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**TITLE:** Evaluation of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers and Promotion of Lecturers

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The academic ranks of lecturer and senior lecturer do not carry tenure, and time at Old Dominion University in these ranks is not counted as part of the probationary period for tenure. These ranks are intended to meet the University's need to fill special instructional roles that differ from the traditional university faculty role, preparation, and expectation. All appointments and reappointments are contingent upon available funding.

A. Lecturer - This is a full-time rank that requires an appropriate master's degree and evidence of teaching ability. Demonstrated expertise in a specific field may also be required. Persons appointed to this rank are expected to assume a predominantly instructional role, at undergraduate or graduate levels, and participate in other professional service activities normally assigned to or expected of full-time faculty.

1. Evaluation

- a. Persons initially appointed at the rank of lecturer will be evaluated and a decision made concerning their reappointment on an annual basis, according to the policy on "Reappointment or Nonreappointment of Faculty." In addition, during the fall semester of the fifth year of service, persons holding this rank will receive a major faculty review. This review will be conducted by the dean and will include an in-depth evaluation of the individual's teaching effectiveness and other professional activities, as well as the needs of the department. The purposes of this review shall be to evaluate the individual's performance and determine whether he or she should be retained beyond the fifth year. An evaluation report should be submitted to the provost and vice president for academic affairs following completion of the review at the college level.
- b. If the evaluation is positive and the dean's recommendation on retention is affirmative, the individual may be offered an appointment for the next three academic years. Those persons who are reappointed in this manner shall be subject to another in-depth review conducted by the dean during the fall semester of the third year of the reappointment. Lecturers may be reappointed for additional three-year periods by utilizing the same procedure as described above.
- c. If the decision is made not to retain the lecturer, either after the fifth year of initial service or subsequent three-year appointments, he or she will be notified of termination according to the appropriate schedule contained in the policy on "Reappointment or Nonreappointment of Faculty" and may request a review of the nonreappointment decision by the provost and vice president for academic affairs as provided by the same policy.

## 2. Promotion

Promotion to the rank of senior lecturer from the rank of lecturer shall be upon the recommendation of the department promotion and tenure committee, chair, and college promotion and tenure committee to the dean of the college.

- a. The candidate prepares and submits to the department chair his/her professional accomplishments to include at a minimum a curriculum vitae prepared in accordance with the Guidelines from the Provost's Office, a list of teaching assignments with teaching portfolio evaluations, student opinions both quantitative and qualitative, all annual evaluations by the department chair and dean, and other relevant materials. The chair forwards the credentials to the department promotion and tenure committee.
  - b. The department promotion and tenure committee reviews the credentials, votes, and makes a recommendation. The vote should be recorded. The recommendation and votes are submitted to the department chair with a copy to the lecturer seeking promotion.
  - c. The department chair makes an independent evaluation and recommendation with copies to the lecturer seeking promotion and forwards all credentials and recommendations to the college promotion and tenure committee.
  - d. The college promotion and tenure committee reviews the documents, votes, and makes a recommendation. The materials, votes and other documents are forwarded to the dean.
    1. If the dean decides against the promotion, the candidate may request a review by the provost and vice president for academic affairs. The decision of the provost and vice president for academic affairs is final.
    2. If the recommendation is positive, the promotion becomes effective at the start of the subsequent academic year.
- B. Senior Lecturer - This is a full-time rank that requires an appropriate master's degree, demonstrated expertise in the field, a sustained record of effective performance in teaching and professional service, evidence of continued development and study in the field, and a minimum of five years' experience at the rank of lecturer or equivalent. Persons appointed to this rank are expected to assume a predominantly instructional role, at undergraduate or graduate levels, and participate in other professional service activities normally assigned to or expected of full-time faculty.

### 1. Evaluation

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policy on the "Reappointment or Nonreappointment of Faculty." In addition, during the fall semester of the fifth year of service, persons holding this rank will receive a major faculty review. This review will be conducted by the dean and will include an in-depth evaluation of the individual's teaching effectiveness and other professional activities as well as needs of the department. The purposes of this review shall be to evaluate the individual's performance and determine whether he or she should be retained beyond the fifth year. An evaluation report should be submitted to the provost and vice president for academic affairs following completion of the review at the college level.

- b. If the evaluation is positive and the dean's recommendation on retention is affirmative, the individual may be offered an appointment for the next three academic years. Those persons who are reappointed in this manner shall be subject to another in-depth review conducted by the dean during the fall semester of the third year of the reappointment. Senior lecturers may be reappointed for additional three-year periods by utilizing the same procedure as described above.
- c. If the decision is made not to retain the senior lecturer either after the fifth year of initial service or subsequent three-year appointments, he or she will be notified of termination according to the appropriate schedule contained in the policy on "Reappointment or Nonreappointment of Faculty" and may request a review of the nonreappointment decision by the provost and vice president for academic affairs as provided by the same policy.