

## **Professional Standards Committee (PSC)**

**CLASSIFICATION:** Faculty Senate Committee

**REPORTS TO:** Chair of the Faculty Senate

**CHARGE:** This Committee shall be concerned with standards and policies encompassing matters such as faculty rank, promotion, appointment, leave, privileges, tenure, and dismissal. It shall also be concerned with policies and procedures relevant to the evaluation of academic units. Also, it shall be concerned with the quality of instruction.

**COMPOSITION:** This Committee shall consist of eight (8) faculty, four of whom are members of the Faculty Senate and four who are not members of the Faculty Senate. At least one member of the Committee shall be a Regional Campus faculty member. The Committee membership shall be representative of the colleges and schools of the University.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS:** Faculty members appointed to this Committee shall be full-time faculty with no more than 3 non-tenure eligible faculty members in any year.

**TERM:** The term of membership shall be for two (2) years beginning on August 15 of the year of appointment. Half the membership, two Senators and two non-Senators, shall be appointed on a rotating basis each year. No member may be appointed for more than two terms in succession.

**MEANS OF APPOINTMENT:** The Committee on Committees shall recommend appointments annually to the Faculty Senate Chair.

**ALTERNATES:** Four alternates will be appointed each year; one tenured or tenure-track and one non-tenure eligible Senator and one tenured or tenure-track and one non-tenure eligible non-Senator.

**CALL:** The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall convene the Committee each fall semester.

**CHAIR:** The Chair of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee. Normally the Chair will be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member of the Faculty Senate. The Chair of the Committee shall submit annually a written summary report of the Committee's work to the Faculty Senate office by May 25.