# TIPS: FACULTY ADVANCEMENT, SUCCESS, AND TENURE (FAST)

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#### Promotion and Tenure Review Process

#### General

- Committee deliberations are confidential
- Individuals have to be present for the discussion of your document – no abstentions

#### 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 unit guidelines (College and 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 ...
  - 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

#### Processes – Promotion Document

Defining your scholarship

President's Office Form 36 NOMINATION FOR PROMOTION

7	BASIS OF NOMINATION - EMPHASIS OF SCHOLARSHIP (one or more areas must be checked)		
	Discovery		
	Learning		
	Engagement		
8	PRIMARY COMMITTEE VOTES	Yes	Г
9	Comments by Head of Department (or School)		
	Yes D No D		

- 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 meeting
  - 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/Policies to Help with Climate and Success

- https://www.purdue.edu/provost/faculty/resources/ne wFacultyResources.html
- Ask about any mentoring practices and policies
- Look for new faculty programs within College and University
- Tenure clock extension policy
- Purdue Teaching Academy
- Child care (including infant care) is available
- NSF-ADVANCE FAST
- National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
  - http://www.facultydiversity.org/