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Issue Form for Faculty Senate

Date: 10/22/2021

Title: Renewing named chairs and named professorships

Description of Issue: Lack of clarity in renewal process

Rationale for submission: Policy #1406 on Named Chairs (with parallel language in policy 1407 on Named Professorships) indicates the following regarding renewal of a faculty member as the holder of a named chair or named professorship:

Appointments to named chair positions are for a five-year period, and they are renewable based on an in-depth performance review.

However, the manner of that renewal process is not articulated in either policy. This has led to confusion about and lack of consistency in the process for reviewing the performance of the holder of a named chair or named professorship for consideration for renewal. Also unclear is which authority (e.g., dean, Provost, President, BOV?) ultimately renews the appointment.

It would be very helpful if the process for and procedures associated with renewal of these appointments could be articulated clearly in the T&R Faculty Handbook.

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