities (CLA guidelines, for example)



# Form 36 on Student Mentoring

Student mentoring has been listed in Form 36, Item 5 and 6 under “Discovery” (as basis of nomination), and under “Learning”, Items 6, 7, 8, 9, and under “Engagement”, Items 1, 3, 6.

# Examples of Active Student Mentoring

- Research activities that result in presentations and joint publications;
- Advising on student organizations and clubs;
- Service-learning coursework that involves substantial interaction with students and community;
- Study abroad and study away courses;
- Formal and informal programs for students and faculty interactions such as Faculty Fellow program, Summer Stay scholars, etc.



# Resources and Policies to help with Climate, Success and Life at Purdue

- [New Faculty Resources from the Office of the Provost](#)
- [Butler Center and ADVANCE Center for Faculty Success Coaching and Resource Network \(CRN\)](#)
- [Purdue Diversity Resource Office](#)
- [Purdue Division of Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [ADVANCE-Purdue and Center for Faculty Success](#)
- [National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#)
- [Purdue Faculty Association](#)
- [College of Liberal Arts Guidelines for Discovery and Student Mentoring](#)
- Ask your Head about your dept's mentoring practices and policies
- Look for new faculty programs within Colleges and University
- Understand tenure clock extension policy
- Familiarize yourself with life in the community---cultures, sports, recreation, tourism, entertainment and cuisines; school and child care, etc.