

## Agenda for Faculty Meeting, 22 April 2025

### Announcements:

1. Awards Ceremony in Bingham-Davis house on 2 May 2025, starting at 4pm.
2. Chair's updates (if any)

### Business:

1. Approve minutes from 12 November 2024, see <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~chair/minutes/>.

2. Revisions of the Graduate Student Handbook.

The Graduate Committee and Executive Committee discussed and endorsed unanimously the attached proposal for revisions of the Graduate Student Handbook to the faculty. It is proposed for discussion and, ideally, approval by the faculty.

3. Framework for having Special Title Series (STS) faculty.

The Executive Committee discussed and recommended preparing for welcoming STS faculty in the Department at some future time. It thinks this would benefit the department going forward and deems it worthwhile to adjust our P&T guidelines and Rules of Procedure accordingly now.

Attached, please find drafts with the proposed changes and, for information purposes only, sample STS position job descriptions. The Executive Committee envisions that any STS position will have a specific description, but that a combination of teaching expertise and scholarly activities will be a common feature. It proposes that the specific job description serves as the promotion and tenure criteria to be used by the faculty of the Department of Mathematics in the evaluation for promotion of the faculty member hired for this position. Thus, the new language in our P&T guidelines regarding STS positions defers to the job description.

Please note that the Executive Committee is currently not proposing to include a request for hiring STS faculty in our departmental hiring request for 2025-26. (This request will be presented and discussed at a faculty meeting on 29 April 2025.)

The proposed specific adjustments of the promotion guidelines for tenure-stream faculty and of our Rules of Procedure are:

#### 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 adjustments are implemented in the attached drafts, which were endorsed by the Executive Committee and proposed for discussion and, ideally, approval by the faculty.

4. Revision of departmental DOE guidelines.

The Executive Committee discussed and endorsed unanimously the attached draft proposal for a revision of the departmental DOE guidelines. Compared to our guidelines from September 2023, the only suggested change concerns the Standard DOE for Lecturer and Senior Lecturer. This change is in line with the offer letters of our new Lecturers. The draft is proposed for discussion and, ideally, approval by the faculty.