FOOTHILL COLLEGE
TENURE REVIEW:

Supplemental Packet to Accompany the
for
Tenure Review Committee Members
Probationary Faculty

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RESOURCES

Tenure Review Webpage
http://www.foothill.edu/staff/tenure.php

• INFORMATION: overview of committee membership/PGA units per Phase

• BLANK FORMS (downloadable as PDF or Word files with Adobe Acrobat Reader)

  Schedules for committee activities: Phase I, Phase II, Phase III
  filled out by committee chairs and distributed to members, candidate, TR Coordinator

  J1 Administrative/Peer Evaluation
  also available from FA website: http://fa.fhda.edu

  J2 Student Evaluation (Classroom, Counselors, Librarians, Child Development, SI Instructor)
  also available from FA website: http://fa.fhda.edu

  J3 tabulation for Student Evaluation (Classroom, Counselors, Librarians, Child Development, SI Instructor) also available from FA website: http://fa.fhda.edu

  Committee Signature Page (for end of each Phase)

  Tenure Review Coordinator schedule forms (Phase I, II, III)

• DOCUMENTS (downloadable as PDF files)

  J2 Student Evaluation "Script"

  J1 Guidelines: J1 Evaluation of Online Class

  Sample self-evaluation topic outlines

  Sample Phase Report (Recommendation for Continued Employment)

  Supplemental Packet to accompany the Tenure Review Handbook 2013-2016

Other Resources

• ACADEMIC SENATE
  Contact: Academic Senate Office (650.949.7202) or division representative

• FACULTY ASSOCIATION
  Contact: FA Office for general information/current conciliator: 650.949.7544
  FA website for contract information/Appendices/forms: http://fa.fhda.edu

• TENURE REVIEW COORDINATOR
  Contact: Falk Cammin (650.949.7442, CamminFalk@foothill.edu)

• VP OF INSTRUCTION
  Contact: Kimberlee Messina (650.949.7209, MessinaKimberlee@foothill.edu)
KEY ASPECTS OF TENURE REVIEW PROCESS

**Job Description:** The official "Announcement of Employment Opportunity" document each candidate is hired under is to be the basis for all evaluative activities. Candidates are to be evaluated only on areas or performance related to specific job description items (unless changes to the original job description were approved by administrator and candidate). If the job description under which a candidate was hired is forgotten or ignored, and the candidate is evaluated on tasks/duties not in the job description, he or she can request such statements be removed or contact the Tenure Review Coordinator or the Faculty Association (FA) conciliator for confidential assistance.

**GOOD PRACTICE:** Committee members review the job description BEFORE beginning evaluation.

**Committee Members:** To avoid conflict of interest/roles, members of the Tenure Review committee cannot serve as formal/informal mentors of the candidate (Article 6A). In small departments, this limitation can result in difficulty when candidate attempts to learn the current and past practices of the department/program from a faculty member who is also on the tenure review committee; such communication may constitute a conflict of interest in that the committee member may appear to be giving "advice."

**GOOD PRACTICE:** Committee member giving information about department or program practices should provide descriptive—not prescriptive—information. Committee member should consult with the Tenure Review Coordinator, FA, or other resources when a potential conflict of interest arises.

**Evaluation Tools:** The official J1 Administrative and Peer Evaluation and J2 Student Evaluation ONLY are used for a candidate's evaluations; no other forms/processes can be used unless negotiated with FA prior to use. If evaluated with a tool other than the official and current J1/J2, a candidate can request it be discarded. Questions about evaluation forms should be directed to the Tenure Review Coordinator/FA conciliator.

**Number Of Evaluations:** The *Tenure Review Handbook* specifies only the minimum number of observations (J1) and student evaluations (J2) to be done each Phase; additional evaluations may be necessary for the committee to observe certain tasks, discipline topics, or areas of concern. Candidates may request and, whenever possible, should be granted additional evaluations to demonstrate particular skills or improvement.

**J1 Evaluation:** TRC members should be vigilant in making sure that in their own—and in other members'—J1 evaluations the objective scores and the corresponding narrative comments match. In particular, for any objective scores of "2" (satisfactory but needs improvement) or "3" (unsatisfactory), the evaluator is required to state the reason for that score and, as appropriate, offer suggestions. A major goal of a J1 is to make clear to a candidate any area in which he or she is expected to demonstrate improvement in future evaluations. If a narrative section does not include explanation of 2 and 3 scores, a candidate can request revision, a new evaluation, or contact the Tenure Review Coordinator or the FA conciliator. Narrative comments may also include a candidate's primary strengths ("1" scores). Comments should connect clearly to corresponding objective score by referring to the number or subject-area word.

J1 evaluations can include only what an evaluator has seen or heard, either by observation, discussion with the candidate, or review of pertinent materials. If second-hand information/hearsay is included in a J1, a candidate can request it be removed or contact the Tenure Review Coordinator or the FA conciliator. (Information from outside the committee—from other faculty, staff, administrator, student, or website—can be used only as a trigger for additional focus/observation/discussion with candidate.)

**J2 Evaluation:** Student evaluations should be done on the courses/duties the candidate will regularly be assigned. For Part A, there are no established or official benchmark ("normal") scores or percentages, and for Part B, the anonymous student comments can't be cited in J1 evaluations or Phase Reports.

**Phase Priorities:** Though the phases overlap and use the same evaluative tools (J1 and J2), each Phase is intended to focus on specific performance areas:

- Phase I focuses primarily on the candidate's "primary duties" (expertise in the discipline, ability to accept constructive criticism, rapport with students).
- Phase II focuses primarily on "participation" within division/department and on demonstrated improvement in areas identified in Phase I
- Phase III focuses primarily on "contributions/growth" and on demonstrated improvements in areas identified in Phase I and II.
PHASE OVERVIEWS

Phase I Overview

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<td>2 quarters:</td>
<td>5 members:</td>
<td>• expertise in and diversity of methodology and technique appropriate to discipline</td>
<td>3 J1 observations by core</td>
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<td>Fall</td>
<td>dean</td>
<td>• ability to accept constructive suggestions for improvement</td>
<td>committee members (dean, div/dept faculty);</td>
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<td>Winter</td>
<td>2 reps from dept/div</td>
<td>• rapport with diverse student population and colleagues</td>
<td>2 J2 student evaluations</td>
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<td>VP</td>
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TIMELINES:

- FALL QTR 1st YEAR
  - weeks 2-4: committee meets to select chair, establish Phase I schedule; meets with candidate to outline process; candidate submits relevant written materials, e.g. Green Sheets, assessment tools.
  - week 4: chair sends written plan to Tenure Review Coordinator
  - weeks 4-7: all J1 evaluations completed
  - weeks 6-9: all J2 student evaluations completed
  - weeks 6-9 (after J1/J2 completed): committee meets to discuss evaluations, schedule any additional evaluations; meets with candidate to review performance
  - week 10: any additional J1/J2 completed
  - week 11: originals (J1, J3) forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator

- WTR QTR 1st YEAR
  - week 1: candidate submits self-evaluation
  - weeks 2-3: any additional evaluation(s) completed
  - week 4: committee meets with candidate to discuss additional evaluations and to discuss and prepare Phase I report
  - week 4: deadline for filing due process complaint at end of 4th week
  - week 5: committee or designee informs candidate of recommendation; Phase I report sent to President; all original material sent to Tenure Review Coordinator
  - March 15: candidate receives official notification from Board
Phase II Overview:

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| 3 quarters: Spring Fall Winter | 5 members: dean 2 reps from dept/div at-large VP | • all areas specified in Phase I  
• demonstrated improvement in areas identified  
• participation in dept/div activities  
• ability to work effectively within dept/div; for coordinators organization skills and follow-through | 5 J1 observations, one by each member  
4 J2 student evaluations |

TIMELINES:

- SPR weeks 2-4: committee meets to review Phase I and with candidate to discuss expectations; candidate submits relevant written materials, e.g. Green Sheets.  
  week 4: chair sends written plan of Phase II activities to Tenure Review Coordinator  
- QTR weeks 4-7: J1 evaluation(s) completed  
  weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation(s) completed  
  1st week 4: any additional J1/J2 completed; committee meets to review activities; meets with candidate to review performance  
  weeks 4-11: original materials (J1, J3) forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator  
- FALL weeks 4-7: J1 evaluation(s) completed  
  weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation(s) completed; committee meets to discuss evaluations, schedule additional J1/J2; meets with candidate to review performance  
  2nd week 10: any additional evaluations completed  
  week 11: original materials (J1, J3) forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator  
- WTR week 1: candidate submits self-evaluation  
  weeks 2-3: any additional J1/J2 completed  
  week 4: committee meets with candidate to discuss Fall and any additional evaluations and to prepare Phase II report  
  week 4: deadline for due process complaint at end of 4th week  
  2nd week 5: committee or designee informs candidate of recommendation; Phase II report sent to President; all material forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator  
  March 15: candidate receives official notification from Board
### Phase III Overview:

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<td>6 quarters:</td>
<td>3 members: dean</td>
<td>• all areas specified in Phase I &amp; II</td>
<td>3 J1 observations by core members with one done Spr Qtr of third year;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>2 reps from dept/div (VP as consultant)</td>
<td>• demonstrated improvement in areas identified in Phase II</td>
<td>5 J2 student evaluations</td>
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<td>Fall</td>
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#### TIMELINES:

**SPR**
- **QTR 1**: weeks 2-4: committee meets to review Phase II, plan Phase III; meets with candidate to discuss expectations; candidate submits relevant written materials
- **QTR 2**: week 4: chair sends written plan of Phase III activities to Tenure Review Coordinator
- **YEAR**: weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation completed if scheduled
- **YEAR**: week 11: original materials (J1, J3) forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator

**FALL**
- **QTR 1**: weeks 4-7: J1 evaluation completed if scheduled
- **QTR 2**: weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation completed if scheduled
- **YEAR**: week 11: original materials (J1, J3) forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator

**WTR**
- **QTR 1**: weeks 4-7: J1 evaluation completed if scheduled
- **QTR 2**: weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation completed if scheduled; committee meets to review activities; meets with candidate to review performance; candidate provides report/summary of professional growth
- **YEAR**: week 11: chair informs VP on progress of candidate; original materials send to Tenure Review Coordinator

**SPR**
- **QTR 1**: weeks 4-7: required J1 evaluation completed
- **QTR 2**: week 4: observation by VP if scheduled
- **YEAR**: weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation completed if scheduled
- **YEAR**: week 11: original materials send to Tenure Review Coordinator

**FALL**
- **QTR 1**: weeks 4-7: J1 evaluation completed if scheduled
- **QTR 2**: week 4: due process complaint filed by end of 4th week
- **YEAR**: weeks 6-9: J2 student evaluation completed if scheduled; committee meets with candidate to review performance; candidate provides final report/summary of professional growth
- **YEAR**: week 11: original materials forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator

**WTR**
- **QTR 1**: week 3: chair meets with candidate to schedule any J2 and any additional J1 evaluations
- **QTR 2**: week 3: committee meets with candidate to discuss Phase III and professional growth; committee meets to prepare Phase III report
- **YEAR**: week 4: committee or designee informs candidate of recommendation; Phase III report sent to President; all material forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator
- **YEAR**: March 15: candidate receives official notification from Board
Pre-Observation

Some tenure committee members and probationary faculty opt, often in Phase I and II, to schedule a meeting before an evaluation of performance (J1) takes place, i.e., a conference at which the parties can discuss teaching methods and class dynamics, exchange materials, and finalize plans for the observation:

Possible topics for pre-observation meeting:
- Pedagogy, teaching methodology preferences
- Goals within the department/college
- Student support activities
- Course objectives (SLO’s)
- Course outline
- Lesson objective(s) for day to be observed
- Evaluation/assessment tools
- Grade rubric/criteria
- Texts and other materials used

Materials to exchange:
- Green sheet
- Syllabus
- Lesson plan for day to be observed
- Handouts for objective/lesson
- Sample exam/assessment TOOL or assignment
- Sample student work

Arrangements to finalize:
- Date and time of observation
- Length of visit (normally, one academic hour)
- Particulars about the class
- Number of students
- Role of observer (introduced?)
- Date for post-evaluation meeting
During Observation

Some tenure review committee members, especially those new to conducting peer evaluations, may welcome guidelines. The following questions may help prompt a discerning observation—though some areas will not be applicable or relevant to particular subject matters or courses. Notes taken during the observation can be used in responding to the Appendix J evaluation criteria.

1. Opening: Purpose, Objective(s), Structure of Lesson Plan:
   - Was context/purpose of day's lesson given to students?
   - Was the specific learning objective(s) given to students?
   - Was the structure of the lesson plan conducive to learning the objective(s)?
   - Was the lesson/learning objective clearly within the context of the course outline?
   - Suggestion for change/improvement?

2. Pre- or Post- Assessment Activities:
   - Was a pre- and/or post-assessment for day's lesson conducted?
   - If so, what were students' reactions?
   - If so, were results utilized/explained to students?
   - Suggestion for change/improvement?

3. Instructional Activities:
   - What activity/activities were conducted?
   - Were students given instructions for activities, i.e. how they would learn?
   - What was timing, sequencing of activities?
   - What was student participation level?
   - What was instructor role vs student role?
   - How did activities relate to purpose and objective(s) of day's lesson?
   - Suggestion for change/improvement?

4. Instructional Aids:
   - Were instructional aids used?
   - How effective/applicable were aids?
   - Suggestion for change/improvement?

5. Participation Techniques:
   - What, if any, student participation techniques were used? Were they effective?
   - What types of questions were posed to students?
   - How did instructor deal with correct and incorrect responses?
   - How did instructor handle student disengagement?
   - Suggestion for change/improvement?

6. Closure:
   - How was the lesson ended: objectives completed or to be continued?
   - Were students informed of relevant homework, assignments, future class topics?
   - Suggestion for change/improvement?
**Post-Evaluation**

**TIMELINE/PURPOSE FOR POST-EVALUATION MEETING**

The *Tenure Review Handbook*, under subsection titled "Evaluation Procedures," stipulates that a post-evaluation discussion shall be held **within one week of the evaluation visit**.

The purpose of such a meeting should be to determine if what was observed is a fair and accurate representation of the visit. To provide an opportunity for dialog between the observer and observed, some tenure committee members discuss their observations at the meeting then complete the J1 after this conversation. Others give a "draft" J1 to the candidate prior to the meeting and are receptive to revision upon new or contextual information provided by the candidate during the meeting.

Helpful guidelines for post-evaluation meeting:

- Solicit the candidate's reactions to the class observed, both successful and unsuccessful activities, student behaviors, etc. After the candidate has offered his or her opinion, add your own summary of strengths and weaknesses.

- Ask the candidate for suggestions on what might be done differently, what s/he would change and why. Then add your suggestions for change/improvement. It is helpful to give specific examples of successful activities, teaching practices, etc.

- Clearly identify to the candidate the specific areas that were unsatisfactory and are expected to show improvement in subsequent evaluations.

Even if all areas were found to be "satisfactory," a post-observation meeting provides an opportunity for the committee member and candidate to engage in a discussion of successes and areas for growth, both topics relevant to the candidate's continued developed and self-evaluation.

**TIMELINE/PROCESS FOR COMPLETED EVALUATION**

The "Evaluation Procedures" subsection of the *TR Handbook* also states that the final, completed evaluation (J1) is to be given to the candidate **no later than two weeks after the visit**. The candidate is to be provided ample time to respond to the evaluation in Section IV of the J1, without pressure to sign on-the-spot; evaluators can send an e-copy of the Section IV page to the candidate or the candidate can create a separate page to be attached to the J1. Signatures are entered usually in this order:

- Candidate/Evaluator
- Dean/appropriate administrator
- VP (who returns signed J1 to committee Chair)

A copy of the signed evaluation is given to the candidate by the chair with original forwarded to Tenure Review Coordinator.
Feedback Tips

• DESCRIBE INSTEAD OF INTERPRET:
Refer to what the person does and says (what you see/hear) rather than interpreting what you think the person might be feeling or thinking or intending.

Examples:
☆ Describing: You didn't respond to student's behavior.
   Interpreting: You were intimidated by the student. You didn't know what to do.

☆ Describing: The student did not respond/was texting during the activity.
   Interpreting: The student was bored during the activity.
   The student didn't understand your directions.

• USE "CONTINUUM" ADJECTIVES:
Describe observed behavior in terms "more/less" rather than "either/or" or "good/bad."

Examples:
☆ Continuum Adjective: The use of overheads was less effective in presenting "X" than...
   "Good/bad" Adjective: The use of overheads was ineffective.

☆ Continuum Adjective: The group work involved more tasks than the time permitted.
   "Good/bad" Adjective: The group work was unproductive.

☆ Continuum Adjective: Topic "X" was less clear than "Y" without visual aids.
   "Good/bad" Adjective: Topic "X" was not clear.

• SHARE INFORMATION:
Give feedback that offers options rather than mandates.

Example:
☆ Option: I have found 3x5 cards/seating chart useful in increasing student participation.
☆ Mandate: Use a seating chart to increase student participation.

• BE SPECIFIC RATHER THAN GENERAL:
Give examples over generalities.

Example:
☆ Specific: The group work involved more tasks than the time permitted.
☆ General: The pacing of the lesson was rushed. The groupwork failed.

• BE TIMELY:
Give feedback as soon as possible so it can be related to the actual events that transpired.
**Filling Out the J1 Form**

Guidelines for making sure the evaluation is complete in all respects.

**FRONT PAGE:** for recording details of observation (e.g. date, length) and for signatures. *Note: observer and candidate signs first*, then J1 goes to Dean/administrator for signature, then to appropriate VP, who returns signed J1 to Tenure Committee Chair.

*Signing a J1 indicates "approval" of its contents. Per Article 6A, a candidate who does not agree with the contents of a J1 (even if she or he has responded in Section IV) is not required to sign the form.*

**SECOND PAGE:**

• **Explanation of objective rating system**

  1 Satisfactory or better
  2 Satisfactory but needs improvement in specific area(s)
  3 Unsatisfactory
  N/O Not observed
  N/A Not applicable

More specifically the *Tenure Review Handbook*, section "Evaluation Goals," describes the goals of evaluation:

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<td>Recognize and encourage outstanding performance;</td>
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<td>Improve satisfactory performance and further the growth of employees who are performing satisfactorily;</td>
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<td>&quot;2&quot;</td>
<td>Identify areas which might need improvement and provide useful feedback for consideration;</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot;3&quot;</td>
<td>Identify and document unsatisfactory performance and offer assistance in achieving the required improvement.</td>
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• **Section I: Professional Qualities.** In addition to first-hand knowledge, observer asks candidate for information related to this section, e.g., contributions made to department/program. Note that observers, in addition to marking objective scores, are required to include narrative comments that specify reason for any "2" or "3" scores (comments should be clearly connected to objective score by number or subject-area words).

**THIRD PAGE:**

• **Section II: Job Performance.** Includes six areas, each with distinct evaluative statements pertinent to classroom, librarian, counselor, resource, child development, or supplemental instruction faculty. Under Section II narrative, observer is restricted to including first-hand information: directly observed activities/behavior during the evaluation, discussions with the candidate, materials shared. Note that observers, in addition to marking objective scores, are required to include narrative comments that specify reason for any "2" or "3" scores (comments should be clearly connected to score by number or subject words).

**FOURTH PAGE:**

• **Section III: Evaluator’s Comprehensive Summary Statement.** Observer may include, in addition to synthesis of Sections I and II, professional activities not previously mentioned, suggestions for further growth, and professional contributions to the District. If "2" or "3" objective scores were marked in Sections I or II, narrative should include clear suggestions for improvement and/or expectations for these areas in future evaluations.

• **Section IV: Faculty Member’s Comments.** All faculty, especially probationary faculty, are encouraged to respond in writing to evaluations if "2" or "3" objective scores were marked, indicating agreement or disagreement and response to suggestions for improvement. Faculty can respond directly on the J1 form (if given an e-copy of this page by observer) or create a separate document to be attached to the J1.
ACADEMIC FREEDOM STATEMENT
[from the 2013-2016 Tenure Review Handbook]

Academic freedom encompasses the freedom to study, teach and express ideas and viewpoints, including unpopular and controversial ones, without censorship, political restraint or retribution. Academic freedom allows for the free exchange of ideas in the conscientious pursuit of truth. This freedom exists in all service areas, including but not limited to teaching, librarianship, counseling, coordinating and all faculty-student interactions. Academic Freedom is the bedrock principle of all institutions of learning and must be extended to all faculty regardless of their status as full-time, part-time, or probationary.

Faculty members have the principal right and responsibility to determine the content, pedagogy, methods of instruction, the selection, planning and presentation of course materials, and the fair and equitable methods of assessment in their assignment in accordance with the approved curriculum and course outline and the educational mission of the District, and in accordance with state laws and regulations. These rights and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the faculty member’s choice of textbooks and other course materials, assignments and assessment methods, teaching practices, grading and evaluation of student work, and teaching methods and practices.

Special vigilance must be paid to the protection of the Academic Freedom Rights of probationary faculty undergoing the tenure process. While the tenure process is, at its core, an evaluative process, the evaluation of probationary faculty must never be used as a pretense for abridging or restricting the Academic Freedom rights of a tenure candidate. All members of a probationary faculty member’s tenure review committee should bear in mind that differences between their own teaching methods and practices and beliefs and those of the tenure candidate should never be the basis for their evaluation of a probationary faculty member. These differences are protected by the tenure candidate’s Academic Freedom. The evaluation of a probationary faculty member should be based solely on those criteria described in the negotiated faculty evaluation instruments and those listed in the advertised job description under which the tenure candidate was hired.
CULTURAL COMPETENCE

[Adapted from the webpage of the Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice (http://cecp.air.org/cultural 8/07/07)]

_Cultural Knowledge_: Familiarization with selected cultural characteristics, history, values, belief systems, and behaviors of the members of another ethnic group (Adams, 1995).

_Cultural Awareness_: Sensitivity and understanding of another ethnic group. This usually involves internal changes in terms of attitudes and values. Awareness and sensitivity also refer to the qualities of openness and flexibility that people develop in relation to others. Cultural awareness must be supplemented with cultural knowledge (Adams, 1995).

_Cultural Sensitivity_: Knowledge that cultural differences as well as similarities exist, without assigning values—i.e., better or worse, right or wrong—to those cultural differences (National Maternal and Child Health Center on Cultural Competency, 1997).

_Cultural Competence_: a set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together to enable a system, agency, or professionals to work effectively in cross-cultural situations (Cross, Bazron, Dennis, & Isaacs, 1989).

Operationally defined, **CULTURAL COMPETENCE** is the integration and transformation of knowledge about individuals and groups of people into specific standards, policies, practices, and attitudes used in appropriate cultural settings to increase the quality of services thereby producing better outcomes (Davis, 1997). Unlike the other terms, cultural competency emphasizes the idea of effectively operating in different cultural contexts.

The degree to which systems or professionals manifest cultural competence proceeds along a continuum: 1) cultural destructiveness, 2) cultural incapacity, 3) cultural blindness, 4) cultural pre-competence, 5) cultural competency, and 6) cultural proficiency.

To become culturally competent, a system/professionals should (1) value diversity, (2) have the capacity for cultural self-assessment, (3) be conscious of the "dynamics" inherent when cultures interact, (4) institutionalize cultural knowledge, and (5) develop adaptations to services that reflect an understanding of diversity between and within cultures.

For Tenure Review Committees, their awareness of cultural competence, along with attention to academic freedom, is an important factor affecting how candidates are evaluated.
J2: STUDENT EVALUATION

The student evaluation (J2) process is regulated by Article 6A.

Part “A”

6A.12.3.1 The Student Evaluation Form shall be distributed and collected by a member of the Tenure Review Committee and completed in the absence of the faculty candidate. The committee member shall process the responses to “Part A” of the Student Evaluation Form and give them to the chair of the committee who shall meet with the committee and the candidate to review the results.”

Note: for confidentiality, forms are not to be given to a Division Assistant or anyone else for scoring. A copy of the Part A tabulation form (J3) is given to the candidate when completed.

Part “B”

6A.12.3.2 "Part B" of the Student Evaluation Form shall be given to the chair of the committee. The Part B responses shall be reviewed by the members of the Tenure Review Committee and by the candidate after submission of final grades for the quarter. In no case shall such materials become part of the written reports and recommendations of the committee.

After a J2 is completed, the Chair deposits the original student evaluation forms (Part B) in a secure location in the division office for committee members to "check out" and note any patterns in the scores and comments (for confidentiality, Part B comments should not be copied or typed up). Part B comments, along with Part A scores, are discussed at next quarter's first meeting then given to the candidate, along with original student scantrons (after s/he has turned in grades for those students).

Forms Needed

- Appendix J2 (with appropriate classroom, counselor, librarian, child development, supplemental instruction section): available in most Division Offices, Tenure Review webpage, FA website (http://fa.fhda.edu) under "Agreement" link, "Appendices."
- Scantrons for student responses (blue/pink half-sheets # S-20): available in most Division Offices
- Scantron for tabulation- optional (large orange scantron sheet): available in most Division Offices
- Appropriate Appendix J3 for recording objective scores (classroom, counselor, librarian, supplemental instruction, child development): available in most Division Offices, Tenure Review webpage, FA website (http://fa.fhda.edu) under "Agreement" link, "Appendices."

Process For Scoring

Student scantrons can be hand counted and recorded on the appropriate J3. Or scantron machines are available in the Staff Room, adjacent to the main mail room, and in a few Division Offices. If using scantron machine, follow these steps:

1) Run "answer key" scantron through machine (both sides, one after the other);
2) Run student scantrons through machine (both sides, one after the other);
3) Run scantron for tabulation through machine (both sides, one after the other);
4) Record scores on appropriate J3.
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

• At the end of each Phase, the committee meets to prepare a Phase Report: Recommendation for Continued Employment, which goes to the President. The report is to summarize the candidate’s strengths and weaknesses as supported by J1 observations, J2 student evaluations, discussions, relevant materials, but may not include any anonymous information/comments.

• **A Phase Report shall not include any anonymous quotes/information or any examples/information that has not been previously discussed with the candidate.**

• The Phase Report must reflect the views of all committee members. When the members are in disagreement, the Report must include a “Majority Opinion” and a "Minority Opinion" section, each signed by the respective members (6A.21.1).

Sample Signature/Recommendation Form:

COMMITTEE EVALUATION OF TENURE CANDIDATE

CANDIDATE____________________ 1st year____ 2nd year ____ 4th year____

Division________________________ Discipline_______________

Committee Chair ________________

This form is to accompany the tenure committee’s written evaluations, which are submitted in winter quarter during week 5 for first-year and second-year candidates, and during week 4 for fourth-year candidates.

Suggestions for content of the committee’s written recommendation can be found in the Tenure Review Handbook and relevant articles of the Agreement. In addition it can include evidence of the candidate’s professional growth (in Phases II and III evaluations), and recommended areas for additional growth.

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*Sample Phase Reports: Tenure Review webpage (http://www.foothill.edu/staff/tenure.php)*
# Definitions of Terms

Progression in the tenure review process is dependent on the probationary faculty employee having served a complete Probationary Year (Article 6A.1.2).

- **Complete "Probationary Year":** An academic year in which the probationary faculty member has provided 75 percent of required service (Article 6A.1.2.1).

- **"Service":** Includes both "days" and "load"; that is, the probationary faculty member must provide service for 75 percent of the contract days and 75 percent of contract load in order for the year to count as a Probationary Year (Article 6A.1.2.1).

- **"Prob-Zero Year":** An academic year in which the probationary faculty employee provides service for less than 75 percent in "days" and/or "load." This year shall not count toward eligibility for tenure; evaluations performed during a Prob-Zero Year are destroyed and do not become part of the tenure file (Article 6A.1.2.6).

# Leave of Absence

- **List of paid leaves that are included in the calculation of service for a complete Probationary Year (Article 6A.2.3)**

- **List of paid leaves that are not included in the calculation of service for a complete Probationary Year (Article 6A.2.4)**

- **Unpaid leave for any reason shall not count towards the calculation of service for a Probationary Year (Article 6A.2.5)**

- **The reason for the probationary faculty employee's absence shall not be a consideration of the tenure review committee or its deliberations in determining if the probationary faculty employee met the standards of performance (Article 6A.1.3.2).**