

Faculty APT Workshop

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Agenda



1. Setting the Context
2. The Process
3. Teaching Portfolio
4. Considerations

Discussion and Any Questions – Ask Throughout

Promotion is...



- ❖ A demonstration of continued (and enhanced) excellence in research, teaching, and service
 - The “bar” is higher
 - E.g., International reputation v. National reputation
- ❖ Based on the total record, BUT
 - Focus is on accomplishments since promotion and tenure (associate)
- ❖ Free of a timeline
 - It’s not about how long you’ve been an Associate Professor



Defining Excellence

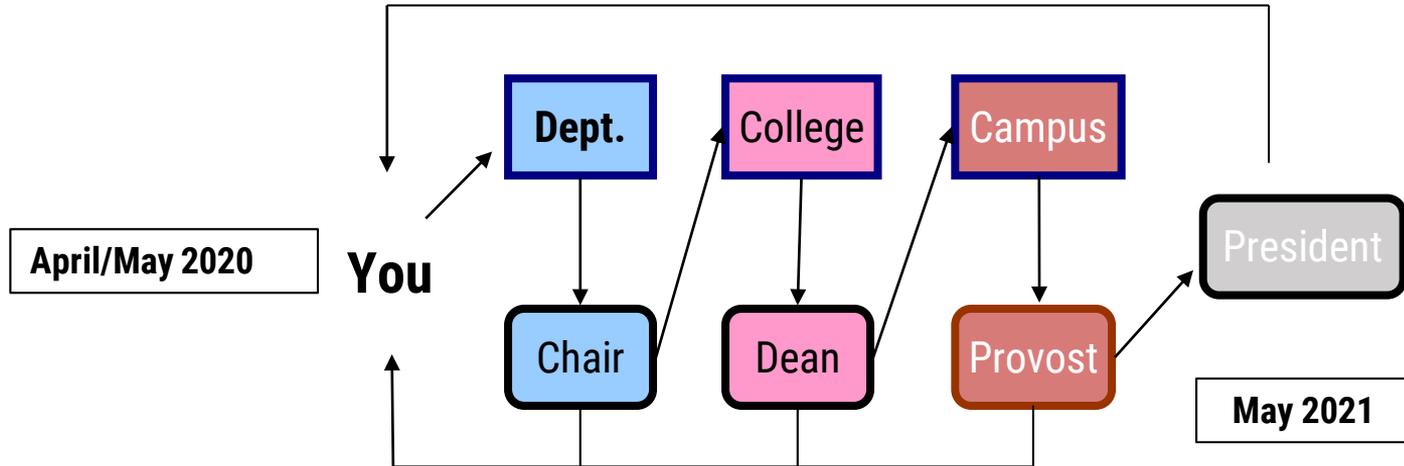
- ❖ You (i.e., your department) are the experts in your area
- ❖ You (i.e., your department) establish the criteria for excellence in that area, answering the question:
 - What does excellence in...
 - Research
 - Teaching
 - Service
 - Look like in your field/unit?
 - How is excellence measured?
- ❖ You (i.e., your department) establish the expectations and criteria for promotion
- ❖ You and your department colleagues are responsible for **articulating** and **demonstrating** how you have achieved “excellence” and met the criteria for promotion

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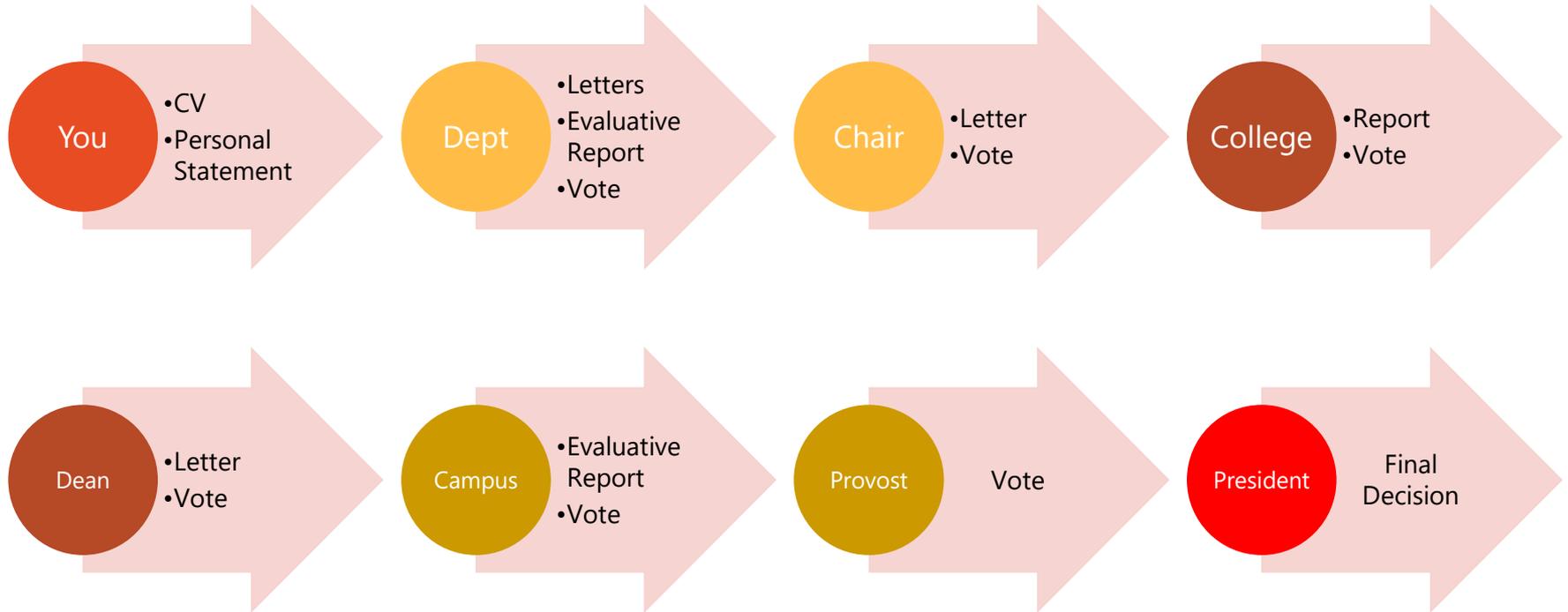


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The APT Committees



- ❖ Seek to understand **you** and the work you do in **your unit(s)**
- ❖ The most important thing a dossier does is **tell your story** (of excellence, impact, accomplishments)
- ❖ It is a narrative with several layers and parts by many different individuals/groups
 - Told at the Department, College, and Campus levels by You, Department, Outside evaluators, Chair, Dean, Provost
- ❖ The goal and hope is that the whole does justice to the case
 - [Ultimately, it is the President who has the most information in the decision to grant tenure]



The APT Committees

- ❖ Department
 - Subject matter experts closest to your work
 - Focus on essential components (CV and other candidate materials, selecting external evaluators, selecting materials for reviewers, the neatness)
 - Focus on criteria and attainment of excellence
- ❖ Higher level (College/Campus)
 - Focus on professional assessment of impact and quality
 - By field
 - By department (guided by written criteria)
 - By external evaluators

What Matters



- ❖ Show the significance of **your** work, **your** program, **your** achievements
- ❖ What is it about what you do that meets the definition of “continued excellence”?
- ❖ Show how you meet the higher expectations for promotion
- ❖ This is **your** story, and telling it accurately and meaningfully requires **reflection, perspective, metrics, and context**

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Some Counsel

❖ Know the criteria and process

- Know your unit's criteria
- Know how APT works in your unit (or multiple units if you have a joint appointment)

❖ Know the expectations

- Know where to publish
 - And/or be able to articulate why where you publish is appropriate
 - And make sure that others agree
 - Be ware of predatory publishers
- Know funded research expectations

Some Counsel



- ❖ **Measure and contextualize your results**
 - Make sure you understand the measures of impact and criteria in your unit
 - know what **your field** (peers outside the university) considers to be measures of success in **your area**
 - Show how you follow and meet expected measures of success/impact
 - Put the results in context:
 - Type of research you conduct
 - Kinds of courses you teach
- ❖ **Reach out/Check in**
 - **Colleagues:** get to understand what they do and to understand what you do
 - **Mentor(s):** seek their counsel and guidance
 - Associate Professors can ask for an assigned mentor (APT 2015)
 - **Chair/Director:** stay in touch



Some Counsel

❖ Listen

- In their comments, colleagues may be trying to tell you something
 - Informally
 - Via annual/periodic reviews

❖ Don't procrastinate

- Think about how to articulate what it is you do (personal statement)
- Think about the whole
 - There are many parts to a full dossier (personal statement, CV, suggested letter writers, teaching dossier)

Life Happens



- ❖ We have a range of supports
 - Paid Parental Leave
 - Leave Without Pay
 - Family Medical Leave
 - Accommodation

- ❖ Reach out to OFA for information and to discuss individual situations

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