

APPENDIX Y

TENURE COMMITTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

The committee consists of the evaluation team of a contract probationary employee during the fourth year.

1. Members shall read all tenure materials and follow guidelines and procedural timelines.
2. Members shall be professional when evaluating classroom performance and professional responsibility. Judgments shall be based on personally observed classroom behavior and evaluation materials, not hearsay.
3. Members shall be constructive in their criticism, pointing out specific areas of weakness and recommending a plan for correcting those weaknesses within a reasonable time frame.
4. Members should take care to distinguish between the candidate's professional and personal characteristics, between ability to teach and general lifestyle, including religious beliefs, sexual orientation, political affiliations and social customs.
5. Members should recognize that the candidate may have a different philosophy of education and teaching style than theirs. The main concern should be the effectiveness as stated in criteria of the candidate in the classroom or worksite.
6. Members who feel unable to objectively evaluate or be unbiased toward a candidate should disqualify themselves.
7. Members should respect the confidentiality of the tenure process, with evaluations and the views of members regarded as private information.