

TO: Faculty Senate

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: December 6, 2011

RE: Provost's Report for December 2011

BOARD RESOLUTIONS:

The Board of Trustees at their December meeting approved the following changes to *Faculty Handbook* regarding Overload Teaching (5.7), Family and Medical Leave (13.3), Role of the Deans (23.10), Application for Sabbatical (12.1), and Criteria for Rank and Tenure for Professional Librarians. (cf. Appendix I)

RANK AND TENURE:

T/RS 331: God and the Earth
T/RS 440: Introduction to Old Testament

9/26/11
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES:

College Updates:

Panuska College of Professional Studies:

We have been notified that CAPTE has continued the Physical Therapy Department's accreditation until 2017.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- **Faculty Handbook Committee:**

The Faculty Handbook Committee has formed a sub-committee on Interdisciplinary Departments and Programs and a sub-committee to review Handbook language on Copyrights and Patents Appendix VIII & IX.

The committee is working to clarify the language in 5.5, C., Normal Teaching Load as it relates to the number of preparations in a semester and number of new courses faculty can be required to teach.

with any accompanying rationale, will be made available to the members of the Board on Rank and Tenure

to assist them in their deliberations.

Proposed revision (addition in bold):

In all questions which come before the Board on Rank and Tenure, the faculty member's home Dean shall

2. Norms for Appointment and Advancement. Selection and appointment of librarians shall follow procedures analogous to those that have been established for all faculty, i.e., there shall be a committee which includes representatives of the tenured Library faculty which shall review all candidates for appointment as librarians and make advisory recommendations to the Dean of the Library and Information Fluency for consideration and review by the Provost/VPAA.

i.e., a Master's degree from a library school - preferably one accredited by the American Library Association. Exception: possession of a graduate degree in a subject field, when such subject competence is of greater importance for the position concerned than formal training in librarianship, may substitute for the professional degree so long as there is acceptable competence in library techniques. For example, an archivist, a bibliographer, a media specialist.

(2) Mastery of the content, both theoretical and annlied, of one's field of librarianship:

- b. Possession of an **American Library Association-accredited** Master's Degree and one of the following: a second Master's degree in a subject field; or the completion of thirty **graduate credits in a discipline that improves professional competence.**
- c. Competence in the methodology and content of one's field of **librarianship;**
- d. **Attainment of competence in one's field of librarianship and progress towards mastery;**
- e. Significant scholarly or other appropriate professional activity as presented by the candidate and as evaluated by the candidate's department;

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6. Procedures. A member of the library faculty who is a candidate for rank or tenure shall be reviewed according to procedures set forth in established University policies as applied to all faculty. (see: section 23.0 - 23.11 of this handbook)