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**Promotion Manual
for
Non-Tenure Track Faculty**

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1 I. Introduction

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3 At Georgia State University, non-tenure track (NTT) faculty play a significant role in
4 achieving the mission of the university. Promotion decisions for NTT faculty are extremely
5 important to the professional life of the faculty member and the institution. These
6 decisions are the means by which the university retains and rewards its NTT faculty. It is
7 important that NTT faculty have a clearly defined career path for promotion. It is essential
8 that the procedures and promotion standards set forth in this manual are clear and well
9 defined to ensure NTT faculty at Georgia State are treated fairly.

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11 Promotion decisions for NTT faculty are to be based on discipline-specific criteria as
12 determined by department and college faculty, but satisfaction of these criteria should
13 reflect equivalent levels of accomplishment across the university. Although NTT faculty
14 members in different colleges are engaged in varied forms of teaching, service and
15 research/scholarly/creative activities, with differential emphasis on each of these
16 activities, the quality and significance of achievement appropriate to the discipline in
17 question should be comparable. This document provides a statement of the general,
18 university-wide standards that govern specific department and college criteria. These
19 university standards define the expected quality and significance of NTT faculty
20 accomplishments, while the department and college criteria identify the concrete forms
21 these achievements should take. Standards should be high even as they take into account
22 individual factors in each college and department and the responsibilities of each NTT
23 faculty member. Department chairs and senior non-tenure track and tenured faculty are
24 expected to mentor and advise new NTT faculty members. In particular, department
25 chairs shall inform new NTT faculty members of all promotion requirements. They shall
26 provide new NTT faculty members with copies of the appropriate department, college and
27 university promotion policies and explain the contents of these documents to them.

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29 This document provides guidelines that govern specific college and departmental
30 guidelines for the definition of NTT ranks and procedures and requirements for
31 promotion. For purposes of this document, a “college” is a major academic unit of the
32 university and may be a college or school, library or institute. A college or school, library
33 or institute that is not further subdivided may be considered as a single department.
34 Similarly, references to “dean” refer to the candidate’s college dean or an administrator at
35 the level of the dean. The department chair or the appropriate supervisor refers to the
36 unit/department head to whom the faculty report. This document provides guidelines
37 that govern specific department and college procedures for promotion of NTT faculty. It
38 also defines the procedures to be followed in the university-level review and the appeals
39 procedures. If a college is subject to accreditation standards and those standards conflict

40 with the guidelines in this document, the college shall apply the appropriate accreditation
41 standards.

42
43 The promotion policies and procedures established by Georgia State for NTT faculty
44 conform to the requirements of the Board of Regents. These policies and procedures
45 conform to Section 8.3 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual
46 (www.usg.edu/policymanual/section8/policy/C245).

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48 Individuals employed in non-tenure track positions shall not be eligible for consideration
49 for the award of tenure (Board of Regents Policy Manual Section 8.3.8).

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51 The university NTT promotion manual will be periodically reviewed by a university-level
52 committee composed of one representative (preferably a NTT faculty member) appointed
53 by the Dean of each of the colleges/schools, a faculty member representing the University
54 Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee, and a member appointed by the provost. The
55 committee will also review college NTT promotion manuals for their adherence to
56 university policy.

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58 **II. List of NTT Faculty Positions and Ranks**

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60 **A. Promotable Ranks**

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62 The following five NTT Faculty positions are eligible for promotion. For each
63 position, the ranks have been listed in parentheses starting with the lowest rank
64 and ending with the highest possible rank.

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- 66 1. Clinical Faculty (Clinical Instructor, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical
67 Associate Professor, Clinical Professor)
- 68 2. Lecturer (Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Principal Senior Lecturer)
- 69 3. Academic Professional (Academic Professional Associate, Academic
70 Professional, Senior Academic Professional, Principal Academic
71 Professional)
- 72 4. Research Faculty (Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate
73 Professor, Research Professor)
- 74 5. Librarian
 - 75 a. College of Law Library (Law Librarian Instructor, Law Librarian
76 Assistant Professor, Law Librarian Associate Professor, and Law
77 Librarian Professor)

- 78 b. University Library (Librarian Instructor, Librarian Assistant
79 Professor, Librarian Associate Professor, Librarian Professor)
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81 Descriptions of these faculty positions can be found in Appendix A.
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83 **B. Non-Promotable Ranks**
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- 85 1. Instructor (Atlanta Campus only; at Perimeter College the instructor
86 position is a tenure-track position which is discussed in the Promotion
87 and Tenure manual).
88 2. Professor of Practice
89 3. Expert-in-Residence
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91 Descriptions of these faculty positions can be found in Appendix B.
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93 Each college's promotion manual for NTT faculty needs to lay out promotion
94 criteria only for those NTT positions held by the college's current faculty or
95 expected future hires. For example, if a college has no Academic Professionals
96 and does not expect to hire anybody in that position, the college NTT promotion
97 manual need not address the promotion criteria for that position.
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99 **III. Promotion Goals, Standards and Criteria**
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101 The main purpose of promotion of NTT faculty members is to recognize their performance
102 and to enable the university to attract and retain NTT faculty.
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104 In general, full-time service of at least five years in rank at Georgia State is appropriate to
105 be considered for promotion to the next level. A maximum of three years' credit towards
106 the Georgia State service period may be allowed based on previous service by the
107 candidate at another institution or within Georgia State (for example, visiting faculty).
108 Such credit for prior service shall be approved in writing by the president at the time of
109 appointment. If the candidate is approved for promotion, the date the faculty member
110 begins in the new rank is determined by Board of Regents policies (see especially Board of
111 Regents Policy Manual, Sections 8.3.8.1 and 8.3.8.2 on the employment of faculty in the
112 Lecturer track).
113

114 The promotable NTT faculty positions listed in Section II A of this manual have varying

115 emphasizes on teaching, research and service as they pertain to expectations and workload.
116 The level of accomplishments required in each area of responsibility (teaching, research,
117 service and embedded student success activities) should reflect the emphasis of each
118 position and the workload distribution of the candidate in each of these three areas. The
119 successful candidate will have demonstrated they have fulfilled expectations appropriate
120 to the rank under consideration, the standards of the candidate's discipline, and the
121 mission and resources of the Department. Annual reviews must also be included and
122 reviewed in the promotion dossier.
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124 **A. Assessment of Teaching**

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126 Each college NTT promotion manual and departmental guidelines for
127 promotion will provide a clear description of the types of indicators used to
128 assess teaching which shall include any related student success activities.
129 Candidates for promotion must submit evidence of teaching effectiveness and
130 positive learning outcomes. This may include, but is not limited to: student
131 evaluations of instruction, peer evaluations, selected examinations and quizzes,
132 students' passing rates on licensure/certification examinations, a teaching
133 portfolio, new course and/or program development, effective use of technology
134 for teaching, program accreditation review results, teaching awards received
135 and student accomplishments. Evidence of teaching effectiveness submitted by
136 the candidate should be reasonably attributable to the contributions made by
137 the candidate.
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139 If a candidate's primary responsibility is teaching, for promotion to an
140 intermediate rank (for example, Clinical Assistant to Clinical Associate) the
141 candidate must demonstrate excellence in teaching as determined by the
142 standards laid out in the college manual.
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144 If a candidate's primary responsibility is teaching, for promotion to the highest
145 rank (for example, Principal Senior Lecturer) the candidate must demonstrate a
146 trajectory of continued growth in their teaching-related engagement and
147 effectiveness since the last promotion and a sustained level of excellence in
148 teaching as determined by the standards laid out in the college manual.
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150 If a candidate's workload includes teaching (but is not the candidate's primary
151 responsibility), for promotion to an intermediate rank or to the highest rank,
152 the candidate must demonstrate high-quality teaching.

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B. Assessment of Research

Each college NTT promotion manual and departmental guidelines for promotion will provide a clear description of the types of indicators used to assess research, scholarship and creative activities (including any related student success activities). The quality and quantity of research required of NTT faculty may be different from that required of tenure-track faculty. The expectations for research for each NTT faculty position should be specified in the college NTT promotion manual. Candidates shall identify which of their publications are peer-reviewed and shall provide evidence of the quality and standing in the profession of the publications. In addition, candidates with multi-authored works should describe their contribution to the works. Acknowledging that methods of disseminating research are changing, when using alternative methods of sharing scholarly output, candidates are encouraged to provide evidence of the quality and standing of those alternative methods.

If a candidate’s primary responsibility is research, for promotion to an intermediate rank the candidate must demonstrate a record of excellent research.

If a candidate’s primary responsibility is research, for promotion to the highest rank the candidate must demonstrate sustained excellent research with continued growth in the period since the last promotion or since hire at the intermediate rank.

If a candidate’s workload includes research (but is not the candidate’s primary responsibility), for promotion to an intermediate rank or to the highest rank the candidate must demonstrate high-quality research.

C. Assessment of Service

Each college NTT promotion manual and departmental guidelines, will provide a clear description of the types of service indicators to be used in departmental and college reviews. These guidelines should include service allocation expectations. Department, college and university service, and faculty mentorship as well as professional and community accomplishments, and any

191 related student success activities as defined by the college, constitute
192 appropriate activity in this area of assessment, if part of the candidate's
193 assigned workload.

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195 If a candidate's primary responsibility is service, for promotion to an
196 intermediate rank the candidate must provide an excellent level of service as
197 specified in the candidate's college manual.

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199 If a candidate's primary responsibility is service, for promotion to the highest
200 rank the candidate must provide a sustained excellent level of service as
201 specified in the candidate's college manual, with continued growth in the time
202 period since the last promotion or since hire at the intermediate rank.

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204 If a candidate's workload includes service (but is not the candidate's primary
205 responsibility), for promotion to an intermediate rank or to the highest rank the
206 candidate must provide high-quality service as specified in the candidate's
207 college manual.

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209 ***D. Student Success***

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211 Evaluation of the Student Success component will involve an assessment of the
212 faculty member's involvement in activities inside and outside the classroom
213 that deepen student learning and engagement for all learners. These aspects
214 may include effective advising and mentoring; undergraduate and graduate
215 research; other forms of experiential learning; engagement in other high impact
216 practices; the development of student success tools and curricular
217 materials; strategies to improve student career success; involvement
218 in faculty development activities; and other activities identified by the
219 college/department to deepen student learning.

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222 **IV. Annual Reviews**

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224 Faculty are evaluated annually by their department chair or appropriate supervisor as
225 defined by the college/school against the minimum criteria listed in the BOR Policy 8.3.5.1
226 and BOR Policy 8.3.7.3.

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228 The annual evaluation will encompass teaching; research/scholarly activities/creative

229 activities or academic achievement; professional service to the institution or
230 community (including student success activities that may be interwoven into each); and
231 continuous professional growth appropriate to Georgia State's sector and mission, college
232 or school and department.

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234 Colleges/schools must ensure that workload percentages for faculty roles and
235 responsibilities are factored into the performance evaluation model in a consistent
236 manner. The overall evaluation must indicate whether the faculty member is making
237 satisfactory progress toward the next level of review appropriate to their rank and career
238 stage as noted in the below mentioned Likert scale.

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240 Annual reviews must be included in all areas of review (i.e. promotion and structured
241 reviews).

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243 **A. Procedure**

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245 All faculty members are subject to an annual review. Annual reviews are
246 outlined in college/school guidelines.

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248 The faculty member is responsible for providing documentation and materials
249 for the annual evaluation. These materials are used by the evaluator(s) to
250 produce a written annual evaluation, which is provided to the faculty member
251 under review.

252 The department chair or appropriate supervisor will discuss with the faculty
253 member in a scheduled conference the content of that faculty member's annual
254 written evaluation and their progression towards achieving future milestones.

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256 The faculty member will sign a statement to the effect that they have been
257 apprised of the content of the annual written evaluation.

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259 The faculty member will be given 10 business days to respond in writing to the
260 annual written evaluation, with this response to be attached to the evaluation.

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262 The department chair or appropriate supervisor will acknowledge in writing
263 the receipt of the response, noting changes, if any, in the annual written
264 evaluation made as a result of either the conference or the faculty member's
265 written response. The specific time period for this response is 10 business days
266 from the faculty member's rebuttal/response. This acknowledgement will also

267 become a part of the official personnel records. Annual reviews are not subject
268 to discretionary review. (BOR Policy 6.26)

269
270 All annual faculty evaluations must utilize the following Likert scale:*

- 271
272 1 – Does Not Meet Expectations
273 2 – Needs Improvement
274 3 – Meets Expectations
275 4 – Exceeds Expectations
276 5 – Exemplary

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278 Noteworthy achievement as referenced in BOR Policy 8.3.7.3 is reflective of a 4
279 or 5 on the above Likert Scale. Deficient and unsatisfactory as referenced
280 throughout this document is reflective of a 1 or a 2 on the Likert Scale.

281
282 If performance in any of the categories is judged to be a 1 – Does Not Meet
283 Expectations or a 2 – Needs Improvement, the faculty member must be
284 provided with a Performance Remediation Plan (PRP) to remediate their
285 performance during the next year. The department chair or appropriate
286 supervisor will develop the PRP in consultation with the faculty member. This
287 will become part of the official personnel records.

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289 *Each college/school can decide to use the above Likert Scale for other reviews,
290 including structured third-year, promotion, and structured five-year reviews.

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292 ***B. Performance Remediation Plan***

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294 The Performance Remediation Plan (PRP) is used to document faculty
295 deficiencies based on the outcomes from the annual review or structured third-
296 year review. The purpose of the PRP is designed to enable the faculty member
297 to correct unsatisfactory performance in some aspect of their role or
298 responsibilities. If the performance in any of the categories is judged to be not
299 successful/not satisfactory the faculty member must be provided with a
300 Performance Remediation Plan (PRP). The department chair will develop the
301 PRP in consultation with the faculty member and any committee that
302 participated in the pre-tenure review. The PRP must include input from the
303 faculty member, the chair, and the committee. The PRP must also be approved
304 by the Dean and submitted to the Office of Faculty Affairs. The faculty member

305 will have one year to accomplish the goals/outcomes of the PRP. This will
306 become part of the official personnel records. Two meetings during the fall and
307 two meetings during the spring must be held to review progress, document
308 additional needs/resources, planned accomplishments for the upcoming
309 quarter. After each meeting, the department chair will summarize the meeting
310 and indicate if the faculty member is on track to complete the PRP.
311 Consequences for failure to meet the expectations of the PRP must be stated at
312 the conclusion of each meeting. Each college/school should standardize their
313 processes, procedures and forms across all academic units and incorporate
314 professional development for appropriate personnel.
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316 **Elements of the Performance Remediation Plan (PRP)**

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318 For faculty who do not meet annual performance or structured third-year
319 review expectations, a performance remediation plan is put in place. The
320 purpose of this plan is to scaffold faculty growth and development and
321 strengthen promotion possibilities. The components of the PRP plans must
322 include the following:
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- 324 1. Clearly defined goals or outcomes
- 325 2. An outline of activities to be undertaken
- 326 3. A timetable
- 327 4. Available resources and supports
- 328 5. Expectations for improvement
- 329 6. Monitoring strategy

332 **V. Structured Reviews for Faculty in Promotable NTT** 333 **Positions**

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335 Structured Reviews for faculty in promotable NTT positions are intended to provide a
336 longer-term perspective than is usually provided by an annual review, and they contribute
337 to the determination of whether faculty members who are seeking promotion are
338 progressing toward promotion. The results of annual reviews will be utilized as a part of
339 structured reviews and the assessment of the structured third-year review can take the
340 place of that year's annual review. Structured Reviews are also used to identify
341 opportunities that will enable faculty members to reach their full potential in terms of

342 contribution to the university. Structured Reviews are only required for faculty in
343 promotable NTT ranks.

344
345 NTT faculty whose initial appointment is at an entry level will have a review no later than
346 three years after the initial appointment (Structured Third-Year Review), and a review no
347 later than five years after the initial appointment (Structured Five-Year Review).
348 Thereafter, structured reviews will take place every five years, unless a faculty member is
349 promoted sooner, in which case structured reviews will occur every five years after the
350 most recent promotion.

351
352 NTT faculty whose initial appointment is above the entry level shall have a review no later
353 than three years after the initial appointment (Structured Third-Year Review). After this
354 review, subsequent structured reviews will take place every five years (Structured Five-
355 Year Review). If a NTT faculty member is promoted, subsequent structured reviews will
356 occur every five years after the most recent promotion.

357
358 Normally, for lecturers appointed at the entry level, the first Structured Five-Year Review
359 is also the review for promotion to senior lecturer. Reappointment of a lecturer who has
360 completed six consecutive years of service to the university will be permitted only if the
361 lecturer has demonstrated exceptional teaching ability and extraordinary value to the
362 university and if the university determines that there is a continued need for the lecturer.
363 The reappointment process must follow procedures outlined by the college.

364
365 Each college should include in its NTT promotion manual, policies and procedures for the
366 Structured Review of NTT faculty. The structure of evaluation committees for these
367 reviews should follow the model of the NTT department promotion committees set up by
368 the college as specified in Section V of this manual.

369
370 The year in which a NTT faculty member comes up for promotion does not have to
371 coincide with the year in which the NTT faculty member is subject to a Structured Review.
372 Structured Reviews are conducted in the timeline specified above.

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374 **VI. Promotion Process**

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376 Promotion decisions of NTT faculty at Georgia State are to be based on department,
377 college and university procedures and Board of Regents policies, as applicable. NTT
378 faculty are eligible for promotion according to policies outlined in the college and
379 department NTT promotion manuals, and after consultations with the candidate's

380 chairperson and dean. Each college engaged in NTT faculty promotion decisions must
381 have written guidelines on promotion as well as the procedures to be followed in the
382 promotion process. A department may choose to adopt and follow its college procedures
383 for this purpose. Department NTT promotion guidelines must be reviewed and approved
384 regularly by a college committee, as designated by the college's NTT promotion manual.
385 This committee is also responsible for reviewing the college NTT promotion manual.
386 Substantive changes to the college manuals must be reviewed and approved by the
387 provost.

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389 Candidates for promotion will prepare a dossier that is appropriate for the candidate's
390 track and that contains a record of their annual reviews as well as their professional
391 career achievements (teaching, service, research) as defined by the college manual.
392 Candidates shall provide a statement that summarizes their accomplishments. The
393 department chair or appropriate administrator should provide a statement of the
394 workload distribution and the duties and responsibilities pertaining to the candidate to be
395 included in the dossier.

396
397 External letters of review are not required for promotion of NTT faculty. However, each
398 college has the option to require external letters for NTT promotions or for promotions in
399 a certain position/track or to require external letters only for promotion to the highest
400 rank within a position. External letters may include letters from individuals within the
401 college, university or outside the university who are not involved in the review process, as
402 specified by the college manual. If external letters of review are required by a college for
403 some or all of the NTT promotion positions, this requirement must be explicitly stated in
404 the college promotion manual for NTT faculty, including the number of external letters
405 required and the procedure for obtaining the letters. Unsolicited letters are not acceptable
406 as external letters. Each external letter writer must state the nature of the reviewer's
407 relationship with the candidate.

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409 **A. Department Review**

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411 The department committee charged with the review for promotion of NTT
412 faculty shall have representation from NTT faculty and may include tenure-
413 track faculty. As far as possible, NTT faculty members on the committee shall be
414 from an NTT position that is similar to that of the candidate(s) in terms of
415 emphasis on teaching, research and service. The appropriate rank of NTT
416 faculty who can serve on the department-level promotion committee would
417 include NTT faculty at ranks above the rank of the faculty being considered for

418 promotion. If there are no NTT faculty of appropriate rank to serve as members
419 of the department-level promotion committee, appropriate NTT faculty from
420 related departments within the college shall be considered. The formation and
421 structure of the department committees shall be specified in the college NTT
422 promotion manual.

423
424 The department committee will prepare a recommendation to the department
425 chair after reviewing the candidate's dossier and other related materials. This
426 recommendation along with the candidate's dossier and other related materials,
427 will be forwarded to the department chair by the date specified in the college
428 NTT promotion calendar.

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430 **B. Department Chair Review**

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432 The department chair will review and evaluate the candidate's dossier and
433 other related materials and the recommendation of the department committee.
434 The department chair will forward a recommendation, along with the
435 department committee's recommendation and the candidate's dossier and
436 other related material to the college-level committee by the date specified in the
437 college NTT promotion calendar.

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439 **C. College Committee Review**

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441 Each college will form a college-level committee to advise the dean on NTT
442 promotions. It is recommended that NTT faculty members of appropriate rank
443 be included in the college-level committee.

444
445 The college-level committee will review and evaluate the candidate's dossier
446 and other related materials and the recommendations of the department
447 committee and chair. The college-level committee forwards its
448 recommendation, along with recommendations of the department committee
449 and department chair, to the dean of the college by the date specified in the
450 college NTT promotion calendar.

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452 **D. Dean's Review**

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454 The dean will review the candidate's dossier and other related materials, and

455 the recommendations of the department committee, the department chair and
456 the college committee. The dean will forward their recommendations to the
457 provost and notify the candidate by the date specified in the college promotion
458 calendar. In all instances, the candidate's dossier and other related materials,
459 the recommendations of the department committee, the department chair and
460 the college committee, and the external letters (if any) will go forward for the
461 next stage of review.

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463 Candidates who are not recommended by the dean must receive a written
464 decision and rationale no later than the date specified in the college NTT
465 promotion calendar. Candidates who are not recommended by the dean may
466 appeal the dean's decision to the provost. Upon receipt of the written decision
467 by the dean, the candidate shall have 10 business days to appeal the negative
468 recommendation to the provost (see Section VIB). If a candidate does not appeal
469 a negative decision by the dean, the case will not be considered at subsequent
470 levels of review.

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472 ***E. Provost's Review***

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474 The provost will review the materials forwarded by the dean and other related
475 materials directly relevant to the NTT faculty member's candidacy for
476 promotion, also applying the guidelines, norms and expectations for the
477 university, college and department.

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479 The provost will make a recommendation in each case, forward the
480 recommendations to the president, notifying the candidate with a copy to the
481 appropriate dean.

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483 Before forwarding a negative recommendation to the president, the provost will
484 consult with the dean. In response to the query from the provost, the dean may
485 gather additional information from the candidate, the department chair, the
486 department or college committees, and any other materials directly relevant to
487 the NTT faculty member's candidacy. The dean will notify the candidate and
488 department chair of the dean's reply to the provost. Upon receipt of the written
489 decision by the provost, the candidate shall have 10 business days to appeal the
490 negative recommendation to the president (see Section VI. F.)

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492 ***F. President's Review***

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494 The president will review the candidate’s dossier and related materials and
495 recommendations, and any other material directly relevant to the NTT faculty
496 member’s candidacy, also applying the guidelines, norms and expectations for
497 the university, college and department, and make a promotion decision. The
498 decision will be communicated to the candidate with a copy to the dean.
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500 **VII. Written Notification and Appeals**

502 ***A. Written Notification to Candidate***

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504 At each stage of review, a candidate must receive a written notice of the
505 outcome of the deliberations and a copy of any evaluation(s) that are made of
506 the candidate's credentials, including minority views. Reports from committees
507 will include all committee member names. In the case of a split decision, the
508 report, will include all committee member names and shall include both
509 majority and minority views. A candidate has the right to respond in writing to
510 evaluations made by the departmental committee, department chair and/or
511 college committee, and copies of the candidate's response(s) will be included in
512 the material reviewed at all subsequent levels. The response is an opportunity
513 for the faculty member to provide clarifications and corrections to the reports.
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515 ***B. Appeals to the Provost***

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517 A candidate may appeal a negative recommendation by the dean by writing to
518 the provost within 10 business days of receiving the dean’s recommendation. In
519 reviewing the appeal, the provost may gather additional information pertaining
520 to the appeal from the candidate, the dean, the department chair, the
521 departmental and/or college committee and other appropriate individuals
522 inside or outside the university. The provost shall provide the candidate and the
523 dean with a written decision, including a statement of the bases upon which the
524 appeal is supported or rejected.
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526 ***C. Appeals to the President***

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528 A candidate may appeal a negative recommendation by the provost or a
529 decision by the provost rejecting the candidate’s appeal by writing to the

530 president within 10 business days of receiving the provost's recommendation.
531 The appeal to the president shall conform to the principles and processes stated
532 above for appeals to the provost. The president shall provide the provost, the
533 appropriate dean and the candidate a written decision, including a statement of
534 the bases upon which the candidate's appeal is supported or rejected.

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537 **VIII. Calendar**

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539 The exact dates for the notification of the outcomes of the university review will be
540 determined by the Office of the Provost and communicated to the faculty in advance of
541 each year's promotion cycle. The timeline for candidates to submit their dossiers, as well
542 as the timeline for reviews by the department committee, department chair and college
543 committee will be communicated by the dean's office to department chairs. Department
544 chairs will communicate this information to the faculty in their department.

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546 **IX. Emeriti Status**

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548 The dean may recommend for approval by the provost emeriti status for a retired non-
549 tenure track faculty member who, at the time of retirement, has had 10 years or more of
550 honorable and distinguished full-time service in the University System of Georgia. In
551 making the recommendations for the emeriti status, departments should be specific with
552 respect to the emeriti status title (for example clinical professor emeritus/emmerita, senior
553 lecturer emeritus/emmerita, etc.). Candidates for the emeriti status may be nominated by
554 faculty in their department or may self-nominate to be considered for emeriti status.
555 Nominations for emeriti status must be voted on by departmental faculty and their
556 recommendation must be supported by the department chair, dean, provost and the
557 president.

558 **X. Appendices**

559 **A. Appendix A: Description of NTT Promotable Faculty Positions**

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561 The following is a description of each of the promotable NTT faculty positions
562 listed in Section II, along with minimum qualifications necessary. Within each
563 position, the duties and responsibilities are listed in the order of importance for
564 that position. The duties and responsibilities for each position are divided into
565 three areas: (1) Teaching; (2) Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities
566 (hereinafter referred to as “Research”); and (3) Service (including any related
567 student success activities interwoven in each).
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569 **1. Clinical Faculty**

570 Clinical faculty hired at the rank of Instructor must hold at least a master’s-
571 level degree in the discipline or related field. Clinical faculty hired at the rank
572 of Assistant Professor or higher must hold a terminal degree in the discipline
573 or related field. Exceptions to this are extremely rare and must be approved
574 in the original hiring request. Duties and responsibilities of clinical faculty
575 are:

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577 Teaching:

578 The primary responsibility of Clinical Faculty is teaching, related to one or
579 more of the following:

- 580 • teaching courses related to professional practice;
- 581 • providing practical instruction and application of practical
582 knowledge;
- 583 • supervising and teaching in a clinical or practice setting;
- 584 • teaching and/or supervising applied clinical courses;
- 585 • providing academic instruction in skills relevant to the practice of
586 a specific discipline;
- 587 • training and supervising students to help them acquire clinical
588 skills for the profession;
- 589 • coordinating and supervising clinical practica, student field
590 experiences and internship;
- 591 • teaching and advising students in professional academic
592 programs;
- 593 • providing services or out-of-class educational opportunities for

594 students.

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596 Research:
597 As part of their workload, Clinical Faculty may be expected to engage in
598 research activities. If the workload requires research, it is expected that
599 Clinical Faculty will engage in research involving their professional expertise,
600 which would include pedagogical research, scholarship of teaching and
601 learning, research related to practice and/or disciplinary scholarly research.

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603 Service:
604 As part of their workload, Clinical Faculty may be expected to engage in
605 service activities. These activities may include advising and serving the
606 academic needs of the students, serving on committees or participating in
607 other forms of academic service. Service may be at the department, college
608 and/or university level. Service also may involve activities related to the
609 professional and practice community.

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611 **2. Lecturer**
612 Faculty hired at the rank of Lecturer must hold at least a master's-level
613 degree in the discipline or related field. Exceptions to this are extremely rare
614 and must be approved in the original hiring request. Duties and
615 responsibilities of Lecturers are:

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617 Teaching:
618 The primary responsibility of Lecturers is teaching.

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620 Service:
621 As part of their workload, Lecturers may be expected to engage in service
622 activities. These activities may include advising and serving the academic
623 needs of students, serving on committees or participating in other forms of
624 academic service. Service may be at the department, college and/or
625 university level. Service also may involve activities related to the professional
626 and practice community.

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628 Research:
629 Lecturers are not required to engage in research activities. Nonetheless,
630 Lecturers are expected to be familiar with current trends and methods in
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3. Academic Professional

The Academic Professional position requires an appropriate terminal degree at the time of appointment, or in rare and extraordinary circumstances, qualification on the basis of demonstrably successful related experience, which exception is expressly approved by the institution president (Board of Regents Policy Manual Section 8.3.8.3).

Based on Board of Regents requirements, a title from the academic professional track “may not be assigned to a position where the teaching and research responsibilities total 50% or more of the total assignment” (Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 8.3.8.3). The designation Academic Professional would apply to a variety of academic assignments that call for academic background similar to that of a faculty member with professorial rank, but which are distinctly different from professorial positions (Board of Regents Policy Manual Section 8.3.8.3).

Service:

The primary responsibility of an Academic Professional is service which includes activities such as:

- managing instructional laboratories;
- assuming academic program management roles not suited for expectations applied to tenure-track faculty members, operating instructional technology support programs;
- being responsible for general academic advising;
- assuming professional student counseling center responsibilities, providing specialized skill acquisition training as support for academic programs; and,
- working with tenure-track faculty members in course and curriculum development and in the laboratory.

Teaching:

As part of their workload, Academic Professionals may be expected to engage in teaching activities.

Research:

670 As part of their workload, Academic Professionals may be expected to engage
671 in research activities.

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673 **4. Research Faculty**

674 Research Faculty hold a terminal degree in their discipline, have
675 demonstrated evidence of independent research careers (non-independent
676 investigators should be appointed at the post-doctoral level). Duties and
677 responsibilities of research faculty are:

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679 Research:

680 The primary responsibility of Research Faculty is to conduct research. The
681 purpose of Research Faculty appointments, based on available external
682 funding, is to increase the research, scholarly and creative efforts of the
683 university. Research Faculty will work either in close collaboration with
684 other faculty and/or will carry out independent research that builds upon an
685 explicit area of focus for the university. Faculty salaries are primarily from
686 research grants or other sources of external funds (non-general state funds).
687 Appointments of members of the Research Faculty are renewable on an
688 annual basis upon satisfactory review and available external funding.

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690 Teaching:

691 As part of their workload, Research Faculty may be expected to engage in
692 teaching.

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694 Service:

695 As part of their workload, Research Faculty may be expected to engage in
696 service activities.

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698 **5. Librarian**

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700 Library faculty hired at the rank of Instructor must hold at least a master's-
701 level degree in the discipline or related field. Library faculty hired at the rank
702 of Assistant Professor or higher must hold a terminal degree in the discipline
703 or related field. Exceptions to this are extremely rare and must be approved
704 in the original hiring request.

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706 College of Law Library:

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708 The positions of Law Librarian Instructor, Law Librarian Assistant Professor,
709 Law Librarian Associate Professor and Law Librarian Professor are
710 appointed in the College of Law library.

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712 Teaching:

713 The primary responsibility of College of Law Library NTT faculty is teaching,
714 defined broadly to encompass professional librarianship as well as teaching
715 as traditionally defined, where applicable. Professional librarianship includes
716 professional library service for students, faculty and staff in support of the
717 College of Law's educational and research mission, as well as library service
718 for members of the public, including members of the Georgia Bar and the
719 Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia. Professional
720 librarianship includes a variety of activities listed in the American
721 Association of Law Libraries Competencies of Law Librarianship. These
722 competencies may include core competencies, applicable to all librarians,
723 and specialized competencies related to individual librarian job duties.

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725 Service:

726 Librarians at the College of Law Library are expected to perform internal and
727 external service.

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729 Internal service may include, but is not limited to:

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- 731 • serving on Law Library, College of Law, or university committees;
 - 732 • participating in the life of the law school;
 - 733 • serving as an adviser or mentor; and
 - 734 • presentations for, or tours of, College of Law or university
735 affiliates.
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737 External service may include, but is not limited to:

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- 739 • guest lecturing;
 - 740 • serving on committees, task forces or boards of library
741 associations or related groups;
 - 742 • mentoring other librarians, informally or formally; and
 - 743 • supervising interns.
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745 **Research:**
746 Law librarians are not required to engage in research or scholarship
747 activities, although such efforts are welcome and encouraged. Law librarians
748 are expected to be familiar with current trends and methods in the discipline.
749 Research or scholarship may include, but is not limited to:

- 750 • publication of articles, book reviews, bibliographies, etc., in print
- 751 or electronic format;
- 752 • creating Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction lessons;
- 753 • serving on an editorial board;
- 754 • serving on an advisory committee/board; and
- 755 • seeking additional training or education, including continuing
- 756 education courses or training as well as seeking an additional,
- 757 relevant degree.

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759 **University Library:**
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761 Non-tenure-track faculty at the University Library may hold the following
762 ranks: Librarian Instructor, Librarian Assistant Professor, Librarian
763 Associate Professor and Librarian Professor.

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765 **Teaching:**
766 The primary responsibility of University Library NTT faculty is teaching,
767 defined broadly to encompass professional librarianship. Professional
768 librarianship is defined as professional library service in support of the
769 educational, research, archival and public service functions of the university.
770 Professional librarianship includes, but is not limited to, the following
771 activities:

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- 773 • ensuring high quality service, consultation and comprehensive
- 774 reference services to students, faculty and other clients;
- 775 • providing enhanced access to information and contributing to
- 776 global, networked information resources;
- 777 • acquiring, managing, and preserving information resources in a
- 778 broad range of formats;
- 779 • creating an environment conducive to learning and research;
- 780 • teaching information retrieval and evaluation using current and
- 781 emerging technologies;

- 782 • conducting continuing education courses.

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University Library faculty members are expected to participate in scholarly and research activities that enhance their professional development and contribute to their disciplines, including conducting applied research.

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Service:

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University Library faculty members are expected to serve, as appropriate, on departmental, college and university committees. In addition, they may make discipline-related contributions to professional organizations and/or to the community.

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795 **B. Appendix B: Description of NTT Non-Promotable Faculty**
796 **Positions**

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798 **1. Instructor at Georgia State (Atlanta campus)**

799 Full-time Instructors are generally hired for a limited term (two years
800 maximum) to meet immediate and temporary classroom staffing needs.
801 Faculty hired at the rank of Instructor must hold at least a master's-level
802 degree in the discipline or related field. Exceptions to this are extremely rare
803 and must be approved in the original hiring request. In the rare instances the
804 instructor appointment is not designated as limited term, the maximum time
805 that may be served in combination of full-time instructional appointments
806 (instructor or professorial ranks) without the award of tenure shall be 10
807 years.

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809 **2. Professor of Practice**

810 The primary function of this faculty role is to provide students with a deeper
811 understanding of the practical application in a particular field of study. A
812 Professor of Practice will also promote the integration of academic
813 scholarship with the practical experience of professionals in a given field and
814 may also serve as a liaison between industry or government and Georgia
815 State, identifying teaching and research opportunities that support the public
816 interest, societal needs and Georgia State programs and initiatives. Faculty
817 holding this title must have a rich base of experience (normally, at least 10
818 years) in fields and disciplines represented at Georgia State or in emergent
819 areas of teaching and research, as identified by the president or provost. This
820 title does not carry academic rank and will not be eligible for tenure.

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822 The duties of Professors of Practice are specific to each appointment and can
823 include teaching, research and/or service (including any related student
824 success activities interwoven in each). A college dean wishing to hire at this
825 title must seek approval from the provost prior to advertising the position or
826 sending a hiring request to Faculty Affairs.

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828 **3. Expert-in-Residence**

829 The primary function of this faculty role is to act as a subject matter expert,
830 demonstrable as observed through career or life experience, education or
831 accomplishments, for the purposes of student/community engagement or for
832 classroom exposure to ideas or experiences not available through traditional

833 academic instruction. Faculty in this title will bring a unique and innovative
834 approach to classroom and/or community engagement. This title does not
835 carry academic rank and will not be eligible for tenure.

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837 The job duties of Experts-in-Residence are specific to each appointment and
838 can include teaching, research and/or service (including any related student
839 success activities interwoven in each). A college dean wishing to hire at this
840 title must seek approval from the provost prior to advertising the position or
841 sending a hiring request to Faculty Affairs.

842 **C. Appendix C**
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- 844 1. Georgia State employs NTT faculty who were hired prior to the creation of
845 the NTT Promotion Manual and who hold titles not listed in Section II of this
846 manual. Faculty holding such titles can opt to retain those titles even after
847 this promotion manual goes into effect. However, if such faculty wish to be
848 promoted, they can be promoted only to one of the titles listed in Section IIA
849 of this manual. These faculty, in conjunction with the department chair, must
850 determine which NTT faculty title listed in Section IIA is consistent with their
851 duties and responsibilities. The decision must be in writing and approved by
852 the dean. If they wish to be promoted, they must meet the criteria to be
853 promoted to one of the ranks within that agreed-upon title. It is
854 recommended a timeline of when the reclassification decisions are sought
855 and obtained be included in the college NTT promotion manual.
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- 857 2. The university also employs NTT faculty who were hired prior to the creation
858 of the NTT Promotion Manual and who hold titles listed in Section II of this
859 manual, but whose duties and responsibilities are not consistent with those
860 listed in Appendices A and B of this manual. Faculty holding such titles can
861 opt to retain those titles. Alternatively, these faculty, in conjunction with the
862 department chair, must determine whether a different title (listed in Section
863 II of this manual) is more suitable and relevant to their duties and
864 responsibilities. The resulting decision must be in writing and approved by
865 the dean. Faculty members who change titles and wish to be promoted must
866 meet the requirements of their new title as outlined in their college
867 promotion manual. Faculty who have opted to retain their original title may
868 also request to be promoted. They must submit documentation and/or a
869 rationale for retaining their original title despite the differences in their
870 duties and responsibilities. These faculty, in conjunction with the department
871 chair, must determine the expectations they are to meet to be promoted to
872 the next level. The resulting decision must be in writing and approved by the
873 dean. It is recommended a timeline of when the reclassification decisions are
874 sought and obtained be included in the college NTT promotion manual.
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