4.3.6 Evaluation of Untenured Faculty

4.3.6.1 Annual Review
A review of the progress of untenured Faculty shall be made each year by the Department Chairperson, in consultation with the Department P&T Committee. The result of that review must be communicated to the Faculty member in writing. The Faculty member should be made aware of the Department P&T Committee’s expectations for tenure and promotion, and every effort should be made to suggest strategies for helping the Faculty member to attain that goal.

4.3.6.2 Third Year Review
During the third year of the TTP, the Department P&T Committee carries out an intensive, documented review of a Faculty member’s progress toward tenure and promotion. The Third Year Review evaluates all aspects of a Faculty member’s professional activities and accomplishments and is similar to a tenure review during the period of Tenure Eligibility, except that no reference letters are sought from outside or inside the university. The Faculty member under review shall be formally apprised of the results of the Third Year Review by the Department Chairperson, who sends the written review to the Dean of the College, who forwards it to the Provost.

If the Third Year Review establishes that satisfactory progress is being made, the review normally includes a recommendation to the Dean for retaining the Faculty member until the period of Tenure Eligibility. If the Third Year Review concludes that a Faculty member’s progress is unsatisfactory, the Department P&T Committee may recommend to the Dean either to terminate the appointment or to re-appoint with conditions that must be met in order to continue the appointment until the period of Tenure Eligibility.

4.3.6.3 Tenure Eligibility Review
During the period of tenure eligibility, the Department P&T Committee shall conduct an intensive documented review of a Faculty member’s qualifications for tenure—including external peer review letters and additional reference letters—and shall make a recommendation to the Dean, in accordance with Section 4.5.2.3.3.

4.3.7 Non-Reappointment and Appeal Prior to the Tenure Eligibility Period

4.3.7.1 Non-Reappointment
Every untenured Faculty member shall be considered for reappointment by his or her Department P&T Committee on an annual basis. The Department recommendation is then submitted to the appropriate Dean, and by the Dean to the Provost. If the Department recommendation is for non-reappointment, due to a failure of the Faculty member to meet the Department’s performance standards regarding teaching, scholarly research, and service, and if the Dean and Provost concur, the Faculty member shall receive a notice of terminal assignment consistent with the controlling collective bargaining agreement.
4.3.7.2 Notification and Appeal
If a Department P&T Committee makes a preliminary decision to recommend an untenured Faculty member for non-reappointment, the Department Chairperson must inform the affected Faculty member prior to taking any further action. At that time the Chairperson must also inform the Faculty member that he or she has the right to submit a written appeal. If, after considering an appeal, the Department P&T Committee votes to recommend non-reappointment, this recommendation is forwarded by the Chairperson to the Dean and then to the Provost in a file containing a written statement of the reasons for the recommendation and any appeal letter of the Faculty member. This file must be reviewed by both the Dean and the Provost before a terminal appointment letter is sent to the Faculty member.