

## RANGE ELEVATION FOR LECTURERS

(This Policy Statement supersedes Policy Statement 00-11 and 02-03)

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This Policy has been developed in accordance with Sections 12.15 – 12.20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the California Faculty Association and the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and which states Procedures for range elevation on the salary schedule [for lecturers] shall be established at each campus by the President, after recommendation by the appropriate Academic Senate Committee.

Each lecturer is hired in a particular salary range (A, B, C, or D). A candidate who is awarded a range elevation moves from his/her current salary range to the next higher range (for example, from A to B), receives at least a 5% salary increase, and becomes eligible for Service Salary Increases (SSIs) in the new range.

### I. Eligibility and Notification

- A. Eligibility: Lecturers eligible for range elevation on the salary schedule shall be limited to those who have no more Service Salary Increase eligibility in their current range, and have served five (5) years in their current range.
- B. Timetable. The formal beginning of review for range elevation shall be on or about February 1 of each year. Conclusion of review normally shall be April 7.
- C. Notification:
  1. On or before November 1, the Office of Academic Affairs, Academic Personnel, shall notify those lecturers at the SSI maximum who have five (5) years of service in the current range that they may be eligible for range elevation. In that notification lecturers shall be informed that receipt of a previous Faculty Merit Increase may affect their eligibility for range elevation. Also, every department shall receive a list of lecturers eligible in that department.
  2. Failure to notify an eligible lecturer shall not be cause for automatic granting of a range elevation. An eligible lecturer not properly notified may apply for range elevation nonetheless.
  3. In the notification to the lecturers and the departments, the Office of Academic Affairs shall provide the website address (URL) for the Range Elevation Policy
  4. Each eligible lecturer shall be considered for a range elevation on the salary schedule unless he or she informs the Department Chair in writing of his or her desire not to be considered at this time.
- D. Effective Date. A range elevation salary increase shall be effective at the beginning of the first appointment in the academic year following the review.

### II. Department Evaluation Procedures

The award of a range elevation on the salary schedule may be made by the Dean after consultation with the pertinent department. That consultation shall be in the form of a written recommendation to the dean from the department.

- A. Departments shall determine their own procedures for evaluating their lecturers and preparing recommendations regarding range elevation.
- B. All current Unit 3 employees are eligible to participate in all departmental discussions and decisions pertaining to procedures for range elevation. All such employees must be fully informed of their right to participate and of the days, times, and locations of the meeting at which these issues will be discussed. Such notification must be in writing and must be given five (5) working days before any meeting to discuss these issues.
- C. Departments may choose one of the following configurations to evaluate lecturers for the purpose of making a recommendation on Range Elevation.
  - The departmental chair,

- 50 - A designee,  
 51 - An Elected Range Elevation Review Committee, or  
 52 - Any combination of one or more of the above.
- 53 D. If a department chooses to use a Range Elevation Review Committee, all Unit 3 employees are eligible to serve on  
 54 such a committee, except current candidates for range elevation.
- 55 E. The voting franchise for the purpose of establishing range elevation procedures and the department policy governing  
 56 elections related to range elevation shall be proportional to the time base of each Unit 3 member, i.e.  
 57 A Unit 3 member on .20 appointment casts 1 ballot  
 58 ".40 " 2 ballots  
 59 ".60 " 3 ballots  
 60 ".80 " 4 ballots  
 61 " 1.0 " 5 ballots
- 62 For purposes of determining the number of ballots an individual receives, appointments that fall between those listed  
 63 shall be rounded upward.
- 64 F. In any subsequent election regarding the procedures for range evaluation, and/or the election procedures pertaining  
 65 to range elevation, the proportional vote allotted to any employee cannot be less than the proportions described in  
 66 II.E.
- 67 G. In any election relating to Range Elevation all voting must be by mailed secret ballots. Such elections must be held  
 68 over a period lasting at least five (5) working days.
- 69 H. In the case of a lecturer who does not hold an appointment within a department, department-level evaluation shall be  
 70 by an ad hoc committee of faculty appointed by the Dean of the appropriate college after consultation with the  
 71 lecturer(s) as in II.B. above.
- 72 I. Each department shall forward its initial procedures on Range Elevation to the Office of the Academic Senate within  
 73 10 working days of approving the procedures. Any subsequent changes to the department's procedures on Range  
 74 Elevation must be forwarded to the Academic Senate by November 1 of the academic year the procedures take  
 75 effect.

### 76 III. Evaluation Criteria

77 To be recommended for range elevation, a lecturer must show professional growth and development appropriate to the  
 78 lecturer's work assignment and the mission of the university during the period between the date of initial appointment  
 79 or, where applicable, the date of the last range elevation and the time of the current request. This is the only review  
 80 period in which candidates' professional achievements shall be evaluated.

81 This section lists examples of activities that may be used to demonstrate appropriate professional growth and  
 82 development. It is neither exhaustive nor minimal, but simply a listing of the typical professional activities engaged in  
 83 by Lecturers in a wide range of disciplines. In all cases quality of performance and appropriateness of the activity  
 84 shall be the primary consideration when evaluating the merit of a specific activity. Activities are listed alphabetically,  
 85 and no weighting shall be inferred from the order.

- 86 - active participation at professional meetings and conferences
- 87 - activities enhancing the effective teaching of the discipline
- 88 - advising and mentoring student associations
- 89 - collaborative research and creative activity involving the campus and the community
- 90 - collaborative teaching
- 91 - contributions to improving the campus climate: the promotion of mutual respect and acceptance of diversity in all its  
 92 forms
- 93 - creative activities in support of effective teaching
- 94 - curriculum and program development
- 95 - development of instructional materials
- 96 - development of standards and/or outcomes assessment
- 97 - editing of publications
- 98 - external fundraising and resource development related to the mission of the university
- 99 - fostering of collegiality

- 100 - grant proposals to conduct research in the discipline, to support pedagogy, or to further the mission of the
- 101 University
- 102 - increased mastery of the discipline evidenced by additional relevant education or an additional degree
- 103 - involvement of students in the research and creative processes
- 104 - leadership and active participation in service activities of professional associations
- 105 - leadership and special contributions to the basic instructional mission of the university.
- 106 - leadership in faculty governance and campus life at the department, college, university, or CSU system level.
- 107 - maintenance and technical support of university labs, equipment, materials, supplies, safety standards and any
- 108 other support of environments that require advanced professional attention.
- 109 - mentoring of colleagues
- 110 - organizing events and activities for the sharing of ideas and knowledge
- 111 - presentations at conferences
- 112 - professional contributions to the community, including professional efforts which bring the community and the
- 113 campus together
- 114 - program advising
- 115 - publications, exhibitions, and/or performances that advance knowledge
- 116 - recruitment and retention of students
- 117 - research and/or creative activity in discipline related pedagogy
- 118 - research and/or creative activity in the discipline
- 119 - teaching and instructionally related activities
- 120 - thesis research and supervision

#### 121 **IV. The Application Process**

##### 122 A. The Candidate:

- 123 1. To be evaluated for Range Elevation, each candidate must submit application materials that conform to the
- 124 requirements of his or her department.
- 125 2. At a minimum, the candidate shall provide the following materials:
- 126 - a current curriculum vitae,
- 127 - a description of the candidate's work assignments for each semester of the period under consideration,
- 128 - a narrative presenting evidence, and/or examples, of her or his professional growth and development, and
- 129 - student evaluation summaries for all evaluated courses taught by the candidate in the department during the
- 130 period of evaluation.

##### 131 B. The Department:

132 Each Department, as part of its range elevation procedures, shall define the materials to be considered in an

133 application for range elevation.

##### 134 C. Additional Information

- 135 1. The Department Evaluator(s) may seek additional information or documentation needed to support a candidate's
- 136 claims. Department Evaluator(s) may also solicit written comments from the department chair or faculty peers to
- 137 clarify information provided by the candidate. Any comments that are used to determine a recommendation must
- 138 be included as supplemental attachments to the final written report and must be available to the candidate.
- 139 2. When a candidate is asked to provide additional information or documentation, the burden of supplying the
- 140 requested material in a timely manner resides with the candidate. Failure to provide requested information shall not
- 141 delay either the evaluation process nor the preparation of recommendation by the Department Evaluator(s).

#### 142 **V. The Evaluation Process**

##### 143 A. The Department Evaluation

- 144 1. The Department Evaluator(s) shall prepare a recommendation regarding range elevation for each eligible
- 145 candidate considered. This recommendation shall be a written report that includes the decision as well as the
- 146 reasons for reaching that decision.
- 147 2. The Department Evaluator(s) shall assess the quality and appropriateness of the candidate's professional growth

148 and development during the period of evaluation. Materials submitted by the candidate shall be evaluated in  
149 relation to the candidate's work assignment while employed in the department. The Department Evaluator(s) may  
150 not require, but may consider, evidence of performance outside of the area of the candidate's work assignment.

151 3. A copy of this recommendation shall be forwarded to the candidate, and the Dean, with a copy retained in the  
152 Department Office.

153 **B. The Candidate's Response (optional)**

154 1. Upon receiving the recommendation from the Department Evaluator(s), the candidate may provide a written  
155 response to the recommendation. Such a response is optional.

156 2. The candidate has seven (7) days to submit a response to the recommendation, which should be addressed to the  
157 Dean, with a copy sent to the Department Evaluator(s).

158 3. The candidate's response shall be attached to the candidate's range elevation file at the Dean's level, with a copy  
159 retained with the candidate's file at the Department level.

160 **C. The Dean's Decision and Notification**

161 1. The Dean shall make the final decision on awarding a range elevation to the candidate.

162 2. Following the seven (7) day period in which the candidate has the right to respond to the recommendation of the  
163 Department Evaluator(s), the Dean shall consider the application submitted along with the recommendation and  
164 the candidate's response, if submitted.

165 3. The decision of the Dean shall be forwarded to the candidate and the Chair of the appropriate department.

166 4. In the event a candidate's request is denied, the Dean must provide the candidate, the Department Evaluator(s),  
167 and/or the department Chair with a written explanation of the reasons for the denial, and apprise the candidate of  
168 the right to peer review (see VI below).

169 **VI. Peer Review**

170 Denial of range elevation shall be subject to a peer review process. Each year a Faculty Hearing Committee  
171 established in accordance with Article 10.12 of the CBA shall serve to hear appeals of any temporary faculty unit  
172 employee denied range elevation during that fiscal year. The Committee shall allow for appellants to make a  
173 presentation to the Committee and to be represented by CFA if so desired. The Committee shall convene and  
174 review the cases within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the review period. The Committee shall render a  
175 decision within thirty (30) days of hearing the case. The decision of the Faculty Hearing Committee shall be final and  
176 binding.

177 **VII. Range Elevation Materials**

178 The recommendations to grant or deny a range elevation shall not be considered during deliberations for reappointment  
179 unless the Lecturer includes the documents related to the recommendations in his/her personnel action file.

180 **VIII. Reporting**

181 At the end of the Academic Year, the Office of Academic Affairs will report on the number of Lecturers in each range  
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183 successful in each category.  
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