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Department Input Document Women's and Gender Studies

Within the Women's and Gender Studies Department, the department meeting and committees elected by the department members are the principal structures for making recommendations to the department head regarding but not limited to budgetary, curricular, instructional, outreach, and personnel policies and procedures.

For the purposes of this document, "department members" are tenured or tenure-track faculty whose tenure lines are fully or in part in the Women's and Gender Studies Department ("department faculty members"), as well as tenured or tenure-track faculty whose tenure lines are in other departments, but who (i) indicate at the beginning of either Fall or Winter semester (Fall and Winter terms) that they wish to be department members; and (ii) attend at least one department meeting in Fall and one department meeting in Winter each year. Additionally, the faculty member must either (a) teach courses that are offered by Women's and Gender Studies or cross-listed with Women's and Gender Studies, (at least one semester/term out of six consecutive semesters/terms), (b) serve on Women and Gender Studies student capstone committees, or (c) are performing extensive service for Women's and Gender Studies at the Department, College, or University level in the current academic year. Taking minutes at the meetings cannot alone constitute the amount of service a faculty member needs to be a department member.

Membership is contingent upon attendance at department meetings in the previous semester. Therefore, faculty with tenure in other departments, who do not attend a meeting in the Fall, are no longer "department members" in the Winter term. If they do not attend a meeting in the Winter they will not be "department members" in the subsequent Fall term. In order to reactivate membership, attendance at a meeting will be required but the faculty member will not be able to vote at that meeting. Active membership resumes when the faculty member attends a second meeting in that same semester.

The Personnel and Finance committee will review membership at the beginning of each semester (Fall and Winter), and under extenuating circumstances will consider maintaining active the membership status of individuals who do not meet conditions i-iii above. The Personnel and Finance Committee will also consider maintaining active the membership status of individuals who are on leave (academic or non-academic) and not performing service for Women's and Gender Studies in the current academic year.

Elections to committees shall be held during the month of April with terms of office beginning at the first day of the faculty contract, unless otherwise determined in accordance with the faculty contract. Temporary vacancies shall be filled by the process described above during the semester preceding an anticipated vacancy or within thirty days of an unanticipated vacancy becoming known, except that persons so elected shall be understood to be filling an unexpired term.

I. The Department Meeting of the Women's and Gender Studies Department

- A. A department meeting shall be held monthly in each semester, and more frequently if needed to consider recommendations from the Personnel and Finance Committee (II.A. below), Curriculum Committee (III.A. below), or Graduate Committee (IV.A. below), topics presented by the department head, and such other issues as may warrant departmental attention. Participation is open to all department members and full time and part time lecturers; however, voting is limited to department members.

A quorum for voting purposes shall consist of five (5) department members. Balloting on issues may be by voice, show of hands, or secret ballot; however, secret ballot must be used if a department member so requests.

- B. The department head shall have authority to call meetings, prepare agenda, and serve as chair without vote at department meetings. In addition, the department head must call a meeting upon receipt of a written request from three (3) department members. The department head will distribute the agenda for departmental meetings at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting. Items shall be placed on the written agenda at the request of any department member; additionally, agenda shall include an opportunity for any department member to bring a matter before the meeting.
- C. The department head will advertise positions with released time prior to the end of the preceding Fall or Winter term, or when a vacancy occurs.
- D. A secretary shall be designated by the department head at each department meeting, shall record the minutes of that meeting, and shall provide copies for distribution to the department members within seven (7) days of the meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be kept on file in the WGST Google Docs Shared Drive.
- E. Department meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, revised.

II. The Personnel and Finance Committee of the Women's and Gender Studies Department

- A. The committee shall be composed of three (3) tenured department members who are nominated from the floor at a department meeting and are elected by majority vote of those department members present at the election meeting. Members of the P&F committee cannot serve on the Curriculum committee concurrently.

The term of office of each member of the committee shall be three (3) years, with one term expiring each year. An alternate with a one-year term shall be elected to serve in cases of absence due to leaves or absences caused by temporary conflicts of interest.

- B. The Personnel and Finance chair, elected by the majority of the committee, shall have the authority to call meetings and prepare agenda. The agenda shall be distributed to committee members three (3) working days in advance of the meeting. The chair will serve as the secretary of the committee.
- C. The Personnel and Finance Committee shall meet as needed. Special meetings may also be called at the request of any committee member, and must be called if two members so request. In addition, meetings must be called upon the request of three (3) department members. Items shall be placed on the agenda at the request of any committee member or department member. The Personnel and Finance Committee makes recommendations to the department head in writing and reports to the department meeting.
- D. The responsibilities of the Personnel and Finance Committee shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Bi-Annual review of department member roster.
 2. Recommendations concerning job descriptions and academic credentials for all new hires and rehires of full time and part time lecturers.
 3. Recommending and ranking priorities for budget allocation.
 4. Advising the department head on policies affecting the following matters:
 - a. Full time and part time lecturer salaries
 - b. Student help
 - c. Services, supplies, and materials (SS&M) (to include travel, equipment, and scholarship aid)
 - d. Fundraising.
 5. Recommendations to the department head concerning both the size and character of the program budget requested and the distribution and expenditure of the money awarded to the program.
 6. Evaluation of prospective faculty members for appointment in accord with guidelines approved by the department and consistent with the DED. (See II. D.A. for information on additional evaluator.)
 7. Recommendations concerning the development of new—or approval of existing—techniques, guidelines, forms, special departmental criteria, and equivalencies for purpose of evaluation of the departmental faculty and recommendations affecting their status. These recommendations shall be referred to the department for discussion and approval.
 8. The review and evaluation of department faculty members, i.e., tenure or tenure-track faculty members with all or part of their tenure line in the department of Women's and Gender Studies, in the following areas of responsibility:
 - a. Teaching and advising students
 - b. Committee activities
 - c. Research and writing
 - d. Attendance at professional meetings
 - e. Other special departmental and professional responsibilities.
 9. The review and evaluation of department faculty members with split

appointments for tenure and promotion will be in accordance with the Women's and Gender Studies DED. If the majority of the split appointment is in a department other than Women's and Gender Studies, this evaluation will be conveyed to the Personnel Committee of that other department and a member of the Women's and Gender Studies Personnel Committee shall meet with the Personnel Committee of that other department.

10. The review of the DID every five years for its compliance with the EMU-AAUP Master Agreement and Department practices. It shall report the results of its review to the Department. If changes are needed, the DID shall be revised and submitted for approval as provided in the EMU-AAUP Master Agreement, Article XIII. If changes are not required, a cover page needs to be attached with votes and signatures and be sent to the appropriate committee for approval.
11. Drafting proposals for overload policies, which will be submitted to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and recommendations.
12. Recommendations to the department head concerning applicants for departmental released time positions.

III. The Curriculum Committee of the Women's and Gender Studies Department

- A. The committee shall be composed of three (3) elected department members and one Women's and Gender Studies graduate student, who are nominated from the floor at a department meeting and are elected by majority vote of those department members present at the election meeting.

The term of office of each faculty member of the committee shall be three (3) years, with one term expiring each year. The term of the graduate student member shall be one year.

- B. The Curriculum Committee chair, elected by the majority of the committee, shall have the authority to call meetings and prepare agenda. The agenda shall be distributed to committee members at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting. The chair will serve as the secretary of the committee.
- C. The Curriculum Committee of the Women's and Gender Studies Department shall review and make written recommendations to the department meeting and the department head, concerning but not limited to:
 1. Proposed undergraduate curricular developments and changes
 2. New undergraduate programs
 3. Scheduling of classes and course offerings, including class assignments, class size, issuing of overrides, teaching load equivalencies and Summer teaching priority
 4. Policies concerning the department's participation in distance learning, continuing education courses, off-campus programs, and all courses carrying WGST designation and credit

5. Program review (undergraduate and graduate)
6. Policies for undergraduate assessment of student learning outcomes in Women's and Gender Studies programs

D. The Curriculum Committee's minutes shall be kept on file in the ~~program~~ department office. Committee meetings shall be open to all department members.

IV. The Graduate Committee of the Women's and Gender Studies Department

A. The committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) department members, who are nominated from the floor at a department meeting and are elected by majority vote of those department members present at the election meeting.

The term of office for each department member shall be three years, for up to two consecutive terms.

B. Among the members must be the graduate coordinator, who shall chair the committee. The graduate coordinator is elected by majority vote of those department members present at the election meeting and shall serve a term of three years.

C. The chair shall have the authority to call meetings and prepare agenda. The agenda shall be distributed to committee members at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting. The chair will serve as the secretary of the committee.

D. The Graduate Committee of the Women's and Gender Studies Department shall review and make written recommendations to the department meeting and the department head, concerning but not limited to:

1. Graduate admissions
2. New and revised graduate programs and courses
3. Outreach and recruitment
4. Annual feedback for graduate students
5. Graduate program policies and guidelines
6. GA assignments
7. Policies for graduate assessment of student learning outcomes in Women's and Gender Studies programs

E. The Graduate Committee's minutes shall be kept on file in the department office. Committee meetings shall be open to all department members.

V. Election Process, Term of Service, and Replacement/Recall Provisions

A. Election

Department committee elections shall be conducted at the April meeting during winter term. Vacancies for department committees will be filled initially by any faculty member who volunteers and is willing to serve. If there are more volunteers than vacancies or there are still vacancies after that initial process, a vote will be taken by a show of hands of the attending faculty as long as quorum is met. If there is no quorum, a vote will be taken over email.

B. Vacancies

Should a position on any of the standing committees become vacant, a replacement shall be elected at the next regular meeting of the department. The replacement shall serve for the remainder of the term of the position.

C. A faculty member of any department standing committee is subject to recall from that position by the following procedure:

1. Within two (2) weeks of receipt of a written petition signed by a majority of the department members requesting the recall of a member of any Standing Committee, the department head shall schedule a department meeting for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposed recall.
2. Notice of the meeting and of its purpose shall be communicated by the department head via email to all department members at least one week prior to the meeting.
3. The department member cited shall be removed from the committee assignment in question if a majority of the department members present and voting, so vote. The vote will be held by secret ballot.

V. Summer Teaching Policy

- A. With the input of the Curriculum Committee, the Department Head shall create a schedule of summer courses based on programmatic needs. The Department Head shall then solicit requests for these courses from among department members.
- B. Each department member may request up to two course sections. However, no department member may be assigned two course sections unless everyone who has requested summer teaching has been assigned one or has declined available

course sections.

- C. If there are more requests for course sections than can be scheduled, then priority shall be given as follows:
 - 1. Department faculty members
 - 2. Department members whose continued department membership is dependent on being able to teach in the Summer term.
 - 3. Department members who are most active in Women's and Gender Studies (by way of, e.g., serving on department committees, regularly attending Department Meetings, and/or working with WGST students).
- D. If a summer course section is cancelled after having been assigned to a department member (e.g., in the event of under-enrollment), the preceding priority principles shall be applied in re-assigning courses to the department member(s) whose section has been cancelled.

VI. Selection of Department Head

- A. The department members shall provide input to the CAS Dean on the appropriate qualifications of the department head.
- B. Appointment of Search Committee: With the approval of the CAS Dean, a Search Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) department members, one of whom shall be from outside the College of Arts and Sciences, and a representative of the Dean's Office. The department members shall be elected by a majority at the department meeting.
- C. The Search Committee shall select its chair from among the members of the committee. The chair's duties shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Chair meetings of the Search Committee
 - 2. Preside over department meetings when the topic of discussion is any aspect of the search procedure
 - 3. Coordinate the advertisements and other search requirements with Academic Human Resources and the Dean and ensure that ads are placed in appropriate forums and that the various requirements are met
 - 4. Prepare appropriate documentation as required by the search process
 - 5. Ensure that the search is conducted in accordance with all applicable university regulations
 - 6. Schedule all aspects of the search process
 - 7. Keep members of the department informed of the progress/status of the search process.
- D. Tasks of the Search Committee
 - 1. Recommend a job description to the Dean, including academic credentials, and secure approval from the department members at department meeting and forward to appropriate administrative authorities prior to placing the ads.

2. Prepare any voting matrices or other decision-making/selection documents or processes (including the procedure for the department's final vote) and secure administrative approval for their use prior to the beginning of the screening process.
3. Do an initial screening of applicant files to ensure that the files are complete and applicants meets minimum standards for the position.
4. Review the credentials of all the applicants who have complete files and rank groups of candidates for recommendation to department for further consideration.
5. Each department member shall have the opportunity to review the files of the candidates and to express his or her preferences regarding the candidates by using the process approved by department members for this purpose.
6. The chair of the Search Committee shall forward to the Dean the name(s) of the recommended candidate(s).

E. Recommendation Process

1. The recommended candidates shall be voted upon and ranked by department members in accordance with the process approved at a department meeting for this purpose.
2. In order to vote on the finalists, a department member must attend at least one of the on campus sessions with each candidate.

- F. Throughout these procedures, the credentials of any and all applicants shall be available for review by all department members. Such availability shall be in accord with the legal requirements for confidentiality and privacy applicable to such a search.

VII. Department Head Evaluation

- A. The Personnel and Finance Committee shall be responsible for initiating an evaluation of the Department Head in accordance with the Article XV of the EMU-AAUP Master Agreement. All department members will be asked to participate in the evaluation process.

VIII. Selection of Faculty Member

- A. The department members shall provide input to the department head.
- B. Appointment of Search Committee: With the approval of the CAS Dean, a Search Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) department members. The department members shall be elected by a majority at the department meeting.
- C. If there is a need to prioritize requests for new faculty hires then the department will vote on the priority of the requests to provide input to the Department Head. Majority vote will decide the order of prioritization.
- D. The Search Committee shall select its chair from among the members of the Committee. The chair's duties shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

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2. Preside over department meetings when the topic of discussion is any aspect of the search procedure
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- IX. A recall of elected committee members must be proposed in writing to the department head with a petition signed by at least one-third of the department members. The department head will then notify the faculty member who is being considered for recall in writing and call a department meeting. During the meeting the committee member who is being considered for recall should be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations against him/her. A secret ballot will be conducted (by the two most senior department members present, by the order of recall in the contract, excluding the one being recalled) for the purpose of recalling the committee member. A simple majority of the votes cast by the department members shall be necessary to confirm the recall.
- VI. The department head may, with prior notice, convene and attend meetings of committees in order to present items for discussion and to deliberate with the committees on specific agenda items. For this purpose, the committee chair shall keep the department head informed as to meeting times and anticipated orders of business. The department head shall absent her/himself from the final committee discussion and vote.
- VII. In those instances where faculty members serve as program coordinators and/or director, there will be a committee structure through which that coordinator collects faculty input before making recommendations. Recommendations will go to the department head.
- VIII. Nothing in these procedures shall be interpreted as preventing the department head from consulting with individual department members or groups of department members if she/he deems it appropriate to do so in carrying out the duties of the position. Moreover, nothing in these procedures shall be interpreted as preventing department members from consulting with each other individually or in groups if they deem it appropriate to do so in carrying out their duties.
- IX. This document shall not server to alter, modify or otherwise supersede any provision of, EMU-AAUP Agreement between Eastern Michigan University and the Eastern Michigan University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors nor shall any provision therein detract from any right(s) or function(s) retained by or granted EMU or EMU-AAUP through the parties' Agreement.

Appendix A
Research/Creative Activity Release Program

Only the following equivalencies apply:

- **Double Sections (2x equivalency)**
 - A “double section” is created by purposely scheduling two identical sections of a course at the same time, with the same cap, and with the same instructor. If the two sections fill to 1.5x the single section cap, the double section is created and each section is counted towards workload.

- **Team Teaching (1:1 equivalency)**
 - Each faculty member team-teaching the course receives the established credit hours of the course, assuming each faculty member is actively involved in teaching the course over the entire semester.

- **Contact hours (1 contact hour = 1 credit hour towards load)**
 - If the scheduled hours that a face-to-face section meets are greater than the credit hours of the course, the contact hours are used to determine the teaching load, assuming the faculty member is actively involved in teaching the section over the entire meeting time. The typical case would be a clinical, studio or laboratory course.

- **Research/Creative Activity Release (3 credit hour release per semester from the contractual teaching load of 12 credit hours per semester/24 credit hours per academic year).**
 - Faculty can apply in any year using the Promotion evaluation calendar.
 - Faculty must:
 - Complete two major and one minor Research/Creative Activities per five-year evaluation period; and
 - Meet a Scholarly/Creative Activity rating of “Distinctly Above Average.”
 - Faculty meeting these standards are eligible to receive the release for a five (5) year time period.
 - Faculty must reapply to receive the Research/Creative Activity Release for another five-year period in the fifth year using the Promotional calendar.
 - Faculty electing the Research/Creative Activity Release may balance their teaching load over two (2) years as a result of a teaching load of more or less than 9 credit hours. Any additional credit hours needed to balance the load must be taught sooner if the five (5) year research release period is coming to an end.
 - Faculty electing not to participate will teach twelve (12) credit hours per semester or 24 credit hours per academic year. Faculty not participating may only receive equivalency credit for double sections, team teaching, and contact hours.