

Overview of the Post-Tenure Review Process and Timeline, CLAS [rev. 7-27-23]

This document applies also to lecturers with just-cause status and their four-year review.

The list of represented and non-represented CLAS faculty eligible for post-tenure review (PTR) is typically distributed to chairs and directors in December or January. Chairs/directors are responsible for ensuring that peer committee members are informed about the PTR process.

Timeline

A recommended timeline with precise dates is also provided each year to chairs/directors and to faculty eligible for PTR. Approximate dates are:

Date	Action
February, 1 st week	Chair notifies peer committee
March, 2 nd week	Faculty materials due to peer committee
April, 1 st week	Peer committee recommendation due to chair
April, 2 nd week	Chair recommendation due to dean

Non-represented faculty members will be reviewed according to the administrative review procedures posted at <https://umaine.edu/las/faculty-resources/human-resources/>. Their review materials will be due to the Dean's Office the first week of April.

Faculty members on leave may request a one-year delay in the post-tenure review. However, any increase in pay will not be retroactive, and the delayed review will cover only the initial four years.

Materials to submit

While there is no standardized format for submission, candidates should ordinarily provide the following for peer committee and administrative review:

1. Covering the four-year period of review only:
 - a. Letter or narrative highlighting major accomplishments. A maximum of four pages is suggested.
 - b. List of courses taught and student evaluation score summary. The teaching evaluation template linked at <https://umaine.edu/las/faculty-resources/human-resources/> should be used to summarize student evaluation scores. A full set of comparative scores for the period for the preceding four years will be supplied to PTR candidates by the Dean's Office, excluding the pandemic semesters of spring 2020, fall 2020, and spring 2021.
2. Annual activity reports updated electronically at <https://library.umaine.edu/fsprofile/login.aspx>. Printed reports or scanned pdfs should not be forwarded to the Dean's Office; all annual reports will be accessed online. To ensure that peer committees have access to the reports, candidates may provide them to their committee in pdf format.
3. Curriculum vitae

Personnel file

Peer committees and chairs/directors may access candidates' personnel files as part of the evaluation process. Candidates are encouraged to review their files before they submit their materials to the peer committee.

Peer committee and chair/director letters must be copied to the faculty member and the personnel file.

Electronic submission is required

Candidates will submit their materials to a Google Drive folder set up by Kelly Gilks in the Dean's Office. Kelly will provide access to this folder for the PTR candidate, the members of the peer committee, and the chair/director.

Outcome of evaluation by peer committee and chair/director

The peer committee should indicate whether the faculty member's performance, as a whole, over the past four years has been satisfactory or above satisfactory, or is not found satisfactory. The peer committee letter should include an explanation of how the unit's criteria were used to determine the level of performance. The criteria applied should be specific to post-tenure review; the standard is not that of promotion or tenure.

The chair/director should also indicate whether performance during the past four years has been satisfactory or above satisfactory, or is not found satisfactory—either ratifying the peer committee's determination or recommending that it be overturned. Chairs/directors are encouraged to share comments on the merit of the faculty member's scholarship, teaching, and service. Faculty who are jointly appointed should ordinarily receive a single, co-signed letter from both of their chairs/directors. When a chair/director's recommendation differs from the peer committee's, Article 20.G.5 of the AFUM agreement requires the administrator to provide "compelling reason(s)," which must be clearly stated in the chair/director's letter.