

**University Committee on Faculty Tenure Draft Minutes**

**September 18, 2024**

**Present:** E. Aronoff, S. Barman, A. Berg, B. Bell, M. Boivin, J. Certo, M. Dease, X. Jin, L. Mansfield, B. O’Brien, L. Robbins, A. Sam, J. Sender, A. Susurla, S.P. Walton,

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**Absent:** S.A. Burt, E. Carr, M. Handelman, D. Hiaeshutter-Rice, T. Mastin

Meeting summary:

* The Committee provided feedback on three items submitted for review prior to the meeting:
  + Term Limits for Standing Panel Members in Tenured Faculty Dismissal Process
  + External Reference Letters Policy for promotion packet
  + Provost’s annual Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure (RPT) memo
* Feedback recommended:
  + Re term limits, the committee agreed to a 3-year limit but prefer to have the original cohort of 18-20 members to have staggered terminations (~6 have a one-year extension and ~6 have a 2-year extension) to have some continuity.
  + Re external references, the overall agreement was to leave the decision up to the Chair to decided to re-contact original letter writers in the case of a candidate withdrawing their application before review.
  + Re RPT memo, the committee requested edits to Section 7 to ensure that DEI is not a fourth pillar of the RPT process.
* UCFT will review edited documents at a future meeting.
* Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM

Submitted by Susan M. Barman, UCFT Chair

