

## MEMORANDUM

- TO: Deans, Associate Deans, Directors, Chairs, and Research Center Directors Norman Campus
- FROM: André-Denis G. Wright Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus
- DATE: December 13, 2024
- SUBJECT: Annual Faculty Performance Evaluations

Faculty annual evaluations are central to our achievements as an institution and our ability to accomplish the goals of the *Lead On* strategic plan. To serve this purpose, the Summary Report of Annual Faculty Evaluation form (attached) and a mini-vitae must be completed through the Faculty Activity System (FAS) for each faculty member's 2024 evaluation.

Evaluation of faculty activities will no longer include decimals when assigning scores within the individual areas within the distribution of effort (Teaching, Research and Creative Activity, and Service). Composite scores may include one decimal point. The revised Summary Report of Annual Evaluation to be used for the evaluation of faculty activities for the 2024 calendar year is attached.

Assigned scores will reflect the following terms:

Individual Area Scores		Compos	Composite Scores	
5	Outstanding	5.0	Outstanding	
4	Exceeds Expectations	4.0-4.9	Exceeds Expectations	
3	Meets Expectations	3.0-3.9	Meets Expectations	
2	Does not meet Expectations	2.0-2.9	Does not meet Expectations	
1	Unacceptable	1.0-1.9	Unacceptable	

Unit leadership is encouraged to continue providing written feedback to faculty that focuses on guidance and coaching, motivating faculty to continue their ongoing efforts toward high standards. Encouraging faculty to submit a description that frames the impact of their efforts in teaching, research/creative activity, and service for 2024 will give richer information about which to provide recommendations for growth and achievement for all faculty (benefits-eligible employees housed in an academic job code, including tenure track/tenured, ranked renewable term, renewable term, temp faculty, and research faculty).

Unit leaders are asked to consider a wide variety of sources of information provided in the resources described below. Units are also urged to consider efforts toward community engagement, inclusive excellence, and transdisciplinary and collaborative research, in accordance with the strategic plan. By better aligning our faculty annual evaluation system to the *Lead On* Strategic Plan, and by promoting faculty development and coaching in the annual evaluation process, the University will strive for rigorous standards against which we can compare to AAU benchmarks.

Resources to assist in the annual evaluation process in 2024, including a Faculty Performance Template, a Comprehensive Description of Evaluation Activities and Sources, and Guide to Providing Feedback to Faculty can be accessed on the <u>Provost's Office website under Faculty</u> <u>Evaluations</u>. These are suggestions meant to help as guides to both faculty and unit leaders. They are not requirements and not every item included in these materials needs to be addressed.

- Faculty Performance Template
  - Used by faculty members to expand on and frame the impact of their teaching, research/creative activity, and service efforts.
- Expanded Evaluation Activities and Sources
  - Used by chairs/directors and members of Committee A to determine the types and sources of information to be considered in the 2024 annual evaluations. Units should communicate to faculty about the information that will be assessed and encourage faculty to submit any additional documents for the evaluation process.
  - Used by faculty to consider what sources of information to provide for the annual evaluation process and to complete the Faculty Performance Template.
- Guide to Providing Feedback to Faculty
  - Used by chairs/directors and Committee A to provide feedback to faculty on their performance.

The Summary Report of Annual Faculty Evaluation form (alternative forms may be used by Research Centers) as well as any written feedback should be uploaded to the Faculty Activity System for submission to the Provost's Office by **May 1, 2025.** 

If you have questions about the 2024 evaluation process, please contact Vice Provost for Faculty Sarah Ellis at <u>sjr@ou.edu</u>.

## attachment

cc: Joseph Harroz, Jr., President Lori Jervis, Faculty Senate Chair Sarah Ellis, Vice Provost for Faculty