PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
PERTAINING TO TENURE AND PROMOTION

I. PREPARATORY WORK OF THE COLLEGE PROMOTION AND TENURE COMMITTEE

A. Available to all candidates in the Dean’s Office: Six (6) model vitae, if available, (two from each Domain, i.e., Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities) of colleagues who have been promoted to Associate Professor and Professor who have granted permission for such inspection by others.

B. Available to all Department Promotion and Tenure (P&T) Committees: Detailed guidelines and information concerning College P&T priorities, concerns, internal procedures, and forms.

C. The Dean will state priorities and concerns pertinent to P&T.

II. PREPARATORY WORK WITHIN DEPARTMENTS

A. Departments will use the current approved College P&T vita form and electronic submission methods.

B. Fourth year candidate tenure review by the College P&T Committee

1) Departments will complete the fourth year tenure review following their departmental procedures for annual tenure review and write a strengths and weaknesses letter to the candidate covering the areas of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service and providing detailed suggestions for improvement.

2) Departments will complete the standard letter provided by the Provost’s Office.

3) Department P&T Committee Chair and Department Chair will write the letter(s) of recommendation to the Dean.

4) Departments will forward one printed copy of the candidate’s fourth year review packet to the Dean’s Office. This packet will include:
   a) The current standard academic year original Progress Toward Tenure or Unsatisfactory Progress Toward Tenure Recommendation Letter or Fourth Year Dismissal Recommendation Letter complete with department P&T Chair and Department Chair signatures (sample letters are located in the P&T packet from the Provost’s Office sent to all Department Chairs) – only original letter required.
   b) The department P&T committee chair/Department Chair recommendation letter(s) to the Dean including vote count. If the Department P&T Committee and the Department Chair agree on the progress toward tenure recommendation of a candidate, a single letter, signed by both the P&T Chair and the Department Chair, explaining the recommendation should accompany each candidate’s vita. If the Department P&T Committee and the Department Chair do not agree on the recommendation, then separate letters, one signed by the Department P&T Chair and one signed by the Department Chair should accompany the candidate’s vita.

   i) The accompanying letter(s) should characterize the candidate’s accomplishments in the context of the department’s expectations and culture and address each of the following areas in a separate paragraph.
      (a) Candidate’s major role(s) vis-à-vis department priorities.
      (b) Comments on candidate’s teaching.
      (c) Comments on candidate’s scholarship.
      (d) Comments on candidate’s service.
      (e) Other dimensions/areas pertaining to the candidate.
c) The candidate’s P&T vita
d) The candidate’s strengths and weaknesses letters from years one through four
e) One set of electronic supplemental materials

5) Parts b, c, d and e of the packet should also be uploaded to the approved electronic submission method(s). The candidate uploads the P&T vita and supplemental materials; the department uploads the remaining materials. (See Appendix A for instructions on digital submission.)

C. Tenure/Promotion to Associate Professor

1) Tenure/Promotion review by the College P&T Committee (committee of the whole) is mandatory for all faculty in year seven of the probationary period, but only required for candidates in year five or six if a positive recommendation for tenure/promotion has been made by the Department P&T Committee and forwarded to the Dean and College P&T Committee. Tenured assistant professors may apply to their Department P&T Committee for promotion to associate professor at any time.

2) The Department Chairperson will forward to the Dean the list of candidates and each candidate’s tenure/promotion recommendation as determined by the Department Promotion and Tenure Committee by the deadline date set by the college.

3) Included with the list shall be the following:

a) For tenure and promotion candidates include:
   i) The current academic year original Recommendation for Granting of Tenure Letter for 5th, 6th, and 7th year Candidates; or Recommendation for 7th Year dismissal Letter, complete with department P&T Chair and Department Chair signatures (sample letters are located in the P&T packet from the Provost’s Office sent to all Department Chairs)
   ii) Original Department P&T Chair/Department Chair recommendation letter(s) to the Dean, including the departmental vote count (see College Procedures item C4 for letter details)
   iii) The candidate’s vita
   iv) One set of electronic supplemental materials.
   v) All strength and weakness letters beginning with year one, placed in the electronic supplemental materials and in the paper packet
   vi) Materials from the P&T portion of the personnel file (electronic materials)

   The department will provide one printed copy of i, ii, iii and v. The department will upload ii, v and vi and the candidate will upload iii and iv to the appropriate digital folder. (See Appendix A.)

b) For promotion only candidates include:

   i) The original Department P&T Chair and Department Chair recommendation letter(s), including the departmental vote count (see College Procedures items C4 and 5 for letter details)
   ii) The candidate’s vita
   iii) One set of electronic supplemental materials.
   iv) Materials from the P&T portion of the personnel file (electronic materials)
The department will provide one printed copy of i and ii. The department will upload i and iv; the candidate will upload ii and iii to the appropriate digital folder. (See Appendix A.)

c) Candidates will upload supporting materials to the appropriate digital folder. These materials are to be indexed in the vita (if necessary), and consideration of appropriateness, selectivity, and length are appreciated.

4) If the Department P&T Committee and the Department Chair agree on the tenure/promotion recommendation of a candidate, a single letter, signed by both the P&T Chair and the Department Chair, explaining the recommendation should accompany each candidate’s vita. If the Department P&T Committee and the Department Chair do not agree on the recommendation, then separate letters, one signed by the Department P&T Chair and one signed by the Department Chair should accompany the candidate’s vita.

5) The accompanying recommendation letter(s) should characterize the candidate’s accomplishments in the context of the department’s expectations and culture and address each of the following areas in a separate paragraph.
   a) Candidate’s major role(s) vis-à-vis department priorities.
   b) Comments on candidate’s teaching.
   c) Comments on candidate’s scholarship
   d) Comments on candidate’s service.
   e) Other dimensions/areas pertaining to the candidate.

D. Promotion to Professor

1) When seeking promotion to Professor, a minimum of two evaluative letters from reviewers external to the University shall be included. Department Chairs shall ask external reviewers to describe their relationship, if any, to the candidate. The review letter shall provide the reviewer’s assessment of the quality of the candidate’s scholarship, creative endeavors, and other scholarly productivity. Please refer to the College P&T document for directions on selecting external reviewers and the external review process.

2) All letters received from external reviewers will be available to evaluators in the promotion review process.

3) The Department Chairperson will forward to the Dean the list of candidates being recommended for promotion to professor as determined by the Department Promotion and Tenure Committee by the deadline date set by the college.

4) Included with the list shall be the following:
   a) Original Department P&T Chair/ Department Chair recommendation letter(s) to the Dean, including the departmental vote count (see College Procedures items D5 and 6 for letter details)
   b) The candidate’s vita
   c) One set of electronic supplemental materials.
   d) All external letters of evaluation of scholarship received from reviewers
   e) Materials from the P&T portion of the personnel file (electronic materials)

The department will provide one printed copy of a, b, and d. The department will upload a, d and e and the candidate will upload b and c to the appropriate digital folder. (See Appendix A.) These materials are to be indexed in the vita (if necessary), and consideration of appropriateness, selectivity, and length are appreciated.
5) If the Department P&T Committee and the Department Chair agree on the promotion recommendation of a candidate, a single letter, signed by both the P&T Chair and the Department Chair, explaining the recommendation should accompany each candidate’s vita. If the Department P&T Committee and the Department Chair do not agree on the recommendation, then separate letters, one signed by the Department P&T Chair and one signed by the Department Chair should accompany the candidate’s vita.

6) The accompanying recommendation letter(s) should characterize the candidate’s accomplishments in the context of the department’s expectations and culture and address each of the following areas in a separate paragraph.
   a) Candidate’s major role(s) vis-à-vis department priorities.
   b) Comments on candidate’s teaching.
   c) Comments on candidate’s scholarship/creative projects
   d) Comments on candidate’s service.
   e) Other dimensions/areas pertaining to candidate.

III. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. Evaluation procedures for the fourth year tenure review

1) The Dean will grant access to the digital materials to the appropriate Domain P&T Subcommittee which will include the Department P&T and Chair recommendation letter(s), the strengths and weaknesses letters (years one through four), supplemental materials and the P&T vita for each fourth year candidate for tenure review. See Addendum 1 for the departmental assignment to the three domains.

2) Prior to discussions of an individual candidate’s materials, each member of the Domain P&T Subcommittee will review the candidate’s vita, supplemental materials and strengths and weaknesses letters and complete the evaluation form.

3) A random list of candidates will be compiled by the Dean’s Office and distributed to subcommittee members. This random list will determine the order in which the credentials of candidates will be discussed.

4) Each candidate’s credentials will be discussed by the Domain P&T Subcommittee. The discussion will begin with introductory statements, not to exceed three minutes in length, by the department representative and will be followed by questions, answers and comments concerning the candidate’s qualifications for progress toward tenure, as well as information provided by the departmental representative. The discussion for each candidate will be limited to twenty minutes unless the committee votes (majority required) for a ten-minute extension. More than one such extension is possible if the Committee so votes. Following discussion the department representative may make concluding remarks not to exceed two minutes.

5) The following procedure will be followed for recording of meetings:
   a. Recordings of the Subcommittee’s deliberations are permitted if members of the Subcommittee are absent.
   b. Recordings are to be kept in the Dean’s Office or saved electronically (in the case of web-based deliberations) for restricted access.
   c. Recordings are to be destroyed after the final deliberations when other materials are shredded.
   d. No member of the Subcommittee is to record and/or distribute the Subcommittee’s deliberations in any electronic medium.
   e. Members of the Subcommittee are to add their personal notes to the material to be shredded at the end of deliberations.
6) After the close of the discussions of all candidates and after reviewing each candidate’s record of teaching, scholarship, and professional service, voting will occur by a Subcommittee motion on recommendation of progress toward tenure on each candidate. Approved motions are: satisfactory progress toward tenure, unsatisfactory progress toward tenure, or termination. Voting will be by paper ballot or an electronic polling method if meetings are held remotely. A simple majority passes the motion.

7) The Domain P&T Subcommittee chair will write a recommendation letter for each candidate and, along with the vote counts, forward to the Dean. In cases where the Domain P&T Subcommittee is the first to make a negative recommendation, the Chair will write a strengths and weaknesses letter to the candidate and forward to the Dean along with the recommendation and vote counts.

8) Any recommendation from the Domain P&T Subcommittee not receiving approval by the Dean shall be returned to the Subcommittee with reasons for the disapproval. A vote of at least two-thirds of the Subcommittee shall be required to override the disapproval after which the Dean must forward the recommendation.

9) The domain subcommittee chair will sign the Provost’s Standard Letter prior to the Dean.

10) The Dean will communicate the College’s final recommendation including a copy the recommendation letter from the Dean to the College Domain Subcommittee and if appropriate, the strengths and weaknesses letter from the committee to the candidate, the Department P&T Committee Chair, and Department Chair following all deliberations.

11) The academic Dean shall forward recommendations concerning the tenure credentials, including his or her evaluations, to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The vote counts for each candidate from the College P&T Subcommittee will be included with the Dean’s recommendations. If the recommendations are not acceptable, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall consult with the academic Dean about the differences.

12) Evaluation procedures for tenure/promotion to Associate Professor and promotion to Professor

1) Prior to discussions of an individual candidate’s materials, the Dean will grant access to the candidates’ digital materials. Each member of the College P&T Committee (committee of the whole) will review the candidate’s vita. Members from each of the three domains (Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities) will study the supporting materials particularly for candidates in their area and will serve as resource persons during the discussions. In the case of those being evaluated for tenure/promotion to Associate Professor, members from each domain will review the strengths and weaknesses letters for each candidate (not required for tenured assistant professors applying for promotion to associate professor). See Addendum 1 for the departmental assignment to the three sub-groups.

2) Two random lists of candidates will be compiled by the Dean’s Office and/or Chair of the College P&T Committee. These lists will include:
   a) Candidates for tenure and/or promotion to Associate Professor
   b) Candidates for promotion to Professor

3) The random lists will be distributed to Committee members and will determine the order in which the credentials of candidates will be discussed.

4) Discussion will begin either with candidates for tenure and/or promotion to Associate Professor or with discussion of candidates for promotion to Professor depending on the number of candidates for each and the approved calendar.

5) Each candidate’s credentials will be discussed by the Committee. The discussion will begin with a report summarizing the recommendation of the Department P&T Committee, not to exceed three minutes in length, by the department representative and will be followed by questions, answers and comments concerning the candidate’s qualifications for tenure and/or promotion as
well as information provided by the resource persons and the departmental representative. The discussion for each candidate will be limited to twenty minutes unless the Committee votes (majority required) for a ten-minute extension. More than one such extension is possible if the Committee so votes. Following discussion the department representative may make concluding remarks not to exceed two minutes.

6) The following procedure will be followed for recording of meetings:
   a. Recordings of the Committee’s deliberations are permitted if members of the Committee are absent.
   b. Recordings are to be kept in the Dean’s Office or saved electronically (in the case of web-based deliberations) for restricted access.
   c. Recordings are to be destroyed after the final deliberations when other materials are shredded.
   d. No member of the Committee is to record the Committee’s deliberations in any electronic medium.
   e. Members of the Committee are to add their personal notes to the material to be shredded at the end of deliberations.
   f. All materials pertaining to the Committee’s deliberations, including recordings, are to be destroyed within five business days of the end of deliberations.

7) At the close of the open discussions for both ranks, ballots for each rank will be given to members of the College Committee with candidates listed in alphabetical order. College Committee members are welcome to review vitae and supplemental materials again before completing the ballot. The ballots are to be turned in to the Dean’s Office by the close of office hours on the first Wednesday following the close of discussions unless an electronic polling method is deemed necessary.

8) The Dean’s Office and College P&T Committee officers will compile the votes and create two lists, one for tenure and/or promotion to associate professor and one for promotion to professor. A recommendation for tenure and/or promotion requires a simple majority of affirmative votes. The Chair of the College P&T Committee will report the voting results (in two lists) to the Dean of the College. The Dean will review the voting results and submit the two voting results lists to the College P&T Committee and inform the committee of her agreement or disagreement with the vote results.

9) Any recommendations from the College P&T Committee not receiving approval by the Dean of the College shall be returned to the College P&T Committee with reasons for the disapproval. A vote of at least two-thirds of the College P&T Committee shall be required to override disapproval after which the Dean must forward the recommendation.

10) For the final meeting, members of the committee may provide a written proxy to any other member of the committee, with an authorization of the proxy filed in writing with the secretary.

11) The Dean of the College is instructed to mail letters to all persons whose names have been submitted for tenure/promotion by their department informing them of the committee’s recommendations.

12) For those candidates not being recommended favorably for tenure and/or promotion by the College Committee and/or the College Dean, despite having been recommended favorably by the department, the letter must include written statements delineating the candidate’s strengths and weaknesses in each of the areas of 1) teaching, 2) scholarship, and 3) service in a professional capacity. The College Committee and/or the College Dean may also suggest areas for improvement.
13) The academic Dean shall forward recommendations concerning tenure and promotion, including his or her evaluations, to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The vote counts for each candidate from the College P&T Committee will be included with the recommendations. If the recommendations are not acceptable, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall consult with the academic Dean about the differences. 

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1 Items in italics include wording directly from the University Promotion and Tenure document.
## Addendum I

**DOMAINS**
**COLLEGE OF SCIENCES & HUMANITIES**

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Appendix A
Instructions for Submission of Digital Promotion and Tenure Materials
College of Sciences and Humanities

Materials for 4th year tenure review, promotion to associate professor and/or tenure, and promotion to professor should be submitted to the CSH P&T Committee using university and/or college approved electronic submission method(s). The college will notify candidates and departments of any changes to the electronic submission process by the first college promotion and tenure meeting of the new academic year (typically held the last week of August).

Example electronic submission method: One Drive. The College will may create a folder in One Drive for each candidate and share their specific One Drive link with them. This folder, which will be labeled with the candidate’s name, will also contain the following first-level subfolders, depending on candidate rank:

For 4th year tenure review:
1. P&T Vita
2. Personnel Files
3. Teaching
4. Scholarship
5. Service
6. Additional Accomplishments

For promotion to associate professor and/or tenure or promotion to professor:
1. P&T Vita
2. Personnel Files
3. Teaching
4. Scholarship
5. Service
6. Additional Accomplishments

Candidates can access their One Drive folder via the Microsoft One Drive link on the My BSU Technology Section of the University’s website link: https://my.bsu.edu/

Help related to One Drive is available at: bsu.edu/onедrivehelp
The Help Desk is also available for assistance with One Drive at 5-1517 or online at http://www.bsu.edu/helpdesk .

Candidates will be responsible for adding materials and second-level subfolders, as needed, to folders 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Departments will be responsible for adding materials and second-level subfolders to folder 2. Candidates should severely limit the number of subfolders and be mindful of the file name length.

Whenever possible, uploaded files in PDF format. Please do not upload files in Word, Excel or PowerPoint. Save Word, Excel, other file formats, web pages etc. as a searchable PDF if possible. URL links to sites outside of OneDrive can be used in the
Contents
01. P&T Vita
Candidates will upload their promotion and tenure vita into this folder using the following naming conventions: Last Name CV (e.g. Coleman CV)

02. Personnel Files
Departments will upload relevant personnel files into this folder. Second-level subfolders may be added, as desired (e.g. “01. Recommendation Letters,” “02. Strengths and Weakness Letters,” “03. External Letters,” “04. P&T Portion of the Personnel File,” “05. “Other” etc.).

NOTE: The folders listed above are for example purposes only. Departments may add and label folders as desired with one caveat: When adding subfolders, please include numbers in all labels (use a leading 0 for numbers below 10). This ensures folders appear in the order the department desires, rather than alphabetically. Limit the number of subfolders and provide short file names as One Drive has difficulty with extended pathlengths (> 400 characters).

Items for Inclusion (as needed)
- Letter of appointment or change in appointment
- Department P&T Committee/Department Chair recommendation letter(s) to the Dean with vote count
- Chairperson’s recommendation letter if not in agreement with the Department P&T Committee
- Strengths and weakness letters for each year of review (for tenure and promotion to associate professor candidates)
- External review letters (for promotion to professor candidates)
- Any letters that pertain to promotion and tenure from the personnel file

03. A. Evidence of Outstanding Teaching
Candidates will upload relevant teaching-related files into this folder. Second-level subfolders may be added, as desired (e.g. “01. GEOL 100 Course Evaluations,” “02. GEOL 600 Course Evaluations,” “03. Peer Evaluations,” “04. GEOL 100 Course Materials,” “05. GEOL 600 Course Materials,” etc.).

NOTE: The folders listed above are for example purposes only. Candidates may add and label folders as desired with one caveat: When adding subfolders, please include numbers in all labels (use a leading 0 for numbers below 10). This ensures folders appear in the order that candidates desire, rather than alphabetically. **Order of materials should follow the order and labeling of the Vita categories** when possible. Limit the number of subfolders and provide short file names as One Drive has difficulty with extended pathlengths (> 400 characters).
Items for Inclusion (as needed)
- Original Digital Measures or IOTA Course evaluations forms including student comments
- Peer and/or Chairperson review of teaching
- Peer and/or Chairperson evaluation of the teaching portfolio
- Example course materials (syllabi, exams, notes, PowerPoints, etc.)
- Teaching awards/recognitions
- Other information as appropriate

04. B. Evidence of Scholarship
Candidates will upload relevant scholarship-related files into this folder. Second-level subfolders may be added, as desired (e.g. “01. Refereed Publications,” “02. External Grants,” “03. Internal Grants,” “04. Non-Refereed Publications,” “05. Manuscripts Under Review,” etc.).

NOTE: The folders listed above are for example purposes only. Candidates may add and label folders as desired with one caveat: When adding subfolders, please include numbers in all labels (use a leading 0 for numbers below 10). This ensures folders appear in the order that candidates desire, rather than alphabetically. Order of materials should follow the order of the Vita categories when possible. Limit the number of subfolders and provide short file names as One Drive has difficulty with extended pathlengths (> 400 characters).

Items for Inclusion (as needed)
- Refereed publications (currently in print or accepted for publication)
  - If a book is not available in electronic format, include a copy of the title page, colophon, and a sample chapter (all merged into one document). Indicate on the CV that a paper copy of the book is available in the Dean’s Office.
- Contracts, grants, and funding for research/creative endeavors
  - External Grants (funded and not funded)
  - Internal Grants (funded and not funded)
- Published abstracts
- Invited/Refereed Presentations abstracts
- Non-refereed publications
- Manuscripts under review
- Manuscripts in progress
- Scholarship awards/recognitions
- Other information as appropriate

05. C. Evidence of Professional Service
Candidates will upload relevant service-related files into this folder. Second-level subfolders may be added, as desired (e.g. “01. Departmental Service,” “02. College Service,” “03. University Service,” “04. Service to Profession/Professional Organizations” etc.).

NOTE: The folders listed above are for example purposes only. Candidates may add and label folders as desired with one caveat: When adding subfolders, please include numbers in all labels (use a leading 0 for numbers below 10). This ensures folders
appear in the order that candidates desire, rather than alphabetically. **Order of materials should follow the order of the Vita categories** when possible. Limit the number of subfolders and provide short file names as One Drive has difficulty with extended pathlengths (> 400 characters).

**Items for Inclusion (as needed)**
- Examples of department service
- Examples of college service
- Examples of university service
- Examples of service to profession/professional organizations
- Examples of professional service to local, regional, national or international communities
- Service awards/recognitions
- Other information as appropriate

**06. D. Additional Accomplishments**
Candidates will provide information in this folder that helps support their file. This folder is to be used at the discretion of the candidate. For instance, rather than include Teaching, Scholarship, or Service awards and recognitions in the associated folders above, candidates may choose to document such things in this folder.