

## Agenda for Faculty Meeting, 9 April 2024

### Announcements:

1. Awards Ceremony in Bingham-Davis house on 26 April 2024, starting at 4pm
2. Chair's updates: Please consider nominating a speaker for the 2024-25 Eaves Lecture.
3. Please mark your calendar for an additional faculty meeting on 30 April 2024 at 4pm.

### Business:

1. Approve minutes from 19 September 2023, see <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~chair/minutes/>.
2. Approve partial minutes from 27 February 2024, see <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~chair/minutes/>.
3. Approve partial minutes from 5 March 2024, see <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~chair/minutes/>.

#### 4. FMER rubric.

In addition to establishing a plan for assigning DOE's (which we approved on 19 September 2023), the College also mandated that each department develops an FMER rubric by May 2024. The Executive Committee has been working on a draft rubric this Spring. On a meeting on 19 March 2024, the Executive Committee discussed and endorsed a draft of our FMER rubric. It proposes the shared draft for discussion and, ideally, approval by the faculty.

#### 5. Creating the option for having Special Title Series (STS) faculty.

Over the course of this academic year the Executive Committee has discussed the virtues of possibly having STS faculty in the Department. STS faculty hold tenure-eligible teaching-focused positions. The College mandates that their teaching load is six courses per year. However, as opposed to Lecturers, they are allowed to have a research component in their DOE, which allows them to apply for external funding.

Several faculty in the Department are at the forefront of implementing and developing cutting edge teaching techniques. There is external funding for developing, analyzing and assessing new teaching methods. To harness such opportunities, the Executive Committee proposes to prepare for welcoming STS faculty in the Department at some future time. It envisions that any STS position will have a specific description, but that a combination of teaching expertise and scholarship will be a common feature.

In order to allow in principle for the creation of STS positions in the Department, the Executive Committee proposes the following adjustments of the promotion guidelines for tenure-stream faculty and of our Rules of Procedure:

##### A. In the Rules of Procedure:

- date of last amendment - to be finalized after approval.
- cleaned up paragraph B.4 on a quorum.
- page 7, 7.e: DSC can be Lecturer, Regular or Special Title

##### B. Promotion guidelines:

- date of amendment - to be finalized after approval.
- page 1: Adjusted heading "Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure" to "Promotion to RTS Associate Professor with Tenure"
- page 2: Added "Promotion to STS Associate Professor with Tenure"
- page 2: Adjusted heading "Tenure Promotion to Professor" to "Tenure and Promotion to RTS Professor"
- page 4: Added "Tenure and Promotion to STS Professor"

These adjusted are implemented in the shared drafts, which were endorsed by the Executive Committee and proposed for discussion and, ideally, approval by the faculty.