SECTION 327
EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS

SOURCE: NDSU President
Faculty Senate

1. Introduction

North Dakota State University believes every university employee deserves regular evaluation of their professional duties as they relate to a formal job description and the university’s needs. This process should be transparent and constructive, including an acknowledgment of the employee’s achievements, as well as an assessment of their ability to match the university’s expectations.

This policy pertains to the provost, full-time vice provosts, academic vice presidents who report to the provost, academic deans, full-time academic associate and assistant deans, directors of academic offices, and chairs and heads. The evaluation process will include input from a variety of groups; faculty will play a major role in evaluation of academic administrators.

2. Annual Review

Each administrator covered by this policy will be reviewed annually by the administrative supervisor to whom that person reports in accordance with Policy 167.

3. Comprehensive Review

All administrators covered under this policy will undergo comprehensive review. The first comprehensive review will be completed by the end of the administrator’s third year of appointment. Subsequent reviews will occur every five years, to be completed by the end of the fifth year after the prior review. Interim reviews may be initiated by the administrator or by the person to whom the administrator reports. If a review indicates substantial areas of concern or lack of performance, the next review will be completed within two years of that review.

4. Common Review Criteria

Review criteria will be based on the administrator’s job description and may include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a) leadership, strategic planning and assessment;
   b) administration and management;
   c) commitment to institutional values including equity and diversity, academic freedom, and shared governance;
   d) external relations;
   e) service to the broad mission of the University.
   The relative importance of evaluation areas will vary with administrator job description; therefore, some criteria above many not apply and others may be added.

5. Procedures
Comprehensive reviews will be initiated by the administrator’s supervisor, and must be conducted according to the Comprehensive Review Procedures for Academic Administrators.

Review committees – consisting of tenured faculty, relevant administrators, and staff – will be formed in accordance with the Comprehensive Review Procedures. The review committee shall prepare a report summarizing its findings for submission to the supervisor.

The supervisor will provide a summary of the review to the unit.

HISTORY:

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