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I am writing to thank the Department of Psychology for submitting the 2025 revisions to the Departmental Application of Criteria. As required by the EIU-UPI agreement, I have reviewed the materials and am pleased to approve the revised DAC.

Please note that with this approval the revised DAC is now in effect. Unit A faculty members who elect to be evaluated under the previous Departmental Application of Criteria must give notice to the Chair, Dean, and Provost prior to October 1, 2025 (Article 8.7.f.3).

The current Departmental Application of Criteria are available  
at: <https://www.eiu.edu/acaffair/DACnew.php>

**Department of Psychology  
2024 Departmental Application of Criteria  
Approved by Department of Psychology: March 2025**

**Preamble**

The purpose of this Departmental Application of Criteria (DAC) is to evaluate the performance of departmental faculty eligible to apply for retention, promotion, tenure, or Professional Advancement Increase (PAI) in accordance with the contracts between the University Professionals of Illinois, Eastern Illinois University Chapter and the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University. These contracts take precedence over this document in all instances.

The goal of this document is to allow Psychology faculty and responsible others to evaluate faculty performance in a way that is open, collegial, and accountable.

**General Considerations**

- 1) Faculty members are individually responsible for providing the documentation for evaluation, and for making clear the relationship between supporting materials and areas, categories and sub-categories in the DAC to which the material applies.
- 2) Evaluation of annually contracted faculty by the department chair shall apply the same criteria as evaluation of tenure-track faculty in the area of teaching/performance of primary duties (except as noted in the Unit B contract regarding peer evaluations).
- 3) All assignments for which faculty receive credit units (CUs) must be documented in the appropriate area.
- 4) Tenured faculty not applying for a promotion or PAI must substantiate performance in all three areas for an annual evaluation by the department chair.
- 5) All portfolios submitted for review must include a current curriculum vita, a copy of this DAC, a detailed table of contents, and all assignment of duties forms for the relevant evaluation period.
- 6) In each of the areas of review (teaching/primary duties; research; service) the activities specifically listed shall be regarded as of primary importance, but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of activities that faculty members might include in their portfolio to document performance.
- 7) Teaching/primary duties will be considered the most important of the three areas of evaluation. Research/Creative Activity will be given greater relative weight than Service.

## **Criteria for Evaluation in the Department of Psychology**

### **I. Teaching/Performance of Primary Duties**

The categories below (A, B, C, D) are listed in order of their relative importance for personnel recommendations. Within category A, the numerical elements (1, 2, 3, 4) are equal in importance. Within the other categories, the elements are listed in descending order of importance.

Evaluators have the opportunity to recognize that outstanding contributions in any category may compensate for apparent shortcomings or deficiencies in a second category, even in cases in which the first category is ranked lower in relative importance.

#### **A. Classroom Teaching**

##### **1. Student Evaluations**

- (a) Faculty shall make arrangements to administer the approved departmental student evaluation instrument in all classes (except in individual supervision courses) during the final two weeks of both the Fall and Spring semesters.
- (b) All numerical university and departmental core evaluation items must be included. For online courses, faculty shall include the item "The instructor used technology effectively to deliver the course."
- (c) Faculty members may also include "Instructor added items" and/or solicited or unsolicited student written comments for any class. If written comments are included for a class, copies of all such comments produced in that class must be included.
- (d) Evaluations shall not be initiated during the final examination period of any term.
- (e) The results of all approved departmental student evaluations shall be included in the applicant's portfolio for retention, promotion, tenure, or professional advancement increase.
- (f) Faculty shall not be present during the students' completion of the evaluation instrument.
- (g) Administration of student evaluations shall take place at the beginning of class if done in the classroom.
- (h) A table shall be presented in the narrative portion of the teaching section of the portfolio, reporting the overall mean of the median ratings for each numerical item on the evaluation instrument. This information shall be reported for each class taught and evaluated.
- (i) This table shall also include the overall mean of the means presented (i.e., with the mean of each class counting as a single score, regardless of the number of students per class).

##### **2. Reports of Classroom Visitation.**

- (a) At least two peer evaluations must be submitted by any faculty member seeking retention, promotion, tenure, or PAI. One peer evaluation shall be conducted by the department chair. The second peer evaluation shall be conducted by a tenured department faculty member chosen by the faculty member under evaluation.

- (b) Additional peer evaluations by the same or other faculty members are encouraged, but not required.
  - (c) Peer evaluations shall be based on at least one class taught by the faculty member being evaluated.
  - (d) The faculty member may also request additional class visits by the department chair.
  - (e) Faculty shall have the option of having their classroom visits conducted in person or via electronic means (i.e., livestream, video recordings, or by any other audio/visual means).
  - (f) Faculty teaching fully online asynchronously during the evaluation period shall coordinate course access with evaluators. A reasonable time and length of access shall be agreed upon. Evaluators will use their judgment in terms of the wording on the approved Classroom Visitation form to account for the unique differences between evaluating online and face-to-face classes.
- 3. Awards for teaching by national, state, regional, or university organization.
  - (a) A copy of the award shall serve as documentation of this outcome.
- 4. Course materials such as syllabi, supplementary materials, and exams.
  - (a) Faculty may submit copies of representative course materials, documentation of new courses for programs, documentation of innovative teaching methods and materials, and other materials that the faculty member believes provide evidence of quality of performance in this area.
  - (b) Representative syllabi shall be submitted for each course taught during the evaluation period and shall be evaluated against the current syllabus policy established by the Council on Academic Affairs.
- B. Other Primary Duties (e.g., activities of coordinator or director).
  - (a) Faculty shall submit a brief narrative description of the assigned duties and activities performed toward the fulfillment of those duties.
- C. Direction of Individual Activities
  - 1. Supervision of internships, practica, theses, and independent studies.
    - (a) Faculty shall submit brief narrative descriptions of supervisory activities, including, for example, approximate number and nature of contacts.
  - 2. Service on Masters Thesis Committees and Honors Thesis Committees.
  - 3. Involvement of students in research and publication.
    - (a) Faculty shall submit brief narrative descriptions of student involvement in research and publication, indicating number of students, the degree of their participation, and the degree of supervision by the faculty member.
  - 4. Student Advisement
    - (a) Faculty who are involved in academic advisement of students shall keep track of each advisee and submit an estimate of the average number of advisees supervised each semester.

#### D. Continued Development as a Teacher

1. Funded extramural grants supporting teaching activities.
2. Funded intramural grants supporting teaching activities.
3. Obtaining and maintaining professional license or certification.
4. Attendance at workshops and conferences pertaining to professional development in teaching.
  - (a) Faculty shall submit evidence of receipt of grants or attendance at workshops and conferences.
5. Application of technology in the teaching and learning process.
  - (a) Faculty shall submit a brief narrative description of the use of technology.

#### II. Research/Creative Activity

In all cases, the quality of the work shall be the primary consideration and peer review – as evidence of national, regional, state, or local recognition of work – will be the primary guide.

Published work is considered more significant than unpublished work. However, no single activity is necessary for the attainment of any particular performance level.

Faculty members applying for tenure, promotion, and PAI are expected to include evidence of published research as indicated in section II.A below.

Among the categories listed below, Published Research, Funded Extramural Grants, Editorial Activity, and Presented Research (A, B, C, & D) are of the greatest importance in personnel decisions. Continued Development as a Researcher/Scholar and Applications of Scholarship (Categories E & F) are considered of lesser importance than the previous group and are considered of equal importance to one another. Within each of these categories (A to F), relative importance of activities is given below.

In all cases, the importance of activities is: national or international level; state level; local level.

Each research/creative activity must be documented in some way.

##### A. Published Research Related to the Field of Psychology

Subcategories 1 (articles) and 2 (books) are of equal importance. Within each subcategory, activities are listed in descending order of importance. Evidence for scholarly equivalence shall be provided and may include impact factor or journal source information. It is expected that for tenure or promotion, faculty will have at least 2 items from subcategories 1 or 2.

1. Articles
  - (a) Authored or co-authored peer-reviewed article of original, scholarly work or literature review in APA/APS journals or the scholarly equivalent.
  - (b) Authored or co-authored peer-reviewed article of original, scholarly work or literature review in other refereed journals
  - (c) Book review in scholarly journal
  - (d) Authored or co-authored article published in formats other than refereed journals.
2. Scholarly Books

- (a) Authored or co-authored book or textbook.
- (b) Authored or co-authored monograph or book chapter.
- (c) Edited book or journal of scholarly works which have not been previously published.

B. Funded Extramural Grants

C. Editorial Activity

Activities are listed in descending order of relative importance.

- 1. Editor of Journal
- 2. Consulting Editor of Journal
- 3. Reviewing for an International, National, Regional, or State Publication or Grant Competition
- 4. Reviewing for an International, National, Regional, or State Conference

D. Presented Research Related to the Field of Psychology

Subcategory 1 is of greater relative importance than subcategory 2. Within each subcategory, activities are listed in descending order of importance.

- 1. Original, scholarly findings presented at a professional meeting at the following levels:
  - (a) National or International
  - (b) Regional
  - (c) State
  - (d) Local
- 2. Application or reviews of research presented at a professional meeting at the following levels:
  - (a) National or International
  - (b) Regional
  - (c) State
  - (d) Local

E. Continued Development as a Researcher/Scholar

Activities are listed in descending order of relative importance.

- 1. Works in progress, as documented by manuscripts, correspondence, grant proposals, etc.
- 2. Funded Intramural Grants
- 3. Awards for Research by National, State, Regional, or University Organizations.

F. Application of Scholarship

Activities are listed in descending order of importance.

- 1. Authoring or co-authoring an instructor's manual, study guide, or test bank for a textbook.
- 2. Public lectures, workshops, and panel discussion.

### III. Service

Category A (Departmental Service) and Category B (College and University Service) are of equal importance. Categories C & D are listed in decreasing order of importance. Within each category, the items are listed in decreasing order of importance. Participation in category A (Departmental Service) is required for retention, tenure and promotion.

Candidates for retention, promotion, or tenure may submit descriptions of activities, statements by others concerning service, service awards, meeting minutes, reports, and other documentation of their service contributions. The primary considerations in this area are diversity and depth of service.

#### A. Departmental Service

1. Chairing a standing or ad hoc departmental committee or group.
2. Service on a standing or ad hoc departmental committee or group, or service relating to departmental functions (e.g., library liaison).
3. Advising an officially recognized student organization.
4. Service in a non-CU-earning administrative capacity within the department.
5. Ad hoc service to the department such as scheduled activities involving recruiting, advising, representing the department, and serving as a peer evaluator.
6. Writing letters of recommendations for students and faculty colleagues including employment or graduate school applications and award applications.
7. Service on a thesis committee where not providing direct instruction (Note: Credit cannot be simultaneously claimed under I.C.2)

#### B. College and University Service

1. Chairing a standing or ad hoc college or university committee or group.
2. Service as a member of a standing or ad hoc college or university committee or group.
3. Consultative services with members of the college or university community, involving the faculty member's expertise.
4. Awards for service by national, state, regional, or university organization.

#### C. Service to the discipline and profession.

1. Recognition of service to the discipline or profession in the form of a national service award.
2. Service in an administrative capacity within a state, regional, or national organization of psychologists.
3. Consultative services, involving the faculty member's area of expertise, for psychologists and psychological or human service organizations outside the immediate university community.

#### D. Community service

1. Public lectures, workshops, panel discussions, and participation in broadcasts

involving the faculty member's expertise, but intended for an audience other than professional peers in psychology.

2. Consultative services, involving the faculty member's expertise with non-psychologist members of the community outside the university.

#### IV. Methods of Review

- A. All DPC members shall review and discuss available documentation of teaching/performance of primary duties, research, and service for all faculty who are candidates for retention, promotion, tenure, and PAI.
- B. Discussion with the faculty member of submitted documentation may be held at the request of either the faculty member or the DPC. The DPC may ask the faculty member for further documentation of an activity, if needed.