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## **I. The Mission Statement of the University and related items**

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### The Mission Statement:

Fairfield University, founded by the Society of Jesus, is a coeducational institution of higher learning whose primary objectives are to develop the creative intellectual potential of its students and to foster in them ethical and religious values and a sense of social responsibility. Jesuit Education, which began in 1547, is committed today to the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement.

Fairfield is Catholic in both tradition and spirit. It celebrates the God-given dignity of every human person. As a Catholic university it welcomes those of all beliefs and traditions who share its concerns for scholarship, justice, truth, and freedom, and it values the diversity which their membership brings to the university community.

Fairfield educates its students through a variety of scholarly and professional disciplines. All of its schools share a liberal and humanistic perspective and a commitment to excellence. Fairfield encourages a respect for all the disciplines -- their similarities, their differences, and their interrelationships. In particular, in its undergraduate schools it provides all students with a broadly based general education curriculum with a special emphasis on the traditional humanities as a complement to the more specialized preparation in disciplines and professions provided by the major programs. Fairfield is also committed to the needs of society for liberally educated professionals. It meets the needs of its students to assume positions in this society through its undergraduate and graduate professional schools and programs.

A Fairfield education is a liberal education, characterized by its breadth and depth. It offers opportunities for individual and common reflection, and it provides training in such essential human skills as analysis, synthesis, and communication. The liberally educated person is able to assimilate and organize facts, to evaluate knowledge, to identify issues, to use appropriate methods of reasoning, and to convey conclusions persuasively in written and spoken word. Equally essential to liberal education is the development of the aesthetic dimension of human nature, the power to imagine, to intuit, to create, and to appreciate. In its fullest sense liberal education initiates students at a mature level into their culture, its past, its present, and its future.

Fairfield recognizes that learning is a life-long process and sees the education which it provides as a foundation upon which its students may continue to build within their chosen areas of scholarly study or professional development. It also seeks to foster in its students a continuing intellectual curiosity and a desire for self-education which will extend to the broad range of areas to which they have been introduced in their studies.

As a community of scholars, Fairfield gladly joins in the broader task of expanding human knowledge and deepening human understanding, and to this end it encourages and supports the scholarly research and artistic production of its faculty and students.

Fairfield has a further obligation to the wider community of which it is a part, to share with its neighbors its resources and its special expertise for the betterment of the community as a whole. Faculty and students are encouraged to participate in the larger community through service and academic activities. But most of all, Fairfield serves the wider community by educating its students to be socially aware and morally responsible persons.

Fairfield University values each of its students as an individual with unique abilities and potentials, and it respects the personal and academic freedom of its members. At the same time it seeks to develop a greater

sense of community within itself, a sense that all of its members belong to and are involved in the University, sharing common goals and a common commitment to truth and justice, and manifesting in their lives the common concern for others which is the obligation of all educated, mature human beings.

AC: 04/25/1988

Mission Statement:

The faculty, working collegially with the administration and all relevant parties, will have an essential role in composing and/or revising any future Mission Statement of the University. The text of such a new or revised Mission Statement will be considered for approval by the faculty through its structures of shared governance.

AC: 02/25/1985

AC: 03/07/2011

## 2. Items Related to the Journal of Record

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### Journal of Record:

The *Journal of Record* contains policies that have been approved by the Academic Council of the General Faculty and subsequently approved by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is the approval of both the faculty and the administration that makes such agreements policy and therefore qualifies them for inclusion in the *Journal of Record*. These policies remain in place and can only be changed by the mutual agreement of the Academic Council or the General Faculty and the administration.

AC: 03/07/2011

### Entry into the Journal of Record:

Committees shall report policy recommendations\* to the Secretary of the General Faculty, and the Executive Secretary of the Academic Council. The Academic Council will discuss and vote on the recommendation in a timely manner. Members of faculty committees need to be mindful that recommendations for inclusion in the Journal of Record must be expressed in the language of policy. The language of motions intended for inclusion in the Journal of Record should not be framed as exhortation, or advice, or as an expression of hopeful outcome. If, after the Academic Council has approved a motion for inclusion in the Journal of Record, the Secretary of the General Faculty determines that the language is not expressed appropriately in the form of policy, the Secretary should return the matter to the Academic Council for review and possible revision. The Faculty Secretary, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may propose a revised text in the form of policy for the Council's consideration.

Any policy approved by the Academic Council will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs who shall respond within fifteen calendar days to the Academic Council with either approval or objection. The disposition of the matter shall be reported to the General Faculty through the minutes of the Academic Council. The General Faculty, as in all matters, may address the recommendation in the General Faculty Meeting which immediately follows the Academic Council decision, and may overrule the Council. Once approved the policy will be entered in the Journal of Record by the Secretary of the General Faculty.

\*Committees will not report specific non-policy decisions such as recommendations for promotion or sabbatical.

AC: 03/18/1985

amended AC: 04/25/1988

amended AC: 04/04/2011

Only committee policy recommendations, subsequently approved by the Academic Council or the General Faculty, are to be included in the *Journal of Record*. Any details pertinent to the substance of the policy recommendation should be articulated as part of the recommendation itself. Supporting materials to the policy should be considered illustrative and not be included in the *Journal of Record*.

AC: 05/16/1988

### Annual Reconciliation of University documents with the Journal of Record:

Policies in University documents (The Undergraduate Catalog, the Graduate Catalogs, The Student Handbook, The Benefit Plans Overview, etc.) must be consistent with policies in the *Journal of Record*. To insure consistency with the *Journal of Record*, drafts of University documents will be shared with the Secretary of the General Faculty in a timely manner prior to publication and any revisions needed to make the documents consistent with the *Journal of Record* will be incorporated prior to publication.

AC: 04/04/2011

### 3. Items related to the Magis Core Curriculum

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#### The *Magis* Core Curriculum

##### Mission:

In *The Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius writes: “Our one desire and choice should be what is *more [Magis]* conducive to the end for which we are created.” *Magis* denotes the cultivation of a disposition that acknowledges the generosity of God and embodies it in our generosity to others. The *Magis* Core Curriculum is deeply rooted in the Jesuit Catholic tradition and aims to provide an educational context for discerning the common good and for transforming students and faculty into men and women for others. As Fairfield University’s *Mission of the Core* (1999) states: “While these values are given particular shape and texture in the Christian story that indelibly marks the history and identity of Fairfield University, they are universal ideals, which as the University Mission Statement suggests, are ‘the obligation of all educated, mature human beings.’” The *Magis* Core Curriculum supports and reflects the University’s Mission, educating the whole person and offering on-going opportunities for transformation. The *Magis* Core Curriculum weaves three “signature elements” throughout the disciplinary-based core courses: an Interdisciplinary element, a Social Justice element, and a Writing Intensive element.

##### Overview:

The *Magis* Core Curriculum is a tiered, 45-credit (15 courses), required curriculum for all undergraduate students. The *Magis* Core Curriculum is department / discipline-based, with flexibility for students to select courses based on their own interests and abilities, and opportunities for growth in the form of signature elements that prioritize both interdisciplinary and social justice experiences, as well as writing across the curriculum and writing in the discipline. The 15 required courses are distributed across two tiers outlined below: Orientation (Tier 1) and Exploration (Tier 2). A hallmark of the *Magis* Core Curriculum is the inclusion of Signature Elements, which may be completed during completion of the Core or in some cases, major courses, as described below. Whenever possible, *Magis* Core courses will be taught by full time faculty.

##### Required courses and course distribution.

#### ORIENTATION (7 courses)

- English (Composition and Rhetoric) (1 course)
- Religious Studies (1 course)
- Philosophy (1 course)
- History (1 course)
- Mathematics (1 course)
- Modern / Classical Language (1 course)
- 1 additional course in *either* Mathematics *or* Modern / Classical Language (1 course)

#### EXPLORATION (8 courses)

- **Humanities**
  - Religious Studies / Philosophy / History (2 courses in 2 *different* departments)
  - English / Modern Languages and Literatures / Classics (1 course in Literature)
  - Visual and Performing Arts (1 course)
- **Natural Sciences**
  - Biology / Chemistry and Biochemistry / Physics (2 courses)

- **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Communication / Economics / Politics / Psychology / Sociology and Anthropology (2 courses)

An active list of the courses that fulfill these *Magis* Core requirements will be maintained by the Director of the Core and kept on the *Magis* Core Curriculum website.

Required signature elements.

During completion of the *Magis* Core (and in some cases, the completion of the Major), students will complete the following seven signature elements.

- **Interdisciplinary element (1 course):** *either* a team-taught course, *or* a cluster course, *or* an individually taught course (with at least one instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences). (All courses within the Orientation and Exploration areas. **A single Interdisciplinary course must fulfill only one requirement in Orientation or Exploration.**
- **Social Justice element (3 courses):** one course providing an introduction to social justice (SJ1), and two additional social justice courses (SJ2), at least one of which accomplishes the learning outcomes through a **focus on race** (broadly construed), studied intersectionally with gender and class (SJ1 and one SJ2 course fulfilled within the Orientation and Exploration areas. One SJ2 course fulfilled within *either* the Orientation and Exploration areas *or* within a Major.)
- **Writing Intensive element (3 courses):** two courses (within the Orientation and Exploration areas) plus one additional course fulfilled within *either* the Orientation and Exploration areas (Writing Across the Curriculum) *or* within a Major (Writing in the Disciplines).

The learning objectives for Signature Elements serve as guidelines for the approval of courses fulfilling Interdisciplinary, Social Justice, and Writing Intensive (WAC and WID) elements in the *Magis* Core Curriculum. These learning objectives appear in Appendix 28 of the Journal of Record. It is possible for individual courses to fulfill more than one signature element. An active list of courses that fulfill the Signature Elements will be maintained by the Core Director and kept on the *Magis* Core Curriculum website. Whenever possible, courses fulfilling Signature Elements will be taught by full-time faculty.

### Administrative Structure and Governance

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will appoint a tenured or tenure-track faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences to be the Director of the *Magis* Core Curriculum. There will be a Coordinator for each Signature Element in the *Magis* Core Curriculum: Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary element, Coordinator of Social Justice element, and Coordinator of the Writing Intensive (WAC and WID) element. These three Coordinators will be tenured or tenure track faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences, appointed by the Dean of the College, in consultation with the Director of the *Magis* Core Curriculum. The Director of the *Magis* Core Curriculum, the three Coordinators of the Signature Elements and the College Dean (or the Dean's designee) will constitute the *Magis* Core Curriculum Committee.

The Director of the *Magis* Core Curriculum shall:

- Oversee all aspects of the implementation of the *Magis* Core Curriculum;
- Oversee the ongoing execution of the *Magis* Core Curriculum, recommending changes and revisions to the faculty for approval when appropriate;
- Convene and chair meetings of the *Magis* Core Curriculum Committee at least twice a semester;
- Report to the College Faculty annually;
- Report to the General Faculty annually;



- Report to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee annually.

The Coordinator of each Signature Element shall:

- Be available as a resource to faculty teaching courses that satisfy that particular signature element in order to enhance and improve the integration of the signature element into courses;
- Be available as a resource for faculty who would like to propose a course to satisfy that particular signature element;
- Monitor availability of courses to satisfy that signature element;
- Attend meetings of the *Magis* Core Curriculum Committee.

The *Magis* Core Curriculum Committee shall:

- Meet, at least twice each semester, to discuss the ongoing operation of all aspects of the *Magis* Core Curriculum;
- Regularly review the course approval and appeal processes for the *Magis* Core and recommend changes when needed to the UCC.
- Convene a meeting with appointed representatives from each of the professional schools at least once a semester.

### **Designation of courses to fulfill the Orientation and Exploration Tiers of the *Magis* Core Curriculum**

1. Orientation courses (Tier 1).
  - a. Each department with a requirement in the Orientation tier of the *Magis* Core will determine the courses that can fulfill that requirement.
2. Exploration courses (Tier 2).
  - a. The departments of history, philosophy, religious studies, and visual and performing arts will determine which of their courses can fulfill their departmental requirements in the Exploration tier.
  - b. The departments of communication, economics, psychology, politics, will determine which of their courses can fulfill the social and behavioral science core requirement.
  - c. The English Department, led by the Director of Literature, will determine which of the courses offered by English or Classical studies can fulfill the literature requirement. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures will determine which of their courses can fulfill the literature requirement. All determinations will be made using the common set of learning objectives developed by the Department of English, led by the Director of Literature, and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.
  - d. The core science review committee will determine which non-science major courses offered in the departments of biology, chemistry and biochemistry, and physics can fulfill the natural science core requirement. All major courses offered by the departments of biology, chemistry, and biochemistry, and physics can fulfill the natural science core requirement.

### **Core Credit Approval for Courses offered outside of Core Departments**

1. UCC will determine whether a course can count for a core area outside of its department. In making this determination UCC will review minutes and recommendations as follows. Courses approved for credit outside their departments do not also count within the department.
  - a. Orientation tier.
    - i. A department or faculty member may petition the relevant department, providing a syllabus and explanation of how the course meets the appropriate core learning objectives. The department will send its recommendation with minutes of the department meeting to the UCC. The UCC will review and inform the department and petitioning faculty member of their decision.

- b. Exploration tier.
  - i. For Humanities credit, a department or faculty member may petition the relevant department, providing a syllabus and an explanation of how the course meets the appropriate core learning objectives. The department will send its recommendations with minutes of department meeting to the UCC. The UCC will review and inform the department and petitioning faculty member of their decision.
  - ii. A department or faculty member may petition the English Department or the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures for literature designation. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures or the English Department, led by the Director of Literature, will send its recommendation with minutes of the department meeting to UCC. The UCC will review and inform the department and petitioning faculty member of their decision.
  - iii. For Social and Behavioral Sciences credit, a department or faculty member may petition the Social Science Core Review UCC Subcommittee, providing a syllabus and an explanation of how the course meets the appropriate core learning objectives. The committee will send its recommendations with minutes of meeting to the UCC. The UCC will review and inform the petitioning faculty member of their decision.
  - iv. For Natural Science credit, a department or faculty member may petition Core Science Review UCC subcommittee, providing a syllabus and an explanation of how the course meets the appropriate core learning objectives. The committee will send its recommendations with minutes of meeting to the UCC. The UCC will review and inform the petitioning faculty member of their decision.

#### Composition and functioning of Review Committees for Social Science Core and Core Natural Science

- a. The Social Science Core Review UCC subcommittee will be composed of chairs of the Social and Behavioral Sciences (or their representatives), namely, the departments of communication, economics, politics, psychology, and sociology and anthropology. Chairs will vote in favor or against core designation after consulting departmental colleagues, and courses that receive at least 3 positive votes from Social and Behavioral Science chairs will be recommended for core credit in the Social and Behavioral sciences to the UCC. This review process shall be completed within two weeks.
- b. The Core Science Review UCC subcommittee will be composed of chairs (or their designees) of the Natural Science Departments (biology, chemistry and biochemistry, and physics), along with one faculty member from outside of the natural sciences appointed by the UCC. Members will vote in favor or against core designation. Courses that receive at least 3 positive votes will be recommended for core credit in the Natural sciences to the UCC.
- c. In the case of a negative recommendation, the subcommittee will directly notify the applicant and detail its rationale.

#### **Designation of courses fulfilling the Signature elements**

Faculty seeking signature element designations for their courses will submit applications and send syllabi to the respective subcommittees (i.e. interdisciplinary, social justice, and writing across the curriculum / writing in the discipline) for review. Application forms will include the learning objectives approved by the General Faculty for designations, plus guidelines for fulfilling those designations.

Each of the subcommittees (ID, SJ, and WAC/WID) will include one Coordinator plus 4 additional people nominated by Coordinators. Nominations for subcommittee members will go to the Director of the Core, and members will be appointed by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Term lengths will be two years, and the standard limit for terms is two consecutive terms. The subcommittee will carefully review each course and recommend it for designation, or ask applicants to revise and resubmit. Upon resubmission, the course may be accepted or rejected for designation. When designation is rejected, the subcommittee will provide a brief explanation for rejection if the applicant requests it.

The subcommittee will submit recommendations to MCCC for discussion and approval, and minutes will be submitted to the UCC Chair for oversight. Upon review of the process, the UCC Chair will forward the list of approved courses for signature element designations to the University Registrar. The Director of the Core will report to UCC at least once a semester to report on activities related to implementation of the *Magis* Core.

### **Appeals process**

The *Magis* Core Curriculum Committee will review appeals when courses are rejected for ID, WAC/WID, and SJ designation. The committee will review the materials submitted and can decide to (a) support the subcommittee's decision, (b) override it, or (c) encourage the applicant to revise the course for resubmission. A brief written explanation will be provided to the applicant regarding the reasons for the committee's decision.

GF: 02/23/2018

AC: 05/03/2019

Amended AC: 10/18/2021

#### **4. Items related to Governance, the General Faculty, and General Faculty Meetings**

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##### Observers at General Faculty Meetings:

Individual members or representatives of specific groups from the University community may be admitted to meetings of the General Faculty by presenting a request for admittance to the Chairman of the meeting and upon approval of the General Faculty by a majority vote of those present and voting.

GF: 10/20/1970

##### General Faculty Minutes:

That minutes of the General Faculty be available upon demand, to any member of the University Community five working days after the meeting.

GF: 10/20/1970

amended AC:04/22/1985

##### General Faculty Support of Handbook Amendments:

General Faculty support of a proposed Handbook amendment should be reported to the faculty Committee for Conference with the Trustees, which meets with the Trustees through the Board's Academic Affairs Committee.

AC: 03/18/1985

## 5. Items related to the Academic Council

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### Communications to the Academic Council:

That the gist of all communications to the Academic Council be published in the Council minutes.

AC: 01/22/1968

### Academic Council and the Interpretation of Governance Documents:

When there is a conflict among faculty, or within a school, academic department, or curriculum area about the proper meaning of the Faculty Handbook or a school's Governance Document, the relevant parties should seek a resolution by petitioning the Academic Council for its interpretation of the disputed text.

AC: 03/14/1973, AC: 02/25/1985, AC: 03/07/2011

### Academic Council Summer Meetings:

The Academic Council provides the faculty, through its elected representatives, with the opportunity to make recommendations and decisions concerning the welfare of the University. The regular academic year should normally provide ample opportunity for the exercise of this right and duty, but there may be unusual circumstances arising during the summer months, which would demand the professional judgment of the faculty. In such case(s), the following procedures will be followed:

- a. Before the last scheduled faculty meeting, the Academic Council will select dates for two provisional meetings.
- b. The Chairperson and Executive Secretary of the Academic Council will decide whether meetings will occur on the provisional dates; this would be done one week prior to that date and the Council will be so informed by the Executive Secretary.
- c. Any member of the Council who will be unable to attend a summer meeting will inform the Faculty Secretary, who will arrange for the election of a summer replacement.
- d. In order to compensate for possible low attendance and for the difficulty in faculty members' circulating petitions appealing a decision of the Academic Council to the General Faculty (Handbook I.B.4), a two-thirds vote of those present shall be necessary for all decisions at such summer meetings.

AC: 11/29/1977

amended AC: 04/22/1985

### AC Calendar Review Subcommittee:

Each September, the Academic Council will elect a 2-person Calendar Review Subcommittee from its elected membership to review all Fairfield academic calendars before their publication and make any necessary recommendations for changes to the Academic Council and the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

AC: 10/07/2013

### Selection of Honorary Degree Candidates:

Moved to form a permanent, annually elected, three-person Academic Council subcommittee to consider and advise on the matter of selecting honorary degree candidates.

AC: 10/11/1979

Pursuant to the Handbook's mandate (section I.B.3.c) that the Academic Council is "to consider and advise on the granting of all honorary degrees," and because the process of choosing candidates for honorary degrees has been in accord with the openness appropriate to the University, the Academic Council takes

its mandate seriously and gives the following recommendations to the faculty members on the Honorary Degree Committee:

1. To be mindful of the importance and significance of honorary degrees, and to feel themselves under no compulsion to recommend candidates for such degrees if only candidates of insufficient stature are available.
2. To make certain that the achievements of those recommended for honorary degrees are in accord with the values represented by the Mission Statement of the University.
3. To recommend, among others, candidates who have or have had some previous relationship with the University, that relationship to be broadly construed.
4. To take care that there can be no inference that candidates have been recommended solely because of a connection with fund-raising or public relations.

AC: 10/03/1988

Student Representatives at Academic Council Meetings:

That the Academic Council invite a representative from Student Government to attend meetings of the Academic Council and to contribute to Council discussions when invited to do so.

AC: 03/01/1984

Conference with the Board of Trustees:

That the Academic Council make note of the times the Board of Trustees meets and insure proper preparation for discussion of faculty views at meetings between the Committee for Conference with the Board of Trustees and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

AC: 12/13/1984

Academic Council and the Trustees:

The Academic Council will, on a regular basis, share a summary of matters discussed at Council meetings with the Chair of the Committee on Conference with the Board of Trustees

AC: 11/07/1994

## 6. Items related to Committees of the General Faculty

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### General Faculty Elections of Handbook Committee Members:

Elections conducted by the General Faculty to determine membership on Handbook Committees will be conducted using approval voting, in which each voter receives a ballot and marks any and all candidates whom they approve for the position. The total number of approvals received by each candidate is counted, and the candidate with the most approvals is declared the winner.

In the case of several vacancies on the same committee, the winners are chosen by taking the appropriate number of candidates with the most votes. When vacancies are allotted by categories (e.g. for school, division, or rank), the candidate with the most votes in the required category is declared the winner, even if that person did not receive the most votes overall.

In the case of a tie, a runoff election is held, consisting only of those candidates who tied. In all runoff elections, voters may vote for only one candidate on the ballot. If a runoff election leads to a tie among all remaining candidates, then the General Faculty will decide the election by some other method to be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Some committee positions must be elected by majority vote. "Majority" in this context means that the winner must be approved on more than 50% of the ballots. In the case where no candidate receives a majority approval, a runoff election is held including only those candidates who received approvals in the first round. If necessary, further runoffs will be held, each eliminating the lowest vote getter from the previous round. If a tie in any runoff round renders this elimination impossible, the General Faculty will decide the election by some other method to be approved on a case-by-case basis.

AC: 12/5/2016

### Faculty Committee Organizational Meeting:

In September, the Secretary of the General Faculty will send each outgoing *Handbook* committee chair an updated committee roster and instruct the outgoing chair to call an organizational meeting of the committee, and to see to the election of a new chair.

AC: 01/20/1977

Amended AC: 04/04/2011

### Election of Committee Chairpersons:

Chairpersons of faculty committees will be elected at the first meeting of committees at the start of the academic year.

AC: 09/23/1985

### Use of Proxies in Faculty Committees:

That proxies not be allowed at meetings of faculty committees.

AC: 02/13/1984

### Vacancies on Faculty Committees:

That when a vacancy occurs on any committee, panel or other body within the University upon which a faculty member serves on behalf of the faculty, the Faculty Secretary shall publicize the existence of the vacancy, seeking to learn all faculty members who are willing to serve on the committee, panel, etc., and to forward this list to the faculty body responsible for the election.

GF: 05/09/1974

Committee Membership and Sabbaticals:

That a faculty member on sabbatical remain a member of a committee in which he/she serves, provided he/she is able and willing to do so.

AC: 11/28/1983

Number of Committees on Which a Faculty Member May Serve:

That the Academic Council interpret section I.C.a.5 of the Handbook to allow its members to serve on two committees in addition to the Academic Council.

AC: 02/25/1976

Committee Elections and Willingness to Serve:

That no faculty member who is absent from the election meeting can be nominated for a committee unless he has indicated in writing that he is both willing and eligible to serve on the committee for which he is nominated.

AC: 02/25/1976

Reelection to Committees and Partial Terms:

A person who has served a full term on a committee can be reelected to a partial term.

AC: 09/14/1992

Guidelines for Annual Committee Reports:

Annual committee reports are to include the following items:

1. name of committee chairperson
2. committee membership
3. number of meetings attended by each committee member
4. dates of meetings
5. list of principal topics considered by the committee
6. list of the decisions taken by the committee
7. anticipated effects of these decisions
8. unfinished business
9. future agenda items

AC: 02/28/1985

amended CR: 02/09/1987

Procedures for Removal of Committee Members for Nonfeasance:

1. if a committee member misses three consecutive meetings, the committee chairperson should contact the member to find out whether the absences were allowable under section I.C.b.1.vi of the Faculty Handbook;
2. if the chairperson judges that the absences were not allowable, he/she should report this judgment to the Committee on Committees;
3. upon receipt of the chairperson's report the Committee on Committees will review the facts and take appropriate action.

AC: 02/25/1985

Observers at Committee/Council Meetings:

The Academic Council and all faculty committees which invite observers to their meetings should vote annually whether to renew their invitations.

AC: 03/01/1984



Policy on Open Meetings:

That the Academic Council affirm the principles of making meetings of deliberative bodies and councils as open as possible to all members of the University Community, to the extent that logistics and time and space allow.

AC: 04/09/1984

Faculty Involvement in Academic Decision Making

Any non-emergency decision that would significantly impact teaching or advising or research must have faculty input through the appropriate Faculty Handbook Committee. If there is not a specifically relevant committee, the Academic Council Executive Committee is to be consulted and will determine what, if any, further faculty input is needed.

AC: 05/11/2020

Purview of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

The Academic Council approves of these items (viz. policy on withdrawals from courses, policy on audits, an examination of the norms for Dean's list, Honors, etc. and the possibility of determining them on a more equitable basis than QPA) as part of the jurisdiction of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

AC: 11/18/1970

Amended AC: 04/10/2001

Deans at Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Meetings:

The Dean of the school initially decides whether an issue on the agenda is in his/her interest and attends such meetings as these issues are discussed.

The Chair of the Committee has the power to rule any member of the committee, Dean or otherwise, out of order on any specific discussion.

The Academic Council would arbitrate disagreements should they arise.

AC: 12/07/1992

Deans' Representatives on Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

The Deans of all undergraduate schools are allowed to send a representative to meetings of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee which they will not be able to attend.

CR: 11/03/1987

Purview of the Committee on Admissions and Scholarships:

That the area of concern of the Admissions and Scholarships Committee specifically includes all aspects of admission, financial aid, including athletic scholarships, review of scholarships, and grants-in-aid.

AC: 12/15/1971

Technology Decisions and Educational Technologies Committee:

Before any major technology decision affecting academics is made by the administration, the Educational Technologies Committee should be consulted and given time to review the decision and receive faculty input. The only exception to this policy would be if delay of the decision would place the university at increased legal exposure.

AC: 03/03/2014

Committee on Free Expression Resolution:

The following statement is to be appended to the "Principles that Guide Free Expression" (endorsed by the Academic Council on 4/8/19): In the event that students, staff, faculty, or administrators think that the spirit of the Principles that Guide Free Expression have not been upheld, they should contact any member

of the Executive Committee of the Academic Council (which consists of the Chair of the Academic Council, the Executive Secretary of the Academic Council, the Secretary of the General Faculty, and the Provost). The names of the Executive Committee of the Academic Council can be found at:  
<https://faculty.fairfield.edu/gfs/AC/AC.html>

The “Committee on Free Expression Resolution” will be formed to resolve issues that may arise regarding free expression. This committee will consist of:

- a. the Chair of the Academic Council
- b. five tenured members of the General Faculty (not currently serving as administrators)
- c. the President of FUSA
- d. the Provost (or a designee)
- e. the Vice President for Mission and Ministry (or designee)
- f. the Vice President of Student Affairs (or a designee)
- g. the Vice President of Marketing and Communications (or a designee)
- h. the Vice President of Human Resources (or a designee)
- i. the President of Fairfield University

The Chair of the Academic Council will serve as chair of the committee.

If any member of the Academic Council Executive Committee is contacted by students, staff, faculty, or administrators who think that the spirit of the Principles that Guide Free Expression have not been upheld, the Executive Committee of the Academic Council will make a recommendation in writing to all the members of the “Committee on Free Expression Resolution” on whether to convene.

The committee will be convened when a majority of the committee members calls for a meeting.

The chair of the committee will have a vote on all decisions. Votes by the committee will be anonymous. Committee decisions will be determined by a majority vote of its members.

Any decision of the committee will be communicated in a timely manner and in writing by the chair of the committee to all relevant parties.

The five tenured members of the General Faculty (not currently serving as administrators) will serve a five-year term. They will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Council. In the first year, one tenured member of the General Faculty will serve a one-year term, one will serve a two-year term, one will serve a three-year term, and one will serve a four-year term. Thereafter, the Executive Committee of the Academic Council will annually appoint another tenured member of the General Faculty (not currently serving as an administrator) to the committee. If a tenured member of the General Faculty moves to the role of an administrator while serving a term on the committee, then the Executive Committee of the Academic Council will appoint another tenured member of the General Faculty (not currently serving as an administrator) to complete their term.

AC: 05/11/2020

#### School of Record Articulation Committee

The **School of Record Articulation Committee** assists in the initial review of syllabi from foreign partners to ensure they meet Fairfield University standards and begins the articulation process of courses for Fairfield University students and for students from other institutions (pass through students).

Members of the School of Record Articulation Committee are also included in the regular review of new and existing SOR partners through site visits to and reviews of education abroad programs. Site visits are conducted to assess that facilities are adequate for the delivery of education abroad programs; that staff and faculty are adequately trained for providing education abroad programs; and that academic and advising services and facilities adequately support student learning and the academic goals of the program.

## Committee Membership

- Four tenured or tenure track faculty members selected by the Committee on Committees to overlapping three-year terms.
- The Director of the Magis Core is an *ex officio* voting member.
- The committee must have at least one faculty representative from each of the following areas: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences, and the Dolan School of Business.
- The Director of Global Fairfield (or appointee) and the Registrar (or appointee) are *ex officio* non-voting members.

## Duties of the School of Record Articulation Committee

The committee shall:

- Be trained in international curricula standards.
- Meet monthly during the academic year to review new course offerings and ensure
  - Courses meet university standards for credit (Center and non-Center programs)
  - Instructors have appropriate teaching credentials (non-Center programs).
- Assign initial departmental or school code(s).
- Work with Chairs on the articulation process as needed.
- Utilize external evaluators (when necessary) for curriculum that is not related to Fairfield departments or expertise.
- Create a space for dialogue and resolving conflict and make recommendations to the UCC.
- Regularly review general elective courses to assign Departmental or School codes.
- Participate in development of partnerships with new Provider programs.
- Oversee the audit process and changes from foreign institutions.
- Report to UCC at least once per year.

## Review Process

The currently approved review process is located on the School of Record Articulation Committee's page on the Secretary of the General Faculty's website located at <https://faculty.fairfield.edu/gfs/SORAC/SORAC.html>.

Any changes to the review process must be approved by the School of Record Articulation Committee and the UCC.

AC: 12/06/2021

## Academic Personnel Committee

### **General Purpose**

To review cases, conduct hearings, and make recommendations and/or decisions concerning grievances involving members of the General Faculty in accordance with the procedures specified in Appendix I: Faculty Due Process Procedures in the *Fairfield University Faculty Handbook* (herein referred to as Appendix I).

### **Membership**

Five members from at least three different schools elected from the General Faculty to three-year overlapping terms. Committee members must have at least five years of service, and at least three

members must be tenured. Committee members shall receive appropriate training on their roles and responsibilities.

### **Specific Duties**

- i. to review and make decisions with the Provost in merit appeals cases, according to the Merit Appeals Process (*Journal of Record*, Appendix 13);
- ii. to review grievances, to determine appropriate next steps, and, when appropriate, to conduct formal hearings in accordance with the procedures specified in Appendix I for grievances concerning the non-renewal of a contract within the term of appointment for a full-time untenured faculty member;
- iii. to meet each semester with the Provost to review trends in merit appeals and appeals of non-renewals of contracts and to present general feedback from the faculty. The Provost will use these discussions to ensure continuous improvement to our processes.
- iv. to review grievances, to determine appropriate next steps, and, when appropriate, to conduct formal hearings in accordance with the procedures specified in Appendix I for grievances concerning changes to or loss of employment for a tenured faculty member or full-time untenured faculty member due to the University's demonstrably bona fide financial exigency;
- v. to review grievances, to determine appropriate next steps, and, when appropriate, to conduct formal hearings in accordance with the procedures specified in Appendix I for grievances concerning University sanctions imposed on members of the General Faculty by the University;
- vii. to meet each semester with the Vice President of Human Resources to review trends in claims (e.g., what types of claims were filed and which groups filed claims) and to present general feedback from faculty.

AC: 9/15/2025

### Subcommittees of the Faculty Salary Committee:

#### **Health Care Committee**

##### **Membership:**

Two members of the Faculty Salary Committee (FSC) and two members of the faculty appointed by the FSC and up to three administrators appointed by the President.

##### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this committee is to address on an ongoing basis the growth in the total cost of health care, which is of concern to both the faculty and the administration. Using all relevant and reasonably available data, including data on projected as well as actual health care costs in the aggregate, changing demographics, employee usage patterns and changes in stop-loss insurance cost, and with the help of the University's consultant and other consultants as mutually agreed to and needed, the Committee is charged to:

1. Consider and make recommendations to the FSC and administration on ways to make plan participants more economically efficient users of health care;
2. Consider and make recommendations to the FSC and the administration on ways to reduce the increases to the cost of health care, and to monitor developments regarding the health care excise tax and make any recommendations deemed necessary and appropriate.
3. In any year when cost-shares of health care premiums increase at any rate, consider and make recommendations to the FSC and the administration as to the appropriateness of said increases.

The Committee will not request and the administration will not provide any data which directly or indirectly reveals personally identifiable information or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe it can be used to identify an individual, or any data that is otherwise restricted by law. Notwithstanding this, if personally identifiable information is revealed, such information will be kept confidential.

### **Trigger Committee**

#### **Background:**

Fairfield University is currently self-insured. On an annual basis, health care costs may change based on numerous factors including changing demographics, employee usage patterns, and changes in stop-loss insurance costs.

#### **Membership:**

Two members of the Faculty Salary Committee (FSC) and two members of the faculty appointed by the FSC.

#### **Purpose:**

In any year when health insurance premiums are proposed to increase by 6% or more, this committee is convened. The committee reviews all relevant data in order to determine if the increase is justified. The figure of 6% is significant to the faculty due to historical data and the calculation of offsets based upon it, but does not represent a specific contractual commitment on the part of the administration. The administration does not subscribe to or make any representation as to the significance of this percentage. The Trigger Committee will work collegially with the Health Care Committee.

#### **Specific Duties:**

1. To receive from the administration in a timely manner data, assumptions, trends, and other information that underlie the annual health care contribution rate calculations;
2. To understand through reasonable inquiry and discussion with the administration how the rates have been calculated;
3. To ensure that the rates have been developed accurately and are consistent with prior years;
4. To report their findings to the faculty through the Faculty Salary Committee before the rates take effect.

GF: 05/27/2014

#### **Defining Non-Tenure Track Faculty for the Election to the Committee on Non-Tenure Track Faculty:**

Those eligible to stand for election and/or to vote in the election of "three non-tenure track faculty members...by the non-tenure track faculty in an election overseen by the Secretary of the General Faculty each spring" shall be anyone who meets the Handbook definition of "Lecturer," "Adjunct Professor," "Visiting Instructor," "Visiting Professor," or "Professor of the Practice."

AC: 12/7/2015

## **7. Items related to Teaching: Curricula, Grading, Credit, etc.**

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### Academic Calendar:

That first semester begin the first week of September (e.g. Sept. 3) and end before Christmas (e.g. Dec. 19), with all exams and requirements completed by then.

AC: 03/23/1970

That the vacation period between Fall and Spring semesters should be approximately one month long (e.g. Dec. 20 - Jan. 17).

AC: 03/23/1970

That there should be a minimum of two reading days between the ending of classes and the end of final exams each semester.

AC: 03/23/1970

amended GF: 04/03/1987

amended AC 12/4/2023

### Policy on Course Syllabi:

That in all classes there be provided a course syllabus setting out the course outline, readings and grading policy including the number of tests, method of evaluation, and weights of each evaluation.

AC: 09/14/1987

### Unpublished Course Materials

If students are required to purchase unpublished course materials generated by the professor, then such materials can only be sold through the university bookstore and only for the cost of printing and publication, with no profit margin for the professor.

AC: 05/08/2013

### Canceling classes in inclement weather:

In the event of inclement weather, when the University remains open, faculty members should make every reasonable effort to meet their regularly scheduled classes. The final judgment on what is reasonable effort, and therefore whether to hold class, resides with the individual faculty member. Faculty members should try to notify their students of a decision to cancel class in a timely manner.

AC: 09/12/1994

Replaced AC: 04/16/2012

### Class Attendance:

All students are expected to attend every regularly scheduled class session. The impact of attendance on grading is specified in the syllabus for each course. Unexcused absences may be reported to the appropriate academic dean. Faculty members should have a policy for dealing with student absence on the syllabus for each course. If a student will miss a class due to an illness/injury, the professor should be notified according to the policy on the syllabus. If a student will miss an exam, quiz or in class presentation due to illness/injury or another type of emergency, the professor should be contacted beforehand. A faculty member may request that the student provide verification of the absence from a health care provider. It is the purview of the faculty member to determine when or if a student absence will be excused.

CR: 11/02/1987

Replaced AC: 04/16/2012

#### Released Time for Students:

A student participating in a university sponsored event has the right to be excused without penalty or grade jeopardy from exams, student presentations, attendance and other classroom events during that time, provided the student makes up the required work in the fashion mutually agreed upon by the professor and the student.

Students participating in such university sponsored events will be allowed to make up any major exams, tests or quizzes which they miss in a course, when they are involved in a scheduled event, provided that participating students, or faculty moderator, inform all their professors in writing at the beginning of the semester, or as soon thereafter as possible, once scheduling is confirmed.

University sponsored events covered by this policy are defined as follows:

1. Athletics:
  - a. all varsity sporting events; to include post season tournaments.
  - b. all club sporting events.
2. Others:
  - a. Concerts, plays or other group performances where the absence of a member would detract from the overall performance.

Not included in this policy are clubs formed on a departmental basis such as Biology Club, Psychology Club, etc.

AC: 03/23/1987

#### Course-Related Field Trips:

That course-related field trips not be given the status for missing course requirements. The word “status” refers to the kinds of situations acknowledged under the present policy [on “Released Time for Students”] as serious enough to allow students the opportunity to make up any major exams which they miss in a course due to their being away from campus for a scheduled event.

CR: 09/14/1987

#### Release time for athletes during exam period:

It is the policy of the Athletics Department not to require team practices or schedule contests during final exam periods, including Reading Days. Because the University has obligations as a member of leagues, conferences and associations, exceptions are sometimes unavoidable. If exceptions to this general policy are made, they should be approved in advance by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and reported by his/her office each semester to the Academic Council.

AC: 12/09/2002

AC: 05/05/2003

AC: 04/04/2011

#### Final Exam Policy:

1. Each instructor should be given a wide latitude, so as to provide for a degree of creativity and flexibility in how the students will be tested. The form of evaluation should be in keeping with the goals and purposes of the course.
2. In every case the form of the final, end-of-semester comprehensive evaluation (such as written examination, take-home, oral exam, paper, or a combination of these) must appear on the syllabus at the beginning of the semester.
3. No form of final evaluation is to be due prior to the date assigned by the Registrar for that course’s final examination.

4. The final comprehensive evaluation should reflect integration of course materials discussed during the semester.

AC: 12/02/1985; AC: 05/15/1989; AC: 05/01/2000;  
AC: 04/08/2013

As a general rule, exceptions should not be made to the final examination policy. However, whenever the Deans do make exceptions, the Faculty should be informed by a published list of those exceptions.

CR: 11/02/1987

AC: 03/07/2011

Weighting of Course Components for Grading Purposes:

There is no single formula for the weighting of course components, but in all classes, students should receive feedback on their work at multiple points during the semester. In classes for which the final assessment is an in-class examination, that exam should not count for more than 1/3 of the course grade.

AC: 04/08/2013

Number of Final Exams on a Single Day:

Students are not required to take more than two exams in any final exam day. To activate this policy, a student should contact his or her academic Dean's office. The Dean's office will verify that more than two exams are in fact scheduled, and work with the student and instructor of the second of the scheduled exams to find a mutually agreeable makeup time for that exam. Reading days may not be used for rescheduled exams.

CR: 11/02/1987

AC: 02/04/2019

Retention of Final Examinations:

That final examinations (blue books, etc.) and term papers or other written assignments used by the professor for determining the final course grade be retained by the professor until the end of the following term, so as to be available for student inspection.

AC: 02/03/1984

Completion of "Incompletes":

An Incomplete is issued when, due to an emergency situation such as a documented illness, a student arranges with the course instructor to complete some of the course requirements after the term ends. All course work must be completed within 30 days after the beginning of the next regular semester. Any requests to extend the 30-day time period for completing an Incomplete require approval by the appropriate Dean. For students participating in a study abroad program, grades for incompletes must be recorded with the Registrar at least one week prior to departure for the study abroad.

CR: 03/28/1988; AC: 05/17/2000; AC: 11/21/2011;  
AC: 05/02/2022

Student Evaluation of Teaching:

Every faculty member in every class shall administer the IDEA teaching evaluation form. IDEA evaluations will be done online, with individual faculty members given a unique URL for each course section to distribute to their students. All faculty have the option of using the long form or the short form. For individuals who do not specify which form they wish to use in a class, tenured Full Professors and part-time faculty will default to the short form and all other faculty members will default to the long form.

The On Campus Coordinator for IDEA (OCC) shall be a non-faculty employee appointed by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs who reports to the SVPA. The OCC is responsible for coordinating



the administration of the IDEA teaching evaluations, for receiving all data from IDEA, for overseeing the storage of the data and for distribution of Diagnostic Reports to individual faculty members. The OCC is the only person authorized to receive data from IDEA. Individual teaching evaluation data belong to the individual faculty member. The OCC will have access to the data but may not release individual faculty data to anyone except the individual faculty member without the faculty member's written permission. Aggregate data can be made available to faculty and administrators provided that data for individual faculty members cannot be identified. Each fall, the Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee shall appoint the FDEC chair and an elected FDEC member from a different school to be liaisons to the OCC for that year.

GF: 03/17/1981; AC: 05/25/2010; AC: 05/02/2011;  
AC: 04/28/2014; AC: 03/02/2015

Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA) Questions on Teaching Evaluation Form:

Every faculty member in every class shall include the following five items as the first five additional items in the extra questions section of the IDEA form:

- (1) The instructor taught the course material in an interesting manner.
- (2) The instructor created an environment where students felt comfortable in asking questions and expressing themselves.
- (3) The course syllabus and directions for assignments were clear and accurate.
- (4) The workload for this course was manageable.
- (5) I would recommend this course and instructor to other students.

Students shall be asked to rate each of these five statements on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the most accurate).

For a given class, if a faculty member doesn't want the data from these five additional items sent to FUSA, the faculty member must inform the On Campus Coordinator (OCC) in writing before the end of the term.

AC: 5/25/2010

Student Course Load:

The normal course load for a matriculated student is between 14 and 18 credit hours. To maintain full-time status, a matriculated student must be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester.

AC: 04/22/1968

amended CR: 05/20/1987

Admission to Fully Enrolled Courses:

The Schedule of Courses shall include a statement informing students that they may directly appeal to a professor for admission to an otherwise closed course.

CR: 11/02/1987

AC: 04/04/2011

Electives in the Undergraduate Curricula:

All students in B.A. programs must have a minimum of eight free electives; students in B.S. programs must have a minimum of four free electives, except in the School of Nursing where two are required. These electives may be chosen in any area of study, presuming prerequisites are met, and cannot be determined or required by any Department or School.

CR: 11/02/1987

Honor Code:

Fairfield University's primary purpose is the pursuit of academic excellence. This is possible only in an

atmosphere where discovery and communication of knowledge are marked by scrupulous, unqualified honesty. Therefore, it is expected that all students taking classes at the University adhere to the following Honor Code:

“I understand that any violation of academic integrity wounds the entire community and undermines the trust upon which the discovery and communication of knowledge depends. Therefore, as a member of the Fairfield University community, I hereby pledge to uphold and maintain these standards of academic honesty and integrity.”

AC: 03/09/2009

Academic Honesty:

All members of the Fairfield University community share responsibility for establishing and maintaining appropriate standards of academic honesty and integrity. As such, faculty members have an obligation to set high standards of honesty and integrity through personal example and the learning communities they create. Such integrity is fundamental to, and an inherent part of, a Jesuit education, in which teaching and learning are based on mutual respect. It is further expected that students will follow these standards and encourage others to do so.

Students are sometimes unsure of what constitutes academic dishonesty. In all academic work, students are expected to submit materials that are their own and are to include attribution for any ideas or language that are not their own. Examples of dishonest conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Falsification of academic records or grades, including but not limited to any act of falsifying information on an official academic document, grade report, class registration document or transcript.
- Cheating, such as copying examination answers from materials such as crib notes or another student's paper.
- Collusion, such as working with another person or persons when independent work is prescribed.
- Inappropriate use of notes.
- Falsification or fabrication of an assigned project, data, results, or sources.
- Giving, receiving, offering, or soliciting information in examinations.
- Using previously prepared materials in examinations, tests, or quizzes.
- Destruction or alteration of another student's work.
- Submitting the same paper or report for assignments in more than one course without the prior written permission of each instructor.
- Appropriating information, ideas, or the language of other people or writers and submitting it as one's own to satisfy the requirements of a course – commonly known as plagiarism. Plagiarism constitutes theft and deceit. Assignments (compositions, term papers, computer programs, etc.) acquired either in part or in whole from commercial sources, publications, students, or other sources and submitted as one's own original work will be considered plagiarism.
- Unauthorized recording, sale, or use of lectures and other instructional materials.

In the event of such dishonesty, professors are to award a grade of zero for the project, paper, or examination in question, and may record an F for the course itself. When appropriate, expulsion may be recommended. A notation of the event is made in the student's file in the academic dean's office. The student will receive a copy.

AC: 03/09/2009

Academic Honesty Board:

The existing Academic Honesty Board is to be eliminated as of the end of the 2009-2010 academic year because its work will now fall under the Student Academic Grievance Board.

AC: 03/01/2010

Student Academic Grievance Board:

The purpose of the Student Academic Grievance Board is to provide a pool of faculty from which faculty representatives are drawn to serve on a Grievance Committee, when a Grievance Committee is formed as described in the Student Academic Grievance Procedure. The Student Academic Grievance Board consists of nine tenured faculty members, each having at least three years of full time service at Fairfield University. New members are appointed each fall by the Committee on Committees. The term of service is three years; faculty may be reappointed upon completion of a term.

AC: 03/01/2010

amended AC: 03/05/2012

Student Conduct Board:

Beginning in fall 2010, the faculty panel currently referred to as the Student Conduct Board will be renamed the Faculty Panel for Student Conduct Boards.

AC: 05/03/2010

Faculty Panel for Student Conduct Boards:

The purpose of the Faculty Panel for Student Conduct Boards is to provide a pool of faculty from which faculty representatives are drawn to serve on Student Conduct Boards, when such boards are convened as described in the Student Handbook. The Faculty Panel for Student Conduct Boards consists of nine faculty members, each with at least four years full time service at Fairfield University. New members are appointed each fall by the Committee on Committees. The term of service is three years; faculty may be reappointed upon completion of a term.

AC: 05/03/2010

AC: 12/6/2010

AC: 03/05/2012

Definition of Academic Grades:

- A -- Outstanding achievement
- B -- Superior level of achievement
- C -- Acceptable level of achievement with course material
- D -- Minimal achievement, but passing
- F -- unacceptable level of achievement; course must be repeated to obtain credit

A "plus" (+) may be added to grades of B or C to indicate work performed at the top of that range.

A "minus" (-) may be added to grades A, B, or C to indicate work performed below that range.

Quality points and numerical equivalents for these grades are as follows:

Grade	Points	Numerical Equivalent
A	4.00	93-100
A-	3.67	90-92
B+	3.33	87-89
B	3.00	83-86
B-	2.67	80-82
C+	2.33	77-79

C	2.00	73-76
C-	1.67	70-72
D	1.00	60-69
F	0.00	0-59

CR: 11/02/1987

AC: 02/07/2011

#### Undergraduate Student-Determined Credit/No Credit Option:

The credit/no credit option is intended to encourage intellectual exploration and risk-taking. Over the course of their undergraduate career, students may elect to take up to two (2) courses credit/no credit.

- Under this option, if the student earns a C or above (73-100), the instructor will enter the grade as “credit” and the credits will count toward graduation, but will not be factored into the student’s GPA. If the student earns a C- or below (0-72), the instructor will enter a grade of “no credit.” The course will be listed on the student’s transcript as “no credit,” but will not be factored into their GPA. The student is responsible for determining how and when to make up the course/credits. The student will not receive any allowance/refund for a course that is designated as “no credit.”
- Students may not use this option for:
  - courses in their major(s) or courses required by their major(s);
  - courses that are part of competitive programs that they have joined upon successful application, including, but not limited to: the Honors Program, Study Abroad, and the Residential College program.
- Students may use this option for:
  - no more than one (1) course used to fulfill a *Magis* core requirement.
  - any courses not otherwise restricted by the limitations above.
- Students are eligible for this option once they have completed 30 credits
- Students must declare (to the Registrar’s Office) their intention to take a course credit/no credit no later than the deadline for withdrawing from the course. The decision is irrevocable. Students are strongly urged to consult with their academic advisor, instructor, and/or academic dean when considering this choice.

Courses taken Pass/Fail in Spring of 2020 through Spring of 2021 are not counted against the maximum of two Credit/No Credit Courses.

AC: 05/03/2021 and 05/10/2021

#### Pass/Fail Option

Some courses (e.g., many internships) do not lend themselves to the multiple distinctions made by traditional letter grades. In these cases, a Pass/Fail grade may be used, provided the following criteria are met:

- All students in the course receive a grade of either Pass or Fail.
- The requirements for a Pass grade have been specified in the course syllabus.
- The decision to designate a course Pass/Fail has been approved by the department within which the course is taught and by the curriculum committee of that school.

Furthermore,

- A Pass/Fail course counts as a regular course toward graduation, determining full-time status, etc.
- The grade in a Pass/Fail course is not included in calculating a student’s grade point average but appears in all cases on the student’s transcript.

AC: 03/02/2015

### Repeat Course Policy

When a student repeats a course that was failed, the new grade will be recorded. Grade point values will be averaged into the cumulative average, and the credits will count toward the degree. The original grade will remain on the transcript and be calculated into the cumulative average. When a student repeats a course for which the student has previously obtained a passing grade, the new course and grade will be recorded on the transcript with the notation, repeat course. The original grade and the repeated grade will be averaged into the GPA. The credit for the repeat course will not count toward the degree. The original grade will remain on the transcript.

AC: 03/18/2013

### Grade Change:

A change in a student's grade for a course may only be made by the instructor of record for the course, or by the SVPAAs acting on the recommendation of a Grievance Committee or department committee that has been charged as part of the Student Academic Grievance Procedure [See Appendix] with reviewing an academic grievance appeal.

AC: 03/01/2010

### Undergraduate Student Academic Probation:

Academic records will be formally reviewed at the end of the fall, spring, and summer terms. Students who do not meet the stated requirements will be placed on Academic Probation. The purpose of academic probation is to alert the student and the institution to the problems associated with the student's academic performance and to recommend or implement strategies for improvement. The continuation of poor academic performance will result in the dismissal of the student. Faculty advisors are notified of all advisees placed on academic probation.

A student placed on academic probation will remain on academic probation until the overall GPA is at or above the requirements specified below. A student will be removed from academic probation when the overall GPA is equal to or greater than the requisite GPA according to credits earned.

A student on academic probation is ineligible to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities. A student on academic probation may petition the Academic Vice President for the right to participate in extra- or co-curricular activities. The appeal must contain a valid and compelling reason why restriction of extra- or co-curricular activities is inappropriate, and must demonstrate effectively that the activity will contribute an improvement in academic performance.

First semester, first-year students with a GPA below 1.90 will not be placed on academic probation for their second semester, but they will lose their rights to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities.

An associate degree student who, after attempting at least 12 credit hours in a given semester, earns a GPA below 1.90, will be placed on academic probation for the next semester; the student will also lose their right to participate in extracurricular activities.

Students with 29 or fewer credits earned by the end of the second semester, or the first year at Fairfield, will be placed on academic probation if the overall GPA is below 1.90.

Students with 30-59 credits earned will be placed on academic probation if the overall GPA is below 1.90.

Students with 60 or more credits earned will be placed on academic probation if the overall GPA is below 2.00.

AC: 02/01/1993; AC: 05/22/1995; AC: 04/03/2000;  
AC: 10/01/2007; AC: 04/27/2015; AC: 05/16/2024

#### Undergraduate Student Academic Dismissal:

Students meeting any of the following conditions will be dismissed from the University:

- A student who, regardless of academic standing, has received the grade of F in three or more 3- or 4-credit courses during the preceding 12 month period inclusive of all grades earned.
- An associate degree student who, regardless of incompletes, while on academic probation proceeds to earn a semester GPA below 1.90 at the end of the following semester.
- A student with 29 or fewer credits earned, who regardless of incompletes, while on academic probation proceeds to earn a semester GPA below 1.90.
- A student with 30-59 credits earned, who regardless of incompletes, while on academic probation, proceeds to earn a semester GPA below 1.90
- A student with 60 or more credits earned, who regardless of incompletes, while on academic probation, proceeds to earn a semester GPA below 2.00

Students who have been dismissed from the University for reason of academic failure are expected to remain away for at least a full semester (fall or spring) before seeking readmission. Such individuals lose all entitlement to institutionally funded financial aid.

AC: 10/01/2007

Revised AC: 04/27/2015; AC: 05/16/2024

#### Graduate Student Academic Probation and Dismissal Policy:

To remain in good academic standing, a graduate student must achieve and maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. A graduate student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.00 in any semester is placed on academic probation for the following semester. Certain programs may mandate stricter requirements, including dismissal without probation. Graduate students are responsible for being familiar with and complying with the standards applicable to their program as set out in appropriate handbooks and manuals. Graduate students are responsible for monitoring their grades and GPA closely.

Graduate students will be notified if they have been placed on academic probation via email. The graduate student may contact their Program Director or Dean's Office to address remedial actions.

Academic probation serves as an official notification of deficiency that requires graduate students to take immediate action. The purpose of academic probation is to alert the graduate student and the institution to the problems associated with the graduate student's academic performance and to recommend or implement strategies for improvement. Graduate students on academic probation should meet with their program advisor or a Dean's office representative to collaboratively discuss how to improve and address the graduate student's poor academic performance, which may include adjustment of a graduate student's course load and/or other measures. If, at the end of the probation (a minimum of one semester or 6 credits) the graduate student's overall GPA is again below 3.00, they may be dismissed.

A graduate student may also be dismissed for failure to comply with program specific standards, including any requirement of the student's graduate degree program or graduate certificate program, including failure to maintain adequate academic progress, as set out in appropriate handbooks and manuals. This could include one or more of the following:

- Failure to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA required by the University (3.00);
- Receiving a grade of B- or lower in any course;
- Failure to satisfy personal and professional dispositions or requirements for a degree;
- Failure to produce an acceptable Doctoral Dissertation Proposal;

- Unsatisfactory performance in any aspect of the research or writing for a required master's thesis or doctoral dissertation;
- Failure of a final or general examination for the master's or doctoral degree.
- Programs may have additional requirements as specified by program requirements, including those required by accreditation agencies. Failure to meet these requirements may result in academic probation.

*Graduate Student Readmission after an Academic Dismissal:*

Graduate students who have been academically dismissed are eligible for readmission and may be readmitted to the University after one full semester away, at the discretion of the academic unit including the Program Director with consultation of the Vice Provost for Graduate, Continuing and Professional Studies and program faculty as appropriate. Prior to formally requesting readmission after an academic dismissal, graduate students should consult with their Program Director and Dean's Office. Formal request for readmission should be made at least three weeks before the start of the semester in which the graduate student seeks to resume enrollment.

Note: Graduate students are expected to remain away for at least a full semester before seeking readmission. Except in extraordinary circumstances, graduate students who are academically dismissed a second time will not be considered for readmission.

The graduate student seeking readmission must write a letter stating the rationale for the request including why the graduate student is ready to resume study, and a statement explaining the graduate student's plan for success in resuming study. The graduate student may also wish to provide additional information relating to academic work or experience that would adequately support the potential for the graduate student's academic success upon readmission. The letter should be sent in advance to the Program Director and Dean's Office. The letter should include the graduate student's name, ID, address, phone, current school and major, new school and major (if requesting a change), returning semester, and choice of full- or part-time studies.

After formal review of the graduate student's request, the Program Director and Dean's Office will recommend whether the graduate student should or should not be readmitted. Recommendations for readmission may be made in consultation with the Vice Provost for Graduate, Continuing and Professional Studies.

The Dean's Office will send an official letter of acceptance or denial to the graduate student, inclusive of any contingencies. The graduate student may not register for classes until the official letter of readmission is reviewed and processed.

Additional questions or concerns can be directed to the Dean's Office.

AC 5/8/2023

Withdrawal Policy:

Students who wish to withdraw from a course after the initial add/drop period may do so through the end of the tenth week of a traditional semester provided that (a) the student's academic dean, in consultation with the course instructor, finds withdrawal to be in the student's best interest (note that a student must maintain 12 credit hours for full-time status). After the tenth week in the semester, course withdrawal will only be granted in highly unusual circumstances, such as documented health emergency. Withdrawal after the tenth week will not be permitted simply to prevent receipt of a grade that might not meet the student's satisfaction. Students who wish to withdraw from a winter/summer intercession course or ASAP course may do so by the mid-point of the course. Students who have violated the academic honor code may not be eligible for withdrawal. In all approved cases, the University Registrar will record a grade of a W (withdrawal) on the student's permanent record. To initiate a request to withdraw from a course, a student

must complete a Course Withdrawal Form and meet with an authorized representative of their academic dean's office or the Office of Academic Support and Retention. A "W" may not be granted after final grades have been submitted except in very rare cases, during which an instructor must file a change of grade form.

AC: 05/19/2010

Revised AC: 04/27/2015

Revised AC: 02/01/2016

Course and Credit Requirement for Graduation:

The course and credit requirement for graduation is a minimum of 120 credits and at least 38 three or four credit courses.

[This new graduation requirement is in effect with the class of 2006.]

AC: 12/03/2001

Grade Point Average Required for Graduation:

A Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 overall and in one's major is required for graduation.

CR: 11/02/1987

AC: 02/07/2011

Grades in a Student's Major:

An overall average of 2.0 GPA is required in those courses used to fulfill the minimum major requirement (understanding this average to be exclusive of a first introductory course).

CR: 11/02/1987

AC: 02/07/2011

Counting Courses in Multiple Programs:

Any course meeting the requirements of more than one program (i.e. major, minor, and/or the core) should be given credit in these programs, unless the University's undergraduate catalog specifies otherwise. Multiple counting of courses does not affect the units of credit associated with such courses (i.e., three credits are worth three credits toward graduation).

AC: 11/01/1993

Privacy of Academic Records:

Students maintain certain rights of privacy with respect to the contents of their academic records. These rights include the right to control the disclosure of information contained in their academic records, the right to access and inspect the contents of the records, the right to seek amendment of contents believed to be inaccurate, and the right to file a complaint for alleged violation of these rights. There are recognized exceptions to the rights described above, including but not limited to the right of faculty to discuss a student's academic progress with school officials with a legitimate educational interest. The University's policies and procedures should respect these rights to the extent that the University's actions are in compliance with state and federal laws. A complete description of student privacy rights with respect to educational records is set forth annually by Fairfield University in its Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) Annual Notice.

Student grades and graded papers may not be posted or left in a manner, which would allow others to identify the evaluation of an individual student. Social security numbers may not be posted.



It is the responsibility of supervisors of secretaries and other employees who may have contact with student grades to inform them of the student's right to privacy of academic records.

AC: 10/04/1993; AC: 04/04/2011

#### First-Year Midterm Estimates:

In order to identify and intervene with first-year students who are struggling in a course or several courses, it will be required that all faculty submit midterm estimates in the fall and spring semesters for their first-year students in danger of receiving a C —, D, or F to the Office of Academic Support and Retention. The student, along with the faculty advisor and the appropriate Dean or Director, will be notified.

AC: 11/01/1993; AC: 10/03/1994; AC: 10/07/2013;  
Revised AC: 04/27/2015

#### Participation in a Declared Major during Freshman Year:

In cases where it is not current policy, freshmen are to be allowed to take courses in their declared majors.  
CR: 11/02/1987

#### Change of Major:

To change from one major to another in one's school requires completion of a 'change of major' form. The form must be signed by the Chairperson/Coordinator of the major in which the student is currently enrolled, the Chairperson/Coordinator of the major which the student desires and an authorized representative of the academic dean's office or the Office of Academic Support and Retention. The form is then forwarded to the University Registrar.

AC: 12/04/1989; Revised AC: 04/27/2015

#### Second Majors:

A student has the option of pursuing a second major at Fairfield University. The courses that constitute a second major must meet the stated requirements for a major program and must be approved by the department or interdisciplinary program in which the second major is located. A double major does not constitute a double degree. If a student is pursuing a double major in fields from two different degrees (e.g., BA, BS, BSW, and so on), then the student will only earn one degree. Therefore, the student must identify which degree is being earned. Students declare second majors and identify the degree program being pursued by completing a Double Major form that is available from the dean's office of their school.

In instances where the student is pursuing majors under two different degree programs (e.g., BA and BS), a notation will appear on the transcript signaling that the requirements have only been met for the additional major and not to award a second degree based on the second major.

AC: 03/07/2022

#### Dual Degree (Double Baccalaureate)

A student has the option to pursue dual degrees at Fairfield University, specifically when completing two majors that align with two different degrees (e.g., BA, BS, BSW). In order to qualify for both degrees, the student must complete at least 150 credits of academic coursework at the undergraduate level. Further, the student must successfully complete the following: 1) each major's requirements, 2) all Magis Core general education requirements, 3) a pre-determined number of general electives (determined in conjunction with the student's faculty advisors), and 4) all required pre-requisites necessary for study in each major.

In order to declare the dual degree option, the student must: 1) complete the dual major form, 2) identify which major will be the primary major (for advising purposes), and 3) identify the intention to complete dual degrees [ideally, a box will be placed on the dual major form- though this could all change when we

transition to Workday Student]. The student will be assigned a faculty advisor based on the primary major, for the purposes of having a resource for advising and registration. The student must also choose a faculty member from the second major who will be designated as the student's advisor for that major. Additionally, the student must coordinate between both faculty advisors, to determine which electives are needed to complete the dual degree requirements.

AC: 05/05/2025

#### Individually Designed Majors:

The proposal for individually designed majors is approved.

AC: 02/12/2001

#### Policies on Minors:

In addition to carrying a major, a student may exercise the option of selecting a minor outside the area of specialization. A minor is a cluster of related courses drawn from one or more curriculum areas, usually in the range of 15 to 18 credits. Minors are described under individual curriculum areas.

In order to select a minor, a student must submit a request and gain approval by the Chair or program director of the prospective minor no later than the Spring registration period of the student's Junior year. The completion of the minor must be approved by the chairperson or coordinator of the minor area during the Fall registration period of the student's Senior year, and is subject to course availability.

Courses in the University's core curriculum may be used without limit in fulfilling the requirements for a minor.

All curriculum areas that offer a minor indicate so in the catalogue.

All curriculum areas offer specific guidelines such as how many courses are required and what level courses are applicable (introductory vs. upper division).

The certification of completion (of a minor program) should be conveyed to the University Registration at this time. Ultimate ratification of completion will be by the Registrar.

CR: 03/14/1988; AC: 10/17/1988; AC: 12/07/2009;  
AC: 04/04/2011

#### Availability of Course Listings:

The Academic Council requests that before each registration period the Registrar make available to students and faculty a document (in a format such as Word or PDF) listing all of the undergraduate courses to be offered in the upcoming semester, organized by discipline, as well as all of the courses to be offered in each of the interdisciplinary programs, and courses meeting the Magis Core signature element requirements.

AC: 11/02/2020

#### Independent Studies:

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee recognizes that it can be a valuable educational experience when a conscientious student pursues in depth a personal interest, and is led to a new level of knowledge under the tutelage of a dedicated faculty member.

To ensure the academic quality of such guided study, the Committee has established the following set of requirements:

- I. Students may pursue independent study projects

- a. during their junior and/or senior years, or, in the case of part-time students, after having completed 45 credits; and
  - b. when their academic record indicates, in the judgment of the responsible faculty member and curriculum area personnel, that independent study can be brought to a successful conclusion; and
  - c. if a student undertakes more than one independent study project, the total credit hours for all projects may not exceed 9 credit hours towards the undergraduate degree.
2. Students should apply to the professor under whose direction they wish to study no later than the normal registration time of the preceding semester. The professor's decision to accept a student for independent study will be based on such criteria as the student's academic maturity and performance record, the professor's specialty within the discipline, and his or her teaching load.
  3. The responsible faculty member, with the concurrence of the head of the curriculum area involved, should determine the number of credit hours appropriate for the independent study project suggested. In the event the faculty member and the head of the curriculum area are the same individual, a second faculty member from this curriculum area should be involved in the decision. For projects of less than a semester's equivalent course work, one or two credit hours may be assigned; for projects of a semester's equivalent course work, three credit hours, or, with a laboratory component, four credit hours may be assigned.
  4. The "Independent Study Application Form" must be completed and filed with the Registrar before the project may begin.

There should be a universal number employed to indicate work done within a curriculum area on an independent study basis: e.g. 399 (RS 399; FA 399; . . .)

AC: 03/23/1970; Amended CR: 12/01/1986; Amended CR: 02/01/1988;  
AC: 02/07/2011; AC: 03/02/2015

#### Tutorials:

In rare circumstances, students may be permitted to enroll in a course listed in the University catalog on a tutorial basis with the approval of the Area Coordinator/Chair and the faculty member offering the tutorial.

CR: 03/28/1988; Replaced AC: 04/16/2012

#### Graduate Versions of Undergraduate Courses:

Graduate courses may not be created by assigning a graduate course number to an already existing undergraduate course. All new graduate courses must follow the routing procedures in *Journal of Record*, Appendix 3: Guidelines for the Routing and Approval of Graduate Course/Program Revisions in order to be approved.

AC 5/8/2023

#### Undergraduate Versions of Graduate Courses:

Undergraduate courses may not be created by assigning an undergraduate course number to an already existing graduate course. All new undergraduate courses must follow the routing procedures in *Journal of Record*, Appendix 2: Guidelines for the Routing and Approval of Proposed Course/Program Revisions in the Undergraduate Divisions in order to be approved.

AC 5/8/2023

#### Guiding Principles for Study Abroad:

1. All qualified Fairfield students will have an opportunity and be encouraged to apply to study abroad.
2. Courses in all majors, minors, and in the Magis Core will be available for students studying abroad.

3. Departments & programs will work with Global Fairfield to find locations where major and minor classes can be taken. These programs should be actively promoted by departments and programs.
4. Courses that do not have exact fit/matches to classes at Fairfield University should be approved as elective credit in the relevant discipline.
5. Approval of courses will be based on content, learning objectives and outcomes, as foreign institutions tend to operate on different schedules, including contact hours, methods of assessment, and specific course requirements.
6. Fairfield University will respect the decisions of partner universities that the faculty they choose for their courses are well trained and appropriate for the course.
7. Departments will have a regular cycle of review of courses offered abroad.

AC: 03/15/2021

Assignment of Course Credit in Global Fairfield Programs:

See School of Record Articulation Committee entry above in Section 6: Items related to Committees of the General Faculty.

AC: 03/11/2002; AC: 03/03/2003; AC: 03/02/2015 AC: 05/03/2019;  
AC: 03/15/2021; AC: 12/06/2021

Faculty led courses offered abroad:

1. Short-term courses led by Fairfield University faculty must follow approval procedures set forth by schools with an additional focus on whether (i) the proposed course has equivalent credit (contact) hours to semester long courses and (ii) the relevance of offering the course in the proposed location.
2. Courses approved by school curriculum committees will be reviewed by the Office of Global Fairfield to assess compliance with the University international travel policy.

Restored Entry AC 5/6/2024

Course of Study while Studying Abroad:

Students studying abroad for a full semester are expected to (1) enroll in a minimum of the equivalent of 15 credits at the appropriate level of instruction (i.e. beyond elementary instruction) and (2) be academically engaged at least 4 days per week. Students enrolled in semester-long study abroad programs should typically enroll in two Core courses and two major or minor courses. Additional selections may be electives or courses specifically required for a particular study abroad program. Selection of courses will be approved by an academic advisor.

AC: 03/02/2020

Transfer Credit:

All transfer credit must be approved by an undergraduate student's academic dean or an authorized representative of the Office of Academic Support and Retention. Transfer credit will only be reviewed by an academic dean upon the receipt of an official transcript. Only grades of "C" (2.0 quality points and a numerical equivalency of no lower than 73) or higher will be considered for transfer. For a transcript that contains a "pass" mark, if this mark can be verified as representing "C or better," then the credits for the course will be considered for transfer. In situations, from the period Spring 2020 through Spring 2021, where a "pass" mark constitutes "D or higher," the appropriate academic representative (Director of Academic Support and Retention; Assistant Dean) may request from the student relevant course information (e.g., syllabus, course work) to share with the appropriate Chair/Director/Faculty Member, to assess whether it is possible to accept the transfer credits (this sentence to be removed after May 2025). After matriculation at Fairfield University, any courses taken at another institution must be pre-approved by the academic dean prior to registration. Upon completion, with a grade of "C" or higher, only credit

hours, not grades, will transfer. Credits that transfer as the equivalent of a course approved for a core requirement will count for that core requirement. Department chairs determine core eligibility for courses that do not have Fairfield equivalents. Every student is required to complete a minimum of 60 Fairfield University credits for the Bachelor's Degree.

AC: 05/22/1995; AC: 04/27/2015; AC: 05/03/2019  
AC: 03/07/2022

#### Policy for Advanced Placement:

Departmental, Advanced Placement, and CLEP exams may be used to exempt a student from certain required courses in the Exploration Tier of the *Magis* core or in the student's major. Students may not test out of the requirements in the Orientation Tier of the *Magis* Core. The use of particular exams and the matching of exams with courses shall be at the discretion of the appropriate department. Justification must be provided to the Curriculum Committee by any department declining to use exemption exams. For each course exempted through advanced placement or departmental testing, a student's requirements for graduation will be reduced by one course.

The acceptable mark for CLEP exams is at least the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. The acceptable mark for Advanced Placement Tests is 4 or 5. Students who score at least a grade of 4 on an Advanced Placement Test will be awarded graduation credit by the University.

Fairfield undergraduates are limited to no more than a combined 15 credit hours toward graduation for CLEP exams (College Level Examination Program), the Excelsior program in Nursing, high school Advanced Placement exams and any other programs in which students take an exam in lieu of an entire semester's coursework.

CR: 11/02/1987; AC: 03/04/1991; AC: 12/07/1992;  
AC: 03/11/2002; AC: 05/03/2019

#### College Courses in High School:

For students who pursue college courses while in high school, upon receipt of an official college transcript, the course work will be evaluated by the appropriate dean/director in consultation with the appropriate curriculum area, provided the following criteria are met:

- The course(s) must have been completed in a college environment and must have been taught by a college professor
- The course(s)/credits were not used to satisfy high school graduation requirements
- A final grade of "C" or better was earned.

That dean/director will determine the appropriateness of the transfer credit for the student's program and decide whether it has met Fairfield's curriculum standards. A maximum of 15 credits of approved coursework will be awarded transfer credit. The grades will not be transferred.

AC: 11/02/1992; AC: 04/28/2014

#### Credit for R.O.T.C. Courses:

Fairfield University students may be given academic credit for R.O.T.C. courses taken at other institutions (e.g. University of Bridgeport), with the condition that these credits be over and above what is required for graduation from Fairfield.

CR: 11/02/1987

Course Numbering:

<b>Available Numbers</b> 1001-1899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 1900-1999	Introductory Undergraduate Courses Introductory and elementary courses that are appropriate for first year students and others with no special background. Courses in this series will have few if any prerequisites.	<b>Former Numbers</b> 0010-0199
<b>Available Numbers</b> 2001-2899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 2900-2999	Intermediate Undergraduate Courses These courses typically build on materials and knowledge from the 1000-series courses and may have 1000-level prerequisites. They are introductory in nature but at a higher level than 1000-level courses.	<b>Former Numbers</b> 0200-0299
<b>Available Numbers</b> 3001-3899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 3900-3999	Upper-Level Undergraduate Courses Appropriate for upper-level undergraduate students, builds on knowledge or skills from 1000- and 2000-level courses and generally includes them as prerequisites. Begins to prepare students for employment in their field or for graduate-level studies.	<b>Former Numbers</b> 0300-0399
<b>Available Numbers</b> 4001-4899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 4900-4999	Advanced Undergraduate Courses Advanced upper-level undergraduate courses, including senior seminars and capstones, advanced independent study courses, and honors thesis work, and may have prerequisite 3000-level coursework. These courses are generally restricted to students with senior standing and provide a bridge between advanced undergraduate and early graduate work or employment in their field. May be reserved for future use.	
<b>Available Numbers</b> 5001-5899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 5900-5999	Introductory Graduate Level Courses Primarily for entry-level graduate students and may be taken by qualified undergraduate students in their last year of an undergraduate degree program.	<b>Former Numbers</b> 0400-0499
<b>Available Numbers</b> 6001-6899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 6900-6999	Advanced Graduate Level Courses These courses are for advanced master's degree candidates. They are restricted to graduate students only.	<b>Former Numbers</b> 0500-0599
<b>Available Numbers</b> 7001-7899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 7900-7999	Primarily for professional doctoral students. Qualified master's degree candidates may enroll provided they have the requisite foundational knowledge and have obtained permission from the program offering the course.	<b>Former Numbers</b> 0600-0699
<b>Available Numbers</b> 8001-8899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 8900-8999	<b>Reserved for Future Use</b>	
<b>Available Numbers</b> 9001-9899	<b>Reserved Numbers</b> 9900-9999	<b>Reserved for Future Use</b>	

AC: 02/10/2020

Fairfield University Course Definitions

<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Characteristics of the course</b>	<b>Occurs in person</b>	<b>Occurs online</b>
<b>Face to Face</b>	Class meetings take place in a physical location with all students present in person.	75% or more	No more than 25%
<b>Hybrid</b>	Individual class sessions alternate between in-person meetings in a physical location and either synchronous or asynchronous work done remotely.	25% or more	No more than 75%
<b>Online: Synchronous</b>	Synchronous online courses resemble traditional on-campus college classes in that students must be (virtually) present at the same time. Synchronous online courses are conducted live over the internet. Students must commit to scheduled class times and sign onto their virtual learning platform on schedule.  <i>(optional asynchronous sessions can be made available at the discretion of the faculty)</i>	0%	100% (with no more than 25% asynchronous)
<b>Online: Asynchronous</b>	Asynchronous online courses do not require students to log in to a virtual classroom at a specified time. There are no scheduled live class sessions.  <i>(optional live meeting sessions may be made available at the discretion of the faculty member)</i>	0%	100%
<b>Hy-flex</b>	Classes are simulcast live online while being offered Face-to-Face in the classroom, allowing students the option of attending either session. To meet international visa in-person requirements, faculty are required to keep attendance records for those students attending in the classroom.	N/A	N/A
<b>Low-Residency</b>	Most courses take place online, in a mix of synchronous and asynchronous modalities; at a very limited and clearly prescribed number of times per semester or year, students physically come together to engage in coursework in person. The in-person sessions can happen over a weekend and at locations off campus.	N/A	N/A

AC: 03/25/2024

Sunset Policy for removing courses from the catalog, and timetable for re-approval:

If a course has not been taught for four consecutive calendar years, it will be removed from the catalog(s) in which it has been listed unless an individual department or school requests a waiver in writing from the appropriate curriculum committee of the appropriate school(s) and the department or school announces that the course will be offered within the next calendar year.

A course that has been removed from the catalog may be listed in the catalog for an upcoming academic year without undergoing any curricular review provided that the course will be offered during that academic year and the course has not been out of the catalog for more than two years.

A course that has not appeared in the catalog for more than two consecutive years cannot be reinstated without the usual application procedures to the appropriate committee of the appropriate school.

This policy does not apply to courses such as Special Topics, Internships, Independent Research and Independent Studies. The responsibility for adherence to these policies resides with the appropriate deans. Chairs will be notified by the appropriate dean when a course has appeared in the catalog but not been offered for three consecutive years.

AC: 04/11/1994  
amended AC: 05/25/2010

Teaching Load:

A normal teaching load for tenured and tenure-track faculty is nine hours per week. Full-time faculty members teaching beyond the normal or contracted teaching load shall be compensated as detailed in the Memo of Understanding.

AC: 02/12/1973; Revised AC: 02/07/2011;  
AC: 05/08/2013; AC: 03/02/2015

Scheduling of Teaching Assignments:

Teaching assignments should be made in consultation with the instructor. This includes cases in which an instructor is being assigned to teach unique course sections that are scheduled to meet at the same time in the same location (e.g., a graduate course section scheduled to be taught at the same time and location as an undergraduate course section).

AC 5/8/2023



## 8. Items related to Teaching: Approved degrees, majors, minors, etc.

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### Approval of programs included in the Journal of Record:

Upon their approval, all new schools, programs, majors and minors shall be included in the *Journal of Record*.

AC: 04/25/1988; Amended AC: 03/06/2006; AC: 04/04/2011

### College of Arts and Sciences:

Actuarial Science, Minor (AC: 05/01/2023)

American Studies, Master of Arts (AC: 05/15/1996)

Anthropology, minor (AC: 11/21/2011)

Applied Mathematics, MS (AC: 04/07/2025)

Applied Statistics, certificate (AC: 01/22/2018), minor (AC: 02/08/2021)

Arts Administration Concentration in Visual and Performing Arts (AC: 04/29/2013)

Art History and Visual Culture, formerly Art History (AC: 11/14/2016)

Behavioral Neuroscience, concentration for Psychology majors (AC: 03/14/2016)

Behavioral Neuroscience, minor (AC: 12/02/2013)

Behavioral Neuroscience, major (AC: 03/04/2019)

Biochemistry, major (AC: 04/28/2008)

Biochemistry, minor (AC: 02/05/1996)

Black Studies: Africa and the Diaspora, minor (AC: 05/22/1995)

Campaigns and Elections, minor (AC: 11/02/2020)

Catholic Studies, interdisciplinary minor (AC: 03/06/2006)

Classical Music Performance, minor (AC: 05/01/1995)

Communication Arts, major (AC: 04/25/1988)

Communication, Master of Arts (AC: 04/07/2008)

Communication Disorders, MS (AC: 05/31/2019)

Computer Science, major and minor (AC: 04/25/1988)

Computer Science program moved to School of Engineering (AC: 04/07/2014)

Creative Writing, Master of Fine Arts (AC: 12/03/2007)

Creative Writing, Certificate Program (AC: 09/11/2017)

Digital Journalism, major and minor (AC: 03/30/2015)

Editing and Publishing, minor and certificate (AC: 11/30/2020)

Economics, B.S. program (AC: 03/06/1995)

Emergency Management, Track in Public Administration Program (AC: 02/10/2020)

Environmental Studies, Bachelor of Arts (AC: 05/13/2014)

Environmental Studies, minor (AC 05/08/2013; formerly Program on the Environment AC: 10/6/2008; formerly Environmental Studies AC: 03/06/1995)

Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity, Concentration in Biology (AC: 04/09/2018)

Film and Television, minor (AC: 12/02/1996)

Film, Television and Media Arts, major (AC: 12/03/2012; formerly New Media: Film, Television and Radio, AC: 10/04/2004)

Florence University of the Arts, Concentration in BLS (AC: 04/09/2018)

Graphic Design, minor (AC: 04/04/2016)

Health and Human Biology, Concentration in Biology (AC: 04/09/2018)

Healthcare Management, Track in Public Administration Program (AC: 09/17/2018)

Health Studies, minor (AC: 03/02/2015)

Humanitarian Action, minor (AC: 11/2/2015)

Industrial/Organizational Psychology Program moved to CAS from GSEAP (AC: 04/08/2019)

Interior Design, MA (AC: 05/09/2019)

International Studies, major (AC: 02/01/1993)

International Studies, revised major (AC: 02/04/2008)  
 International Studies, revised minor (AC: 02/04/2008)  
 Irish Studies, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Islamic World Studies, minor (AC: 12/04/2017)  
 Italian Studies, minor (AC: 05/13/1998)  
 Jazz Performance, minor (AC: 05/01/1995)  
 Judaic Studies, minor (AC: 04/01/1996)  
 Latin American/Caribbean Studies, minor revised (AC: 03/06/1995)  
 Leadership Ethics, minor (AC: 05/09/2019)  
 Legal Studies, minor (AC: 02/02/1998)  
 Liberal and Professional Studies, Bachelor (AC: 10/07/2019; UCC: 1982 as Bachelor Degree in General Studies in University College; name changed to Bachelor Degree in Professional Studies AC: 05/17/2000; moved to CAS 03/23/2012, changed to Liberal Studies AC: 09/08/2014)  
 Liberal Studies, Masters (AC: 02/04/2013)  
 Liberal Studies, Associate (AC: 05/17/2022)  
 Mathematical Statistics, minor (AC: 02/08/2021)  
 Mathematics, Master of Science (11/02/1998)  
 NonProfit Management, Certificate in Public Administration Program (02/05/2018)  
 Physics, revised major: General Physics Track, Education Track, and Health Studies Track (AC: 02/14/2022)  
 Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Program (AC: 03/04/2019)  
 Public Administration, Masters (AC: 9/10/2012)  
 Public Administration, minor (AC: 03/08/2021)  
 Public Relations, major and minor (AC: 03/30/2015)  
 Religion in America, minor (AC: 03/05/2018)  
 Rhetoric and Professional Writing, minor (AC: 11/01/2021)  
 Russian, Eastern European, and Central Asian Studies, minor (AC: 11/16/2015; formerly Russian and Eastern European Studies, minor AC: 04/03/1995; AC: 05/01/1995)  
 Sociology and Anthropology, major (AC: 10/07/2013)  
 Spanish-English Translation and Interpreting, minor and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (AC: 02/10/2020)  
 Sports Media, major and minor (AC: 11/04/2019)  
 Studies in Peace and Justice, minor (CR: 02/09/1987; renamed AC: 05/17/2000)  
 US Government, minor (AC: 05/03/2021)  
 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, minor (AC: 05/14/2012; formerly Women's Studies, AC: 02/01/1993)  
 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, major (AC: 02/14/2022)

#### Dolan School of Business:

Accounting, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Accounting, Master of Science (AC: 11/01/2004)  
 Accounting, MSA/MSF dual degree (AC: 04/24/2023)  
 Accounting, Taxation Minor (AC: 11/04/2024)  
 Accounting Analytics, Minor (AC: 03/06/2023)  
 Business, Associate (AC: 05/17/2022)  
 Business Administration, Masters (MBA program) (AC: 02/14/1994)  
 Business Administration, Executive Doctorate in Business Administration (AC 11/14/2022)  
 Business Administration, MSN/MBA dual degree (see also EGAN) (AC: 02/10/2020)  
 Business Administration, MBA/MSF dual degree (AC: 02/14/2022)  
 Business Administration, MBA/MSBA dual degree (AC: 02/08/2021)  
 Business Administration, MBA/MSMAS dual degree (AC: 03/21/2022)  
 Business Administration, MBA with Concentration in Artificial Intelligence (AI) (AC: 05/05/2025)  
 Business Administration, MBA with Concentration in Cybersecurity (AC: 03/21/2022)

Business Analytics, Master of Science (AC: 10/06/2014)  
 Business Analytics, MSF/MSBA dual degree (AC: 11/01/2021)  
 Business Analytics, major (AC: 03/02/2020)  
 Business Analytics, minor (AC: 11/7/2016)  
 Business Intelligence, Graduate Certificate (DSB: 09/22/2020)  
 Business Law, Regulations and Ethics, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Digital and Social Media Marketing, Concentration in Marketing (AC: 11/05/2018)  
 Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Minor, (AC: 03/21/2022)  
 Economics, BS (AC: 03/06/2017)  
 Entrepreneurship, minor (AC: 12/06/2010)  
 Fashion Marketing, concentration at FUA (AC: 02/03/2020)  
 Finance, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Finance, MSF/MSBA dual degree (AC: 11/01/2021)  
 Finance, MBA/MSF dual degree (AC: 02/14/2022)  
 Finance, Finance/Computer Science, dual major (see also SOE) (AC: 02/14/2022)  
 Finance, MSF/MSA dual degree (AC: 04/24/2023)  
 Financial Planning and Analysis, Certificate Program (DSB: 04/25/2018)  
 Financial Technology, Master of Science (AC: 04/24/2023)  
 Financial Technology, minor (AC: 05/10/2024)  
 Hospitality and Tourism Management, Concentration in Management (AC: 03/05/2018)  
 Information Systems, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Integrated Business and Engineering, Major, (AC: 03/06/2023)  
 International Business, revised major (AC: 02/04/2008)  
 International Business Minor (AC: 10/03/2022)  
 Management, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Management, MS (AC: 4/29/2019)  
 Management, Entrepreneurship and Technology, MS (see also SOE) (AC: 11/30/2020)  
 Management Information Systems, major (AC: 04/25/1988)  
 Marketing, minor (AC: 05/17/2000)  
 Marketing Analytics, Graduate Certificate (AC: 04/30/2018)  
 Marketing Analytics and Strategy, MS (AC: 02/03/2020)  
 Marketing Analytics and Strategy, MBA/MSMAS dual degree (AC: 03/21/2022)  
 Sports Business, major (AC: 03/21/2022)  
 Sports Leadership and Management, minor (AC: 02/01/2016)  
 Strategic Human Resources in the Global Environment, Certificate (AC: 03/05/2018)

Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies:

Clinical Nurse Leader track for Master of Science (AC: 03/05/2007)  
 Clinical Nutrition, Post-Baccalaureate Doctorate (AC: 05/03/2019)  
 Doctor of Nursing Practice (AC: 10/13/2009)  
 Healthcare Administration, Masters (AC: 05/31/2019)  
 Healthcare Informatics, Certificate (AC: 04/03/2017)  
 Informatics Nursing, Concentration in MS (AC: 04/03/2017)  
 Nurse Anesthesia track for Master of Science (AC: 12/05/2005)  
 Nursing, Master of Science (AC: 05/03/1993)  
 Nursing, MSN/MBA dual degree (see also DSB) (AC: 02/10/2020)  
 Nursing, Master's Entry to Practice Nursing (MEPN) Program (AC: 05/11/2020)  
 Nurse-Midwifery, DNP (AC: 04/18/2016)  
 Pre-Nursing, Associate (AC: 05/17/2022)  
 Public Health, BS and minor (AC: 10/02/2017)  
 Public Health, MPH, Online (AC: 02/14/2022)

Public Health, Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), (AC: 04/07/2025)  
Social Work, BSW (AC: 05/15/2018)

School of Education and Human Development:

Masters in Childhood Education with Initial Certification (Certification in Elementary or Early Childhood Education; AC: 11/21/2011)  
Classroom Technology Integration, Certificate Program (GSEAP: 02/28/2018)  
Curriculum and Instruction, BA, track in Elementary Education, (AC 05/16/2024)  
Curriculum and Instruction, BA, track in Special Education, (AC 05/16/2024)  
Dyslexia Interventionist, Online Certificate (AC: 04/01/2019)  
Eating Disorders, Online Concentration (AC: 4/14/2025)  
Educational Leadership Ed.D. with Concentration in Teacher Leadership (AC: 05/03/2021)  
Educational Leadership Ed.D. with Concentration in Higher Education Administration (AC 02/26/2024)  
Educational Studies, minor (AC: 05/19/2010)  
Elementary Education, concentration (AC: 03/01/1993)  
Family Studies; Non-clinical Masters Degree (AC: 05/25/2010)  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology, five-year BA/MA (AC: 03/18/2013)  
Instructional Design, MA (AC: 04/24/2023)  
Leadership in Educational Technology, Certificate Program (GSEAP: 02/28/2018)  
Leadership in English Acquisition Pedagogy, track in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, MA and in Bilingual Education, MA (AC: 05/01/2017)  
Learning Design and Technology, Certificate Program (GSEAP: 02/28/2018)  
Library, Technology, and Information Studies, minor (AC: 09/11/2023)  
Literacy, Certificate of Advanced Studies (AC: 04/07/2008)  
Remedial Reading and Remedial Language Arts, MA and SYC (AC: 02/06/2017)  
Secondary Education with Initial 7-12 Certification, revised masters (AC: 02/04/2008)  
Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health, Certificate (AC: 02/04/2019)  
Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health, Concentration (AC: 02/10/2020)  
Social Work, Master's Degree, Clinical Specialist (AC: 05/15/2018)  
Special Education, minor (AC: 04/29/2019)  
Special Education, 5-year integrated BA/MA (AC: 04/29/2019)  
Teacher Education program; Five-year integrated Bachelors-Masters (AC: 05/19/2010)

School of Engineering and Computing:

Biomedical Engineering, Bachelor of Science (renamed from Bioengineering, AC: 12/07/2020), (AC: 04/07/2014)  
Biomedical Engineering, five-year BS/MS (AC: 12/06/2021)  
Biomedical Engineering, MS (AC: 12/06/2021)  
Computer Science program moved to School of Engineering from CAS (AC: 04/07/2014); changed from Liberal Arts track to BA (AC: 04/01/2019)  
Computer Science, BS, name changed from Software Engineering (AC: 04/03/2017)  
Computer Science, Finance/Computer Science, dual major (see also DSB) (AC: 02/14/2022)  
Computer Science, Associate (AC: 05/17/2022)  
Computer Science/Cybersecurity, five-year BA/MS (AC: 05-10-2024)  
Computer Science/Cybersecurity, five-year BS/MS (AC: 05-10-2024)  
Computer Engineering, Concentration in Computer Science (AC: 01/22/2018)  
Computer Engineering, Concentration in Electrical Engineering (AC: 09/17/18)  
Cybersecurity, MS (AC: 04/16/2020)  
Data Science (renamed from Applied Data Science (AC: 05/11/2020), MS with Concentrations in Health Analytics (EGAN) and Computational Analytics (AC: 04/09/2018) and CAS concentrations in Social Analytics, and Bioinformatics (AC: 10/07/2019)

Data Science (renamed from Applied Data Science, AC: 05/11/2020), MS 5 year accelerated with BA in Computer Science (AC: 05/14/2018); or with BA or BS in Psychology, Sociology, Biology, or Bioengineering (AC: 02/03/2020)

Electrical and Computer Engineering, Master of Science (AC: 04/07/2003)

Electrical and Computer Engineering, five-year BS/MS (AC: 03/18/2013)

Engineering, Evening School established (GF: 12/02/1993)

Engineering, undergraduate five-year program (GF: 04/30/1999)

Engineering, undergraduate four-year program (AC: 02/04/2002)

Engineering, minor (AC: 04/02/2007)

Management, Entrepreneurship and Technology, MS (see also DSB) (AC: 11/30/2020)

Management of Technology, Master of Science (AC: 11/10/1997)

Management of Technology, five-year BS/MS (AC: 11/16/15; 04/03/2017)

Mechanical Engineering, Master of Science (AC: 02/07/2005)

Mechanical Engineering, five-year BS/MS (AC: 02/10/2014)

Mechanical Engineering, Concentration in Aerospace Engineering (AC: 03/21/2022)

Mechanical Engineering, Concentration in Automation-Robotic-Manufacturing (ARM Engineering (AC: 03/21/2022)

Mechatronics Engineering, BS (AC: 11/04/2024)

Software Engineering, five-year BS/MS program (AC: 02/05/2007; 04/03/2017)

Software Engineering, Master of Science (AC: 05/13/1998)

Software Engineering, Concentration in Computer Science (AC: 01/22/2018)

Programs that have been eliminated:

3/2 Engineering Program (AC: 05/13/2014)

Accounting Information Systems, minor (effective after the Class of 2024), (approved AC: 04/10/2006; eliminated AC 03/06/2023)

Associate of Arts degree (AC: 12/06/2010; approved as Associate Degree in General Studies AC: 02/03/1986)

Associate degree in Engineering, SOE (closed by May, 2014; AC: 03/18/2013)

Behavioral Analytics Concentration in MS in Data Science (AC: 05/06/2024)

Computer Engineering BS, SOE (sunsetting approved by AC 01/22/2018)

Environmental Science, minor (Approved AC 04/07/1997; eliminated AC 10/06/2008)

Healthcare Management track in SON (AC 9/10/2012)

Marine Science, minor (Approved AC 05/01/1995; eliminated AC 10/06/2008)

Neuroscience, B.S. program (Approved AC 03/06/1995; eliminated AC 04/08/2002)

Organizational Communication, Corporate Cohort Program for Master of Arts (approved AC 04/10/2006, eliminated AC: 05/14/2012)

Psychology, BA (eliminated AC: 05/01/2017)

Radio track in New Media: Film, Television and Radio (AC: 12/03/2012)

Reading and Language Development, C.A.S. (approved AC: 02/17/2015, eliminated AC: 02/16/2017)

Religious Education in GSEAP (eliminated AC 12/02/1991)

Taxation, Master of Science (approved AC: 11/01/2004, eliminated AC: 05/09/2011)

University College (GF: 03/02/2012; formerly School of Continuing Education)

## 9. Items related to Appointment, Promotion, Tenure, and Retirement

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### Role of Curriculum Area in Faculty Appointment Procedures:

- All appointments to curriculum areas must be made according to the guidelines found in the Faculty Handbook (II.A.i.a) and the procedures published in the governance document of the School in question;
- The assignment to teach a course in a curriculum area constitutes a *de facto* appointment that is subject to the above principles.

AC: 03/18/1975; amended AC: 02/02/1987

### Consideration of prior service for promotion and tenure:

Evaluation for promotion or tenure should be based on a faculty member's performance in the academic career starting with his/her initial appointment at the rank of full-time instructor or higher at an institution of higher learning. While promotion and tenure are based on performance in the academic career, the committee shall not recommend tenure or promotion unless it has reasonable confidence that such performance will continue at Fairfield University.

AC: 11/05/1991; Replaced AC: 04/30/2012

### Key Policies for Full-Time Non-Tenure Track Faculty:

#### *1) practices surrounding recruitment and hiring of full-time NTT faculty*

- a. Searches for all FTNTT positions must involve full-time faculty.
- b. Faculty Hiring Procedures, as specified in a revised JoR Appendix 27: Guidelines for Faculty Recruitment, must be adhered to by all FTNTT faculty search committees.
- c. Contractual terms for FTNTT faculty must be clearly articulated in a contract signed by both parties.
- d. Any supplementary administrative positions or course releases must be clearly defined annually before the start of the academic year.
- e. Timely notice of non-renewal of a FTNTT faculty contract must follow the timeline laid out in the Faculty Handbook.

#### *2) review process for full-time NTT faculty*

- a. All FTNTT faculty members must be reviewed according to clearly articulated and regularly scheduled review processes.
- b. All FTNTT faculty members must be made aware of the regularly scheduled review process before the start of the contract period.
- c. The department to which a FTNTT faculty member is appointed is responsible for the regular review process and reviews should be for both formative and summative purposes for making recommendations to the dean concerning reappointment or non-renewal.
- d. Non-renewal of FTNTT faculty must follow the timetable articulated in the Faculty Handbook.

#### *3) the role of full-time NTT faculty in leadership positions*

- a. FTNTT faculty are eligible to take on appropriate leadership roles on campus.
- b. All full-time faculty are eligible for leadership positions unless they are specifically barred by the *Faculty Handbook*, the *Journal of Record*, a school governance document, or departmental or program by-laws.
- c. Visiting Professors cannot be elected by the General Faculty to *Faculty Handbook* committees.

AC 12/12/2022

Professor of the Practice:

The professor of the practice would be appointed based on the procedures and qualifications set forth in the Faculty Handbook (II.A.1). These positions normally would require a 4-4 teaching load and university service, though not the peer-reviewed scholarship expected of faculty in tenure-track or tenured positions. Professors of the practice would be members of the General Faculty and so have full voting privileges within departments, schools, and at meetings of the General Faculty. They would be eligible to serve on any standing committee of the General Faculty, with the exceptions of the Committee on Rank and Tenure and the Research Committee. They would be expected to perform all of the "Faculty Duties" listed in the Faculty Handbook (II.C.1). Professors of the practice are eligible for merit pay. The percentage of full-time faculty who are tenured and tenure track should not go below 75%. The appointment of any professor of the practice will never diminish the number or the growth of tenured faculty lines in departments, curriculum areas, programs, schools, or in the University as a whole.

AC: 03/09/2009; AC: 05/11/2020; AC: 11/06/2023

Privileges for Retired Faculty:

Full-time faculty who retire with at least fifteen (15) years of service to the University are entitled to receive the following privileges on the same terms as full-time active faculty: access to all University academic and recreational facilities; access to university e-mail; attendance at university educational, cultural, and athletic events, including academic convocations and processions; campus parking; the receipt of University publications; and tuition remission at Fairfield University for the retiree and his or her spouse.

AC: 04/21/1986; amended AC: 05/07/1986; AC: 09/08/1997;  
AC: 04/04/2011

## 10. Items related to the Faculty Secretary

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### Committee Records and the Faculty Secretary:

That the Secretary of the Faculty should keep a complete record of all annual reports from all standing committees and should notify the appropriate chairs to submit an annual report prior to the last scheduled meeting of the General Faculty.

AC: 03/15/1976; AC: 11/02/1992

### Reminders to Committee Chairpersons:

The Secretary of the General Faculty shall remind the chairs of Faculty Committees that they must report all pertinent recommendations promptly to the Academic Council.

AC: 04/05/1993; AC: 03/07/2011

### Reporting on Distribution of Tenure Track and Non-Tenure Track Faculty:

The faculty secretary will report updated distribution numbers for each school and the university to the Academic Council every fall.

AC: 05/11/2020

### Recognition of Twenty-five Years of Service:

The Secretary of the General Faculty is requested to include on the agenda of the last meeting of the General Faculty a moment to recognize those faculty who are celebrating their 25th anniversary of service to our University.

AC: 05/01/1995

### GFS Website Accessibility:

Links on the GFS website that include minutes of any meetings be password protected and access be restricted to members of the Fairfield University community.

AC: 02/01/2021

### Collection of Governance Documents:

That the Provost's Office compile a list of governance documents for Fairfield University and work with the GFS to maintain them in an updated format on the General Faculty Secretary website.

AC: 03/15/2021



## **II. Items related to Faculty Rights and Benefits**

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### Faculty Services:

The Council affirms the interpretation in all of Chapter III of the Faculty Handbook that “provides” implies without charge to the faculty and the University may not charge faculty for use of office space, parking, mail boxes, tickets to University sponsored events, use of the Faculty Dining Room, academic gowns, or interlibrary loan.

AC: 03/01/1993  
amended AC: 03/07/2011

### Policy on Institutional Support for Leaves for Extraordinary Faculty Research:

Whenever possible, but within the limits of its resources, Fairfield University will offer financial and institutional support to any faculty member, tenured or tenure-track, who is awarded a major fellowship (American Council of Learned Societies, Fulbright, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, etc.). The university will contribute the difference between the monies of such a fellowship and a faculty member’s annual salary, as well as the faculty member’s full annual benefits package, so that he or she may take advantage of a full year’s leave for research without financial loss. This leave time and institutional support will have no direct bearing on the faculty member’s cycle of eligibility for sabbatical leave. Whenever possible, faculty members are expected to make a reasonable effort to link an application for such a fellowship to the time of their sabbatical leave.

AC: 12/02/1991

### Policy on Release Time for Extraordinary Faculty Research:

Fairfield University will negotiate a reduced teaching load with any faculty member, tenured or tenure-track, who is awarded a major research grant from a peer-reviewed funding agency (NSF, NIH, NOAA, DOE, etc.), whenever that grant is of sufficient complexity and involves enough faculty responsibilities to justify release time. Release time must be concurrent with the funded period of research. This release time will have no direct bearing on the faculty member’s cycle of eligibility for sabbatical leave. In applying for such grants, faculty are expected to consider the importance of requesting salary recovery funds from the granting agency. Whenever possible, faculty members are expected to make a reasonable effort to link the period of funded research to the time of their sabbatical leave if multiple-year funding is available.

AC: 12/02/1991

### Faculty Admission to University Courses:

- I. Tuition is remitted for full-time faculty when they wish to take courses sponsored in whole or part by the University. In some cases, tuition remission is governed by conditions, as follows:
  1. For most courses offered by the University, the only condition is the completion of the proper tuition remission and registration forms.
  2. For courses in which there are limitations on enrollment based on physical requirements (e.g., limited number of lab stations), faculty may enroll on a space-available basis after regular full-time and part-time students.
  3. For courses offered under a “contract” fee structure, faculty participation is contingent upon funding from some source; faculty will then have access to the course on an equal basis with anyone else.

- II. Fees others than tuition are the responsibility of the faculty member.
- III. Funding for “contract” courses (I.3 above) is to come from University sources.

AC: 05/16/1988

University Admissions and Tuition Policy: See Appendix 22.

Illness/Disability Policy:

The University will provide full salary and benefits for up to six (6) months of absence due to disabling illness, injury, pregnancy, childbirth or related conditions. Any faculty member who anticipates an extended disability absence will inform his/her Dean as soon as possible indicating the anticipated commencement and, whenever possible, the anticipated duration of the period of absence. The University may require medical certification in cases of recurring absences, or for absences lasting longer than a month.

The period of recovery due to a normal childbirth is presumed to be six weeks. The University may require medical certification for absences in excess of six weeks.

The University’s total Disability Plan provides benefits for serious and long-term illness/injury after six months, subject to the terms of the Plan. Faculty members are expected to apply for and avail themselves of the Plan where appropriate.

Work-related injuries are covered by Worker’s Compensation.

AC: 09/09/1991

Faculty Maternity Policy:

Faculty members whose maternity disability leave occurs at a time during the semester that would interfere significantly with their teaching (normally considered to be a period of absence of three or more weeks) shall be released by the appropriate Dean from teaching responsibilities for the semester. During that time, full pay and benefits will be continued. Faculty will be expected to work on projects and to fulfill other responsibilities congruent with their role at the expiration of their maternity leave.

AC: 04/27/1992

Academic Freedom and Computer Networks:

Freedom of inquiry and expression by faculty and students are fundamental to the operation of a university. The faculty recognizes global computer networks as having joined the print and broadcast media for such inquiry and expression.

While academic freedom carries with it a responsibility, expression should not be subject to prior censorship and restrictions should be reserved for grievous violations of the law or academic standards. Such restrictions should be enforced only after a clearly defined due process procedure and based on clearly stated criteria. Within the academic sector the final judgment should rest with a body dominated by faculty who enjoy the protection of tenure.

Academic departments have primary control of and responsibility for their laboratory and computing equipment.

AC: 02/05/1996; AC: 03/07/2011

Privacy and Faculty Office Space:

Fairfield University recognizes the privacy of faculty offices. University personnel will not enter faculty offices without permission except for normal cleaning, maintenance and emergency or as noted below.

Should there be a need to access academic records during a period when a faculty member is incapacitated or otherwise unable to grant permission, the Department Chair or Dean will contact a member of the faculty's immediate family and ask that she/he accompany them while retrieving such records.

In the case of the death of a faculty member, the Department Chair or Dean will contact the immediate family and arrange for suitable time, within two months, to empty the office of personal effects. The family will be offered the option of having a second colleague of their choosing present. The University will arrange for the packing and shipping of personal belongings in the office. Should a member of the family not be available within the two months, the Department Chair or Dean will arrange for emptying the office and shipping of personal belongings.

AC: 09/12/1994; AC: 04/04/2011

## **Appendix I: Guidelines and Procedures for Creation of New Programs or Substantive Program Revisions**

The Academic Council, with the consultation of representatives from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the Graduate Curriculum Committee, and the Educational Planning Committee has prepared the following guidelines to aid faculty in the development of proposals for new schools, degree programs, majors, concentrations, and minors.

**Routing Procedure:** All new programs must follow the routing procedures published in the Journal of Record.

At each step along this route, the minutes and vote on each relevant motion at each meeting of the body at which the program was discussed should be attached to the proposal so that the next committee understands the thinking and action of previous committees.

**GUIDELINES.** Proposals for the creation of new programs (e.g. majors, minors, concentrations, or certificates) or substantive program revisions that require approval from governance bodies shall be prepared in the following format using the required template below. An editable version of the required template may also be found on the [GFS website](#).

- 1. Description, Need, and Rationale.**
- 2. Objectives.**
- 3. Program Detail and Course of Study.**
- 4. Impact.**
- 5. Administrative Structure and Governance.**
- 6. Resources.**
- 7. Budget.**
- 8. Assessment.**
- 9. The Future of the Program.**

**Required template begins on next page.**



# Fairfield University

Proposal for:

["Creation of" OR "Revision of"]

[Program/Major/Minor/Concentration/  
Certificate Name]

**Proposal Manager:**

[Name]

[Curriculum Area]

**Proposal Supporters:**

[Name]

[Curriculum Area]

[Name]

[Curriculum Area]

[Name]

[Curriculum Area]

[Name]

[Curriculum Area]

## **Motion Table**

<b>Governance Body</b>	<b>Date of Vote and Result to Approve Motion</b>				<b>Minutes</b>
	<b>Motion 1</b>  <b>To approve sunsetting the minor in Information Systems</b>	<b>Motion 2</b>  <b>To create a new minor in Information and Accounting Systems</b>	<b>Motion 3</b>  <b>To create a new course: ACCT 2534 – Intermediate Accounting Systems</b>	<b>Motion 4</b>  <b>[Motion Language]</b>	
<b>[Name of Curriculum Area] Approval</b>	9-0-0 3/20/23	8-1-0 3/20/23	9-0-0 3/20/23		Minutes Received and appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Curriculum Area has approved all new courses needed and complete draft syllabi are attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes All relevant documents pertaining to this body added? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>[School] Curriculum Committee Approval</b>	12-0-0 4/12/23	12-0-0 4/12/23	12-0-0 4/12/23		Minutes Received and appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If required, Curriculum Committee has approved all new courses needed and/or complete draft syllabi are attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes All relevant documents pertaining to this body added? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>(DSB Programs Only) DSB General Faculty Approval</b>	25-3-1 4/14/23	25-3-1 4/14/23	N/A		Minutes Received and appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Dean(s) Approval</b>	4/15/23	4/15/23	N/A		Dean(s) Approval Letter appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Undergraduate/ Graduate Curriculum Committee (UCC/GCC)</b>	18-0-2 4/27/23	17-1-2 4/27/23	N/A		Minutes Received and appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes All relevant documents pertaining to this body added? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Educational Planning Committee (EPC)</b>	4-2-1 4/29/23	4-2-1 4/29/23	N/A		Minutes Received and appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes All relevant documents pertaining to this body added? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Academic Council (AC)</b>	17-0-1 5/1/23	17-0-1 5/1/23	N/A		Minutes Received and appended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes All relevant documents pertaining to this body added? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Sent to General Faculty Secretary for publication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

- 1) Change rows and columns as needed. Dates/votes/motion language included are sample data.
- 2) The proposal manager may add additional sections to the template as necessary. However, all sections of the template must be answered. If a section is not applicable to the proposal, the proposal manager shall state "N/A" and the rationale.
- 3) This template should be used for any program, concentration, certificate, minor, or major that goes through governance.
- 4) The creation of new interdisciplinary or interschool programs require approval by **all** curriculum areas involved. Please add rows above as needed when obtaining approval from multiple school governance structures including various curriculum areas, multiple curriculum committees, and multiple deans.
- 5) Five-year programs (Bachelor's + Master's) require the approval of the UCC **and** GCC.
- 6) (DSB Only) Add DSB General Faculty minutes to Appendix D with DSB Curriculum Committee minutes.

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## **Section 1: Description, Need, and Rationale**

### **Description of Program**

Describe the new program, and explain why the new program or program revision is needed at Fairfield University, e.g., student-driven, faculty-driven, special interest, etc.

### **Need of Program**

What groups will be served by the creation or revision of your program?

### **Rationale of Program and Relationship to Fairfield University's Mission**

Discuss how this program creation or revision meets the mission of Fairfield University and is important to its curriculum.

## **Section 2: Objectives**

Please list specific objectives this program creation or revision seeks to accomplish and how it accomplishes them. Each objective may speak to a different audience (e.g. students, faculty, staff, administration, etc.). Please indicate which audience(s) will be served by each objective. If needed, please consult with the Center for Academic Excellence ([cae@fairfield.edu](mailto:cae@fairfield.edu)) for assistance with this section. Add or subtract the number of objectives below as needed.

### **Objective #1**

Objective Audience:

Description:

How to accomplish:

### **Objective #2**

Objective Audience:

Description:

How to accomplish:

### **Objective #3**

Objective Audience:

Description:

How to accomplish:

### **Objective #4**

Objective Audience:

Description:

How to accomplish:

### **Objective #5**

Objective Audience:

Description:

How to accomplish:

### **Objective #6**

Objective Audience:

Description:

How to accomplish:



## Section 3: Program Detail and Course of Study

Please fill out the table below, which includes the details of #1 - 7, then include the CIP code in #8.

- 1) List all courses required or recommended.
- 2) Discuss course sequence and reasons for including courses.
- 3) Indicate explicitly which courses are new to the Fairfield University catalog and if/when the appropriate curriculum committee has approved or will approve them. Analogously, indicate which courses are currently existing and how frequently they run.
- 4) Indicate in which appendix the draft or approved syllabus is located. Also indicate in which appendix the curriculum area chair approval letter, curriculum area minutes, and curriculum committee minutes are located.
- 5) Indicate the frequency of course availability for all courses that will be included in this program.
- 6) Indicate which instructors, whether currently at Fairfield or an unspecified new instructor for this program, would be teaching courses in this program.
- 7) Indicate the approximate number of enrolled students in each course from 5 & 6 above.
- 8) Please indicate which CIP code this program would be included under. Please consult with the Office of Institutional Research ([IR@fairfield.edu](mailto:IR@fairfield.edu)) for assistance in locating your program's CIP code.

**CIP Code:** [insert CIP code here].

Course Sequencing	Course Number	Required/ Elective	New to Fairfield?	Syllabus Approved? <sup>1</sup>	Time Code Format (In-person/ Hybrid/ Online)	Class Length (3 x 50 mins; 2 x 75 mins; 1 x 150 mins)	Frequency of Course Availability	Projected Instructor	Projected Student Enrollment

**Note:** Approval of a new minor, major, program, certificate, or concentration does not imply approval of new courses. Syllabi of new courses **required** for this program **must** be included in this proposal to a degree that if this proposal is approved, the syllabi will be immediately ready for submission to the appropriate curriculum committee(s). Syllabi for new electives of the proposed program do not need to be included in this proposal so as to be ready for submission, but course descriptions of potential electives should be included.

### Other Important Programmatic Details

Include other programmatic details not specifically course-related, such as internships, special university events, etc.

### Market Analysis & Aspirant Program Data

Please include course tables and course sequences of similar programs, as well as market analysis and other relevant information from analogous programs. For assistance in this section, please email the Provost's Office at [NewProgramBudgetHelp@fairfield.edu](mailto:NewProgramBudgetHelp@fairfield.edu).

<sup>1</sup> If no, when will submission take place?  
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## Section 4: Impact

For each section below, provide a narrative response that covers the following points. Support your response with as much quantitative data as possible:

### Current Program Impact

- How will the proposed program impact current programs in your discipline or other disciplines? How will this program overlap with other programs?
- If it will affect other disciplines, quantify the impact as specifically as possible (e.g. classroom enrollments, staffing/hiring needs).
  - What other programs would the university, or your curriculum area, have to sacrifice or delay to implement this program?
  - Has the proposal manager consulted with impacted disciplines and received a letter discussing the resource impact of this proposal as presented?
  - Append letters/emails from curriculum area chairs, program directors, or other appropriate faculty/staff who would be affected by your program in Appendix C.
  - List the authors of those letters/emails here:
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### Program Replacement

What program(s), if any, will this replace?

### Core Curriculum Impact

How will this program impact the core curriculum? Should the Proposal Manager deem that this program, if approved, would greatly impact the Core Curriculum, consultation with the Magis Core Curriculum Director and a letter of support from them is advised.

## Section 5: Administrative Structure and Governance

What faculty grouping has control over curriculum and course development? What individuals have administrative authority? Please list the titles of all individuals involved in administrative authority. What is the proposed “chain of command?”

## Section 6: Resources

Please provide information and supporting data for anticipated resources that will be required should this program or program revision be approved. If there are no additional resources required for a particular section below (Sections A-D), supporting data must still be included to demonstrate there are sufficient resources to support the program.

## A. Enrollment Analysis

Provide the following data for all courses in the proposal.

1. Course number (e.g. EN 1001)
2. Course status (existing course; new proposed course)
3. Program requirement (required course; elective course)
4. Time code format (in-person; hybrid; online; low residency; individually scheduled)
5. Course cap
6. Projected number of new seats\*

\* A **new seat** is defined as any person (internal or external to the University) who is taking the course as a result of your new program. Specify if this number is expected to vary by year.

## B. Staffing Analysis

The staffing analysis should be completed in consultation with other departments impacted by the program proposal and align with the anticipation of program growth reported in Section D. Organize the following information:

### 1. Faculty

Provide information and supporting data related to the faculty members assigned to teach courses in the proposed program. Specifically, detail:

- a. the number of new faculty lines, faculty reassignments, or faculty overloads that will be necessary to support the program.
- b. Describe any stipends to be requested in support of the proposal (e.g., Director, Coordinator, Thesis Chairs).
- c. Supporting data may include the current number of faculty and teaching load of faculty members in the respective Department, School, or College of the Program that demonstrates the need or sufficiency of current faculty resources.

### 2. Administrative Staff

Provide information related to new staff members or reassignment of current staff members that will be necessary to support the program. If no additional staff are necessary, justify why the existing staff are sufficient and will not be overburdened.

- a. Administrative tasks that should be addressed include enrollment, scheduling, updates to program documentation/advertisement (e.g., website, catalog updates).
- b. Supporting data may include correspondence with the respective Department Chair or Dean that justifies the current staffing level – **OR** – supports the new/reassigned staff members that will be responsible for program-related administrative tasks.

## C. Infrastructure: Campus & Community Partners

Provide information related to the following campus or community resources that will be necessary for the initial and ongoing support of the program:

1. Office space
2. Classroom or laboratory space
3. New instrumentation (If yes, specify approximate cost)
  - a. Startup cost

- b. Annual maintenance/support and service contracts
  - c. Software, subscription, membership costs
- 4. Specific accreditation needs for the program (e.g., pre-accreditation, site visits, community site supervisors)
- 5. Campus partners (discuss all that apply)
  - a. Library
  - b. ITS/Virtual lab
  - c. Writing center
  - d. Institutional Review Board
  - e. Other:

#### **D. Program Growth & Benchmarking**

Describe the criteria used to evaluate program growth for the anticipation of additional resources. Include the following information:

- 1. At what growth point in enrollment will the program require new faculty lines?
- 2. What faculty lines would be requested to support this growth and why?
- 3. At what growth point in enrollment will the program require new staff lines (graduate assistants, student workers, professional staff)?
- 4. What staff lines would be requested and why?

### **Section 7: Budget**

Please include a draft budget for this program after consultation with the Provost's Office by emailing [NewProgramBudgetHelp@fairfield.edu](mailto:NewProgramBudgetHelp@fairfield.edu).

Proposal review requires either:

- 1. A draft budget.
- 2. A letter from the Provost's Office justifying why no draft budget is needed for the proposal.

Proposals that do not include one of these two items will be returned without review.

### **Section 8: Assessment**

When and how will you assess and evaluate the program's effectiveness? How frequently will this assessment happen? Who will be involved? How will you specifically assess progress made toward objectives listed in Section 2?

### **Section 9: The Future of the Program**

Please include two narratives that broadly explain the projected two- and five-year plans for this program. This section need not include specific details about budgets and resources, but should give proposal reviewers a vision of this program's future that include growth potential and it's fit in Fairfield University's long-term strategic plan.

**Two-Year Program Plan**

**Five-Year Program Plan**

## **Appendix A1: New Course #1 Syllabus**

## **Appendix A2: New Course #2 Syllabus**

## **Appendix A3: New Course #3 Syllabus**

## **Appendix B: Curriculum Area(s) Approval**

Include curriculum area minutes for all meetings at which the program or revisions were discussed. A vote to approve the program or revisions by a majority of the faculty in a curriculum area must be clearly reflected in the minutes.

Include curriculum area minutes for all meetings at which all new courses, as listed in Appendix A, were approved by the curriculum area.

**Note:** A curriculum area Chair/Director does not have the authority to create a new program or make a substantive program revision without the approval of their curriculum area. Moreover, a curriculum area Chair/Director does not have the authority to veto a new program or a substantive program revision if approved by a majority of that curriculum area.

## **Appendix C: Letters or Proposal Impact on Other Programs Affected**

Include letters/emails from curriculum area chairs, program directors, or other faculty/staff whose programs will be affected by the newly proposed program or program revisions.

## **Appendix D: [School] Curriculum Committee Approval**

Include [School] Curriculum Committee(s) minutes for all meetings at which the program was discussed.

## **Appendix E: Dean(s) Letter**

The Dean's letter must address the following points:

1. Their support for the proposal as well as any concerns.
2. Identify any potential overlap with courses or programs offered by another School at Fairfield.
3. Their proposed allocation of resources in current/future budgets to support the success of the proposal.
4. How the proposal fits within the strategic plan of the Dean's division (College/School).

5. How the proposal advances the goals of their academic division (College/School) and the University.

## **Appendix F: Graduate/Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Approval**

Include Graduate/Undergraduate Curriculum Committee minutes for all meetings at which the program was discussed.

## **Appendix G: Educational Planning Committee Approval**

Include EPC minutes for all meetings at which the program was discussed.

## **Appendix H: Academic Council Approval**

Include AC minutes for all meetings at which the program was discussed.

AC: 10/2/95; Amended AC: 4/3/2023 & 5/8/2023;  
Major Revision AC: 12/04/2023; Amended AC: 12/1/2025

## **Appendix 2: Guidelines for the Routing and Approval of Proposed Course/Program Revisions in the Undergraduate Divisions**

The general principles for the following guidelines are the following:

The person making a proposal (or one person from among those making a proposal) shall act as a “manager” for the proposal, who will:

- See that the proposal moves forward from committee to committee;
  - provide each committee chair in a timely fashion with copies of the proposal and appropriate documentation (including relevant excerpts of minutes of committees that have already approved the proposal);
  - be present at committee meetings as needed to answer questions.
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- Faculty review (at more than one level of responsibility) is required for all course/program revisions.
  - EPC review is required if new resources are required.
  - Moreover, UCC review is required for:
    - a. all new programs, or changes in programs involving interdisciplinary or inter-school relationships; and
    - b. all changes having impact upon the present Core Curriculum.
  - Academic Council review is required of all EPC and UCC recommendations on curriculum policy.
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- I. New Courses - Within the Same School  
Included here are any course or program changes internal to a department or school, including new interdisciplinary courses.  
    1. Curriculum Area Chair to
    2. School Curriculum Committee or Faculty of School to
    3. Dean
  2. New Inter-School Courses  
    1. Curriculum Area Chair(s) to
    2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
    3. Dean(s) to
    4. UCC
  3. Formation or Dissolution of Degree Programs, Majors, Concentrations, and Minors  
    1. Curriculum Area Chair(s), where appropriate, to
    2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
    3. Dean(s) to
    4. UCC to
    5. EPC to
    6. Academic Council

4. Formation or Dissolution of Schools

1. UCC to
2. EPC to
3. Academic Council to
4. General Faculty

5. Courses/Programs seeking Grant Support, or Involving Other Universities, or Having Impact Outside F.U.

The routing to be followed is the same as for “New Inter-School Courses,” except that the Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs must also review the proposal.

6. Revisions to the *Magis* Core

a. Proposed changes to the learning objectives and /or course distributions in the *Magis* Core will be submitted by the Director of the Core to the UCC. The UCC will forward its recommendations on the changes to Academic Council for approval. The Academic Council will forward recommendations to the General Faculty for approval, if, in the opinion of the Academic Council, the changes are sufficiently substantive.

b. Proposals for broader changes to the *Magis* Core will be routed as follows:

1. College of Arts and Science faculty to
2. UCC to
3. EPC to
4. Academic Council to
5. General Faculty

7. Changes in School or University Degree Requirements:

1. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
2. Dean(s) to
3. UCC

8. Modification of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:

If a Curriculum Area determines that an alternate CIP code better reflects their current academic major/field of study, they may submit a justification for that request. Curriculum areas should work with the Office of Institutional Research on their justification. Include the current and proposed CIP codes and descriptions. **IMPORTANT:** If requesting to change from a non-STEM to STEM code, explain fully how the curriculum fits within the identified STEM CIP code. Approved CIP code changes are not retroactive and cannot be applied to prior years' graduates.

1. Curriculum Area(s) to
2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
3. Dean(s) to
4. UCC

CR: 9/14/87; corrected AC: 2/1/88; amended AC: 12/04/2000; Formatting corrected by GFS: 7/2006; amended: 02/26/2012; amended AC: 05/14/2012; amended AC: 05/03/2019; amended AC: 04/03/2023



### **Appendix 3: Guidelines for the Routing and Approval of Graduate Course/Program Revisions**

The general principles for the following guidelines are the following:

The person making a proposal (or one person from among those making a proposal) shall act as a “manager” for the proposal, who will:

- see that the proposal moves forward from committee to committee;
  - provide each committee chair in a timely fashion with copies of the proposal and appropriate documentation (including relevant excerpts of minutes of committees that have already approved the proposal);
  - be present at committee meetings as needed to answer questions.
- Faculty review (at more than one level of responsibility) is required for all course/program revisions.
  - EPC review is required if new resources are required.
  - Moreover, GCC review is required for all new programs, or changes in programs involving interdisciplinary or inter-school relationships.
  - Academic Council review is required of all EPC and GCC recommendations on curriculum policy.

#### **1. New Courses - Within the Same School**

1. Curriculum Area(s) to
2. School Curriculum Committee or Faculty of School to
3. Dean

#### **2. New Inter-School Courses**

1. Curriculum Area(s) to
2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
3. Dean(s) to
4. GCC

#### **3. Formation or Dissolution of Degree Programs, Certificates, and Concentrations**

1. Curriculum Area(s), where appropriate to
2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
3. Dean(s) to
4. GCC
5. EPC to
6. Academic Council

#### **4. Formation or Dissolution of Schools**

1. GCC to
2. EPC to
3. Academic Council to
4. General Faculty

5. Courses/Programs seeking Grant Support, or Involving Other Universities, or Having Impact Outside F.U.

The routing to be followed is the same as for “New Inter-School Courses,” except that the Provost and the Academic Vice-President must also review the proposal.

6. Changes in Degree Requirements:

1. Curriculum Area(s) to
2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
3. Dean(s) to
4. GCC

7. Certificate Programs

If a certificate is proposed as a subset of existing courses within an already approved degree program, approval includes at least two levels of faculty review:

1. Curriculum Area(s), where appropriate to
2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of Schools(s) to
3. Dean(s)

In Schools without Curriculum Areas/Departments, approval must be granted by both School Curriculum Committee(s) and Faculty of Schools before moving to the Dean.

The Dean will forward the approved proposal and minutes to the Provost and the General Faculty Secretary so that the certificate can be included in the Journal of Record listing approved programs.

If a certificate is comprised of new courses and/or is intended to exist as a stand-alone credential that does not build towards an existing degree, it will follow the full routing procedure for new programs.

8. Dual Master's Degree Programs

1. Dual degrees can be from the same school or two different schools.
2. Proposals should clearly indicate how the two degrees can be earned in ways that preserve the integrity of each of the component degree programs, while at the same time affording students a reasonably efficient program that does not simply replicate the independent programs of the two component degrees.
3. Students must apply to and be accepted by each department in order to be eligible for a dual degree. Students should apply to both academic programs at the same time or apply to the second program prior to the beginning of the last semester of study for the first program.
4. Pre-requisites and required courses must be completed for each degree.
5. Each master's degree must be comprised of a minimum of 30 credits.
6. Normally, no more than 25% of the total credits of the two master's degrees may be double counted. Double-counted courses must contain courses from both programs.
7. The Director of one Graduate program would act as the academic advisor for the student in partnership with the Director of the other Graduate program. Both Program Directors would collaborate closely to help the dual degree student through advisement to navigate courses.
8. Dual master's degree program proposals must follow the full routing procedure for new graduate programs.

9. Modification of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:

If a Curriculum Area determines that an alternate CIP code better reflects their current academic major/field of study, they may submit a justification for that request. Curriculum areas should work with the Office of Institutional Research on their justification. Include the current and proposed CIP codes and descriptions. IMPORTANT: If requesting to change from a non-STEM to STEM code, explain fully how the curriculum fits within the identified STEM CIP code. Approved CIP code changes are not retroactive and cannot be applied to prior years' graduates.

1. Curriculum Area(s) to
2. School Curriculum Committee(s) or Faculty of School(s) to
3. Dean(s) to
4. UCC

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Amended, AC: 12/4/2000

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Amended AC: 12/06/2021

Amended AC: 04/03/2023

## Appendix 4: Guidelines for Review of Programs

When new programs<sup>1</sup> are approved, the approval usually calls for a review of the program after a stated number of years. The following guidelines are based on the procedures for the approval of new programs published in the *Journal of Record*. Their purpose is to provide a structure for the faculty teaching in the program to carry out the review, and to inform relevant committees of its results.

*In submitting your report for review, please also include a copy of the original proposal for reference purposes.*

1. Have there been any significant changes in the program? If so, what were they? Why were they made?
2. Need. How many students have graduated with an official major and/or minor from this program and how many are currently officially enrolled? (Please provide documentation.)
3. Objectives.
  - a. What are the objectives being measured?
  - b. How are you measuring the outcomes of those objectives?
  - c. How are you meeting those objectives?
  - d. How does your program help to fulfill the University's mission?
4. Impact. What impact has your program had on your students and on the University? Has the program had an impact on other programs in your discipline or other disciplines? If so, has this impact been favorable or unfavorable?
5. Administrative Structure and Governance. Have there been any changes in the administrative structure and governance of the program? If so, what have they been, and why were they made?
6. Resources. What are your current resources, and how are they being used? Has the program had any problem in obtaining necessary resources (personnel, space, financing, etc.)? If so, what effect has this had on the program? Please attach a budget sheet that describes your use of funds.

Routing procedure sequence for review of programs:

- 1) School curriculum committee
- 2) UCC or GCC
- 3) EPC
- 4) Academic Council

<sup>1</sup> "Program" is used here to refer to majors, minors, concentrations and programs

AC 4/4/2005

## **Appendix 5: Timetable and Guidelines for Tenure and Promotion**

### **FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RANK AND TENURE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS**

#### **Introduction**

The *Faculty Handbook* defines the basic requirements upon which the Committee on Rank and Tenure formulates its recommendations. In preparing a dossier and supporting documentation, a candidate's principal obligation is to present coherently and document substantially his or her case for promotion and/or tenure. The dossier should be organized in such a way that readers are helped to understand and interpret the data presented in support of one's teaching, service, scholarly or creative work, and other professional activities and accomplishments. These guidelines are meant to assist faculty in organizing and developing a dossier which meets the Handbook objectives. Not all of the recommendations contained in these guidelines are pertinent to each application. Candidates will judge which materials are appropriate for them.

The Committee on Rank and Tenure requests that the completed dossier and supporting documents be submitted to the head of the candidate's curriculum area by the date noted on the appended timetable. The University considers the materials contained in the applicant's Rank and Tenure file to be confidential. The Rank and Tenure file consists of the applicant's dossier, the applicant's supporting documentation and the letters.

#### **OUTLINE AND GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANT'S DOSSIER**

##### **I. Table of Contents**

Include not only the contents of the dossier, but the contents of the appendices and other supporting documents as well.

##### **II. Background Data**

- A. Name
- B. Application for tenure or promotion
- C. Education (chronological)
- D. Academic appointments/promotions (chronological)
- E. Other background experience related to current position

Include information on experience related to current position, such as clinical appointments, consultantships, positions in museums, the theater, and the like.

##### **III. Curriculum Vitae**

##### **IV. Detailed Statement of Case for Promotion or Tenure**

This statement should give focus to the strengths of the application, specifically indicating how the application satisfies the requirements in the *Faculty Handbook* for promotion or tenure.

**V. Teaching Accomplishments Since Initial Promotion or Appointment to Present Rank**

**A. Courses taught at Fairfield University**

Identify and describe courses developed or substantially redesigned, including new or existing courses designed for community engagement, and other substantial teaching activities that are counted as part of your assigned course load.

**B. Teaching evaluation**

- i. Peer review - The applicant is encouraged to request colleagues with firsthand experience of his/her teaching ability to submit written reports based on these observations. Colleagues may wish to address differences between their perceptions of candidate's teaching and student perceptions if the student perceptions are known to the colleague.
- ii. Student Evaluation Summary - If student evaluations are submitted as supporting materials, a summary of the student rating must appear in this section of the application. Sufficient information about the evaluation instrument (especially a department or personal form) and results must be provided to enable the committee to make an informed decision.
- iii. Other - As appropriate, include community partner evaluations and community-based peer or student evaluations.
- iv. Teaching Grants, Awards, or Citations

**C. Description of involvement in curriculum development and enhancement**

The candidate may include information about innovations in teaching and integrative approaches that bring together teaching, scholarship, and community engagement.

**D. Student advising**

**E. Student supervision**

Include activities such as independent studies, theses, academic student organizations, student teacher/clinical supervision, field trips, community-engaged projects/research, and the like.

**F. Participation in courses/seminars of other faculty**

**G. Other community outreach teaching not counted as part of your teaching load.**

**VI. Professional Accomplishments Since Initial Promotion or Appointment to Present Rank**

**A. A list of publications**

The *Faculty Handbook* emphasizes the importance of peer review. For each category in this section, explain the review process. Include both what was reviewed (a complete paper? an abstract for a paper? a draft of a book?) as well as who reviewed the work (double-blind referees? an editor? the conference organizers? community partners?). If possible, describe how competitive was the selection process.

The *Faculty Handbook* requires evidence that the faculty member contributes to the advancement of the scholarly and professional community by engaging in scholarly research or creative activities. Therefore, in addition to the refereed publications, monographs, and

other creative works that typically comprise tenure and promotion dossiers, dossiers may include such items as policy reports, patents and licensing documentation, etc. There is an expectation that this scholarship—much like “traditional” scholarship—be a part of a rigorous, coherent body of work aimed at extending knowledge, engaging and informing others, and transforming the community.

In addition to publications that have appeared in print, include in this section accepted publications not in print with a letter of verification from the editor stating that the publication is accepted unconditionally, or accepted pending relatively straightforward revisions. If, in a previous application, a publication has been listed as accepted but not in print, that fact should be noted in this section.

If a publication has multiple authors, explain your contribution to the publication. For community engaged scholarship, demonstrate how work was conducted in partnership with the community and characterized by mutuality, reciprocity, sustainability, and shared goals.

**I. Books and chapters of books**

Include published reviews or publisher reviews and/or letters of evaluation.

2. Professional refereed journal papers
3. Products of community-engaged scholarship
4. Professional refereed conference proceeding papers
5. Professional non-refereed journal papers
6. Other publications and public documents
7. Book reviews and short notes

**B. Accomplishments other than publications**

In fields where publications are not the primary expression of professional achievement use this section to explain those activities. These may include art exhibits, performances, movies or plays written or directed, community-engaged scholarship, and so on.

The *Faculty Handbook* emphasizes the importance of peer review. In each case, explain the review process, including what was reviewed and who did the review. If possible, describe how competitive was the selection process as well as how the review process worked.

**C. Sponsored research (grants)**

Please also list applications for grants. The *Faculty Handbook* emphasizes the importance of peer review. In each case, explain the review process, including what was reviewed, and who did the review. If possible, describe how competitive was the selection process as well as how the review process worked.

**D. Professional presentations**

Include information such as the date of the presentation, location, to whom, and the topic.

Note whether presentations were to international, national, regional, or local groups, as well as indicating the prestige of the groups addressed.

Indicate whether each address was invited, submitted and refereed, or submitted and non-refereed. Explain what was reviewed (a complete paper? an abstract?) as well as how the

review process worked.

**E. Professional honors and/or awards**

**F. Professional contributions/service**

Describe contributions to scholarly associations such as official positions, editorship of journals and review/referee work and committee work.

**G. Consultantships**

**H. Presentations on media or to a community and non-professional groups**

Present all relevant data.

**VII. University and/or Community Service Since Initial Promotion or Appointment to Present Rank**

**A. University Committees**

For Standing and Ad Hoc committees, list dates of service, name of committee(s) and position(s) held

**B. School or Departmental Committees**

List dates of service, name committee(s) and position(s) held

**C. Community Engagement**

Describe the candidate's application of knowledge, skills, and expertise to pressing social, moral, and civic issues and problems, by forming and maintaining sustainable working relationships (characterized by mutual benefits and shared goals) with community partners.

**D. Other Service to University**

For example, organizing art exhibits, lecture series, faculty seminars, and the like.

**E. Service to Student Organizations**

**F. Service Extending beyond the University**

Efforts that relate to one's academic/professional expertise and are undertaken as a representative of the university; for example: providing consultation services (without remuneration); participation in major committees of a professional society or discipline, etc.

NOTE: Please use Areas V., VI., and VII. as models for Areas VIII., IX., and X.

**VIII. Teaching Accomplishments Prior to Promotion or Appointment to Present Rank**

**IX. Professional Accomplishments Prior to Promotion or Appointment to Present Rank**

**X. University and/or Community Service Prior to Promotion or Appointment to Present Rank**



## APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

1. Student Evaluations - Candidates may submit student evaluations covering semesters of the period under review. The Committee will accept those evaluations at the will of the candidate. A single copy of computer printouts, essay responses, or other substantiating data may be submitted.
2. Publications - Candidates should submit copies of all publications, evidence of artistic accomplishments, reviews of books and papers, etc.
3. Syllabi, tests, or other course materials sufficient to indicate currentness of courses
4. Letters - Applicants will propose a list of five possible external reviewers, accompanied by (1) a short explanation of the applicant's relationship (if any) with the possible external reviewer, and (2) the contact information for each possible external reviewer. The Dean, in consultation with the head of the curriculum area will select at least two external reviewers from the list provided by the applicant and one additional reviewer who may or may not be chosen from the list provided by the applicant. Applicants may also submit a list of non-reviewers who shall not be selected by the Dean and the head of the curriculum area as external reviewers. The Dean will contact the external reviewers. Once it has been confirmed that each external reviewer agrees to write a letter, the Dean will then send the external reviewers applicant's materials supporting professional activities and accomplishments, along with the following materials:
  - a. Background information on Fairfield University.
  - b. A brief description of the Rank and Tenure Committee as a university committee with membership representing the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing, Business School, and the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions.
  - c. Copy of the official Timetable and Guidelines for Tenure and Promotion.
  - d. Copy of the appropriate pages in the Faculty Handbook (pp. 20-25)
  - e. Specific instructions to assess the professional activities and accomplishments of the applicant with qualitative comments.

This procedure does not preclude or prohibit the applicant from soliciting additional outside letters.

5. Letters - The chairs or heads of the curriculum areas shall include in the supporting documents annual or other reviews by themselves and by the Dean, if such documents are available.
6. In very exceptional circumstances, a newly hired faculty member may request tenure or a higher academic rank than previously held. Candidates must meet the requirements for promotion and tenure as noted in the *Faculty Handbook*. Note that a request for tenure would necessitate waiving the required time spent at Fairfield, by invoking the exceptional language in section II.A.4. of the *Faculty Handbook*.

If a newly hired faculty member who has held academic rank at a prior institution

- (1) seeks a higher academic rank at Fairfield and/or,
- (2) seeks tenure at Fairfield,

the Rank & Tenure Committee must receive the following material:

- a. A copy of the written dossier/application that was previously submitted by the applicant to be appointed to their current rank and to earn tenure (if requesting tenure);
- b. An update to the dossier/application, highlighting additional evidence in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service since the previous application;
- c. Evidence of effective teaching;

- d. Written permission for the Rank and Tenure Committee to review letters submitted on behalf of the applicant for the position for which they are applying; and
  - e. Letters addressing the case from the faculty in the curriculum area into which the applicant will be appointed and from the relevant Dean. Materials listed in items a., b., and c. above must be made available for review by individuals writing letters.
7. If a newly hired administrator who has held academic rank at a prior institution
- (1) seeks a higher academic rank at Fairfield and/or
  - (2) seeks tenure at Fairfield,
- the Rank & Tenure Committee must receive the following material:
- a. A copy of the written dossier/application that was previously submitted by the applicant to be appointed to their current rank and to earn tenure (if requesting tenure) and an update to the dossier/application, highlighting additional evidence in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service since the previous application or a written statement highlighting evidence of effective teaching at the college level, scholarship and service;
  - b. Written permission for the R & T Committee to access information from external references;
  - c. Letters addressing the case from the faculty in the curriculum area into which the applicant will be appointed and from the relevant Dean. Materials in a. above must be made available to the individuals writing letters.

Candidates must meet the requirements for promotion and tenure as noted in the *Faculty Handbook*. Note that a request for tenure would necessitate waiving the required time spent at Fairfield by invoking the exceptional language in section II.A.4. of the *Faculty Handbook*.

Note: Per the *Faculty Handbook*, a newly hired academic administrator who has held academic rank at a prior institution may be granted the same academic rank upon approval by the curriculum area in which the academic rank is sought and the University President.

## **TIMETABLE FOR APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE**

1. **DURING MAY, BEFORE COMMENCEMENT:** The out-going members of the Rank and Tenure Committee will hold an informal meeting with interested faculty to discuss the guidelines and the application process for tenure and promotion. The meeting will be held on a day when no classes are scheduled.
2. **BY MAY 30:** The applicant must notify the Dean and the head of the curriculum area (normally the department chair) of their intent to apply for promotion or tenure. Applicants will propose a list of five possible external reviewers, accompanied by (1) a short explanation of the applicant's relationship (if any) with the possible external reviewer, and (2) the contact information for each possible external reviewer. The Dean, in consultation with the head of the curriculum area, will select at least two external reviewers from the list provided by the applicant.
3. **By JULY 1:** The Office of the Provost creates an Anthology Portfolio account for each applicant containing collection points for the Dean's letter of support, external reviewers' letters, letters of support from appropriate faculty, and additional letters of support. Links to the collection points are sent to the applicant. The applicant must then create a new portfolio in the Rank and Tenure department of Anthology Portfolio. The portfolio will contain sections for the dossier, supporting documentation, and materials for external reviewers. Applicants will have the ability and responsibility to create secure unique links to share materials from the portfolio with appropriate parties and solicit letters, as described below.

4. **By JULY 15:** The Dean will ascertain the willingness of the external reviewers to provide a letter for the applicant and notify the applicant.
5. **By AUGUST 1:** The applicant will provide the Dean with a unique link for external reviewers containing materials supporting professional activities and accomplishments. The Office of the Provost will provide a link to the Dean to send to the external reviewers for them to upload letters of evaluation to the collection point.
6. **By AUGUST 15:** The Dean will formally contact the external reviewers to solicit signed letters on behalf of the applicant. The Dean will provide a link to the applicant's materials for external reviewers and a link to the collection point. The Dean will also supply external reviewers with the following materials:
  - a. Background information on Fairfield University.
  - b. A brief description of the Rank and Tenure Committee as a university committee with membership representing the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing and Health Studies, School of Business, and the School of Education and Human Development.
  - c. Copy of the official *Timetable and Guidelines for Tenure and Promotion*.
  - d. Copy of the appropriate pages in the *Faculty Handbook*.
  - e. Specific instructions to assess the professional activities and accomplishments of the applicant with qualitative comments.
7. **BY SEPTEMBER 15:** The applicant sends a unique link to their portfolio (containing their dossier and supporting documentation) along with a link to the collection point for letters to the appropriate faculty (normally those with rank at or above the rank sought by the applicant, within the department) and the head of the curriculum area (if applicable—see item 10 below). Any changes the applicant makes to their portfolio after this date will require the distribution of a new unique link.
8. **BY OCTOBER 15:** External reviewers upload their evaluations to the collection point. Only the Dean, the Office of the Provost, and members of the Rank and Tenure Committee will have access to these confidential letters. The applicant checks with the Dean to verify that the letters have been received.
9. **BY NOVEMBER 8:** The appropriate faculty (as defined in item 7 above) each uploads a signed confidential letter of evaluation that clearly states their recommendation using the link provided by the applicant. Only the Dean, the Office of the Provost, and members of the Rank and Tenure Committee will have access to these confidential letters.
10. **BY NOVEMBER 15:** The applicant sends a link to the dossier and supporting documentation to the Dean. If the candidate has made substantial changes to the dossier, it is their responsibility to provide a new link to the dossier and supporting documentation to the head of the curriculum area. The head of the curriculum area (if applicable) writes an evaluation of the applicant's role in the curriculum area, and explains the process of evaluation, including, but not limited to whether it is a summary of other faculty perspectives or it is from an individual perspective. If the head of the curriculum area is not at the rank of the applicant or above, then a past head or senior faculty of the curriculum area can write the letter. If the head of the curriculum area is the applicant, then a past head or senior faculty of the curriculum area writes the letter. The head of the curriculum area uploads a signed letter of evaluation to the collection point.

11. **BY DECEMBER 1:** The applicant sends a unique link to the sections of their portfolio containing the dossier and supporting documentation to the Dean and the Office of the Provost.
12. **BY DECEMBER 15:**
  - a. The Dean uploads a signed evaluation to the collection point.
  - b. The Office of the Provost sends a link to the sections of the portfolio containing the dossier and supporting documentation and provides access to all collection points to Rank and Tenure Committee members. The applicant's file will then be closed.
13. **BY FEBRUARY 15:** A Committee recommendation for or against promotion or tenure will be forwarded to the applicant. The applicant may discuss reasons for the recommendation with the Provost.
14. **BY MARCH 1:** Appeals must be filed by the applicant with the Office of the Provost. An applicant whose promotion or tenure is not recommended by the Rank and Tenure Committee may appeal that recommendation to the Committee only if they have additional significant information that was not available to them before the application was closed on December 15th. Collection points for appeal will automatically be created for all applicants who are not recommended for promotion. The applicant will upload appeal materials to their appeal portfolio established for this purpose. The Office of the Provost will provide the applicant with links to collection points for the Dean's letter and letters from appropriate faculty. The applicant will send a unique link to their appeal portfolio and a link to the collection points to the Dean and appropriate faculty (as defined in item 7 above). The Dean and the appropriate faculty will each upload a signed confidential letter that clearly states their recommendation using the links provided by the applicant by March 10.
15. **BY APRIL 1:** The Committee recommendation for or against the appeal will be forwarded to the applicant. The Committee recommendations for all applicants will be presented to the President. The Provost will make his/her recommendation to the President and provide the Committee with a copy.
16. **BY APRIL 15:** Applicants will be notified of the President's final decision.
17. **AFTER APRIL 15 and PRIOR to MAY 30:** An applicant may request written reasons for denial of promotion or tenure from the Administration in accordance with the Faculty Handbook. That request should be presented to the Provost.

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## Appendix 6: Guidelines for Sabbatical Proposals

### FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR SABBATICAL

#### INTRODUCTION

The Faculty Research Committee seeks to recognize the difference between persons, backgrounds, disciplines, orientations, and the possibilities of novel projects in its consideration of proposed sabbatical projects. In evaluating proposals, the committee may consult with appropriately knowledgeable persons inside and outside the university. The committee provides these general norms to assist faculty in drafting their sabbatical proposals and to guide the committee in evaluating the merits of proposed projects. In preparing an application and supporting documentations, an applicant's principal obligation is to present a clear and coherent case. A sabbatical is not automatic; the applicant has the obligation to make the case.

#### PURPOSE

Sabbatical leaves are awarded with financial support to increase the usefulness to the University of individuals as teachers and as scholars, and to contribute to their long-term effectiveness as members of the academic profession (HB II.B.2.a). The sabbatical leave affords the faculty member a release from normal teaching and service duties to pursue scholarly or creative activities that will benefit the individual and the university. Such activities may include intensive research and/or writing in one's discipline, retraining in a different field or methodology related to the person's professional and/or teaching area, and training to improve teaching methods. The scholarly or creative products of the leave will be disseminated in an appropriate peer-reviewed venue.

#### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The deadlines are November 1 (for the applicant), November 7 (for the chair/head of the curriculum area's letter), and November 15 (for the Dean's letter). Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline. Late applications will NOT be reviewed.

Note: If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the application is due on the first business day following the deadline.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must meet the university and departmental criteria for sabbatical leave release as stated in the latest edition of the *Faculty Handbook* or amendments thereto (II.B.2.a). In particular, applications for either or both semesters of an academic year must be submitted in November of the previous academic year.
- Projects that emphasize scholarly research should have value not only to the individual, but should ensure an advance in knowledge in the field, and should have potential for scholarly publications.
- Projects that emphasize artistic creativity such as painting, sculpture, musical composition, writing of poetry, drama, or fiction, or similar endeavors, should have a reasonably direct relation to the person's discipline and be subject to evaluative norms of the profession.
- Projects that emphasize professional development should clearly show promise of improved performance in one's teaching and/or professional responsibilities.
- Projects that emphasize community engaged scholarship may be considered, where such projects would be of exceptional value to the individual's professional responsibilities, or to the university,

or to the broader community.

## **PROCEDURE**

Check the *Faculty Handbook* for eligibility.

Consult with chair/head of curriculum area for planning and evaluation of the proposed project so that the completed application is submitted to the Faculty Research Committee by the deadline.

Applicants must submit their completed proposal in the manner indicated on the General Faculty Secretary's website.

The Research Committee reviews the application and makes recommendations to the Provost. The Committee's recommendations are final.

## **PROPOSAL**

The proposal should provide the Faculty Research Committee with the information necessary for evaluation. It is important that the applicant provide complete and specific information about the project itself, its importance to the applicant's professional life, and its value to the university. The proposal should use language that clearly communicates to a committee of people not in that person's discipline the subject matter, the plan, and the methods involved. The following information in clearly labeled sections and paginated contiguously for the whole document is required:

1. Name, department, rank, and date of application
2. Date of initial appointment and date of tenure
3. Date(s) of prior sabbatical(s) and prior external and internal research support of the past 10 years (Append copies of the most recent prior sabbatical, pre-tenure, senior summer fellowship, research grant, and summer research stipend reports)
4. First semester eligible for sabbatical and period of proposed sabbatical
5. Title of project
6. Primary focus of project: research, pedagogical development, or professional development.
7. Short project summary of no more than 150 words
8. Benefit of the project to the university
9. Detailed description of proposed project of no more than 1000 words
  - A. Tasks: The tasks to be performed should be described, and the expected results should be outlined in detail. Any related work already done should also be described.
  - B. Importance and relevance: The importance of the project should be discussed and its relevance to the investigator's long-term research plans explained.
  - C. Timeline: A detailed timeline of the tasks to be performed during the duration of the award should be included.
  - D. Expected final product(s): The expected final product(s) should be explicitly described.
  - E. Dissemination plan: The plan for disseminating research findings or product(s) in an appropriate peer-reviewed venue should be described.

- F. Resources: Resources necessary for the completion of the proposed project should be described, if applicable.
10. Relevant bibliography. Works related to the project recently published in the applicant's field should be included.
11. Comments
12. For projects involving research with human subjects or animals, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval is not needed at the time of this proposal but it is expected to be obtained before commencement of the project. Indicate here if IRB or IACUC approval is required. A copy of the IRB or IACUC approval letter should be submitted to the Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison at [frcapplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:frcapplications@fairfield.edu).
13. Curriculum Vitae (The curriculum vitae should reflect applicant's record of teaching, research, and service).

## REVIEW

If the applicant has not followed the guidelines approved by the faculty, or does not follow the timetable specified in the *Faculty Handbook*, the application will not be further considered.

The proposed project should demonstrate a reasonable expectation of completion or substantial progress, with access to necessary resources.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENT

A final report is due six months following the end of the sabbatical leave. This report should discuss your accomplishments and the immediate outcomes and products of your sabbatical. This should be related back to the original goals and plans in your proposal, explicitly noting any necessary modifications in their implementation. In addition, you should note any intended future outcomes and products that will likely stem from your sabbatical project.

The final report should be sent to Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison via email at [FRCApplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:FRCApplications@fairfield.edu) with a copy to the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship, the applicant's Dean, and the applicant's Chair/Head of Curriculum Area.

## GUIDELINES FOR THE LETTER FROM THE CHAIR/HEAD OF THE CURRICULUM AREA

The letters must:

1. Mention the contributions the applicant is likely to make to the department/program area through scholarly publications and teaching, and
2. Indicate how the department will cover the applicant's teaching while on sabbatical

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## **Appendix 7: Pre-Tenure Research Leave Program – Application Guidelines**

### **FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR PRE-TENURE RESEARCH LEAVE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Faculty Research Committee invites applications from untenured, tenure-track faculty, for Pre-Tenure Research Leaves. The leave will be for one semester of the third or fourth year, at full salary. The award may not be used for work connected to the completion of doctoral studies. The semester will count toward the normal probationary period for tenure. The leave must be completed before the academic year in which the faculty member applies for tenure.

#### **PURPOSE**

The pre-tenure research leave affords the untenured faculty member a release from normal teaching and service duties in order to pursue activities that will be beneficial to the faculty member's long term plans for research and scholarly activity, including, but not restricted to, intensive research, writing in one's field or artistic creativity.

#### **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

The deadlines are November 1 (for the applicant), November 7 (for the chair/head of the curriculum area's letter), and November 15 (for the Dean's letter). The official deadline is published each year by the Research Committee. Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline. Late applications will NOT be reviewed.

Note: If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the application is due on the first business day following the deadline.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Pre-Tenure Research Leaves are open to untenured, tenure-track faculty during the third or fourth year of their probationary period.
2. Projects that emphasize scholarly research should have value not only to the individual, but should ensure an advance in knowledge in the field, and should have potential for scholarly publication in an appropriate peer reviewed venue.
3. Projects that emphasize artistic creativity such as painting, sculpture, musical composition or performance, writing of poetry, drama, or fiction, or similar endeavors, should have a direct relation to the person's discipline and be subject to evaluative norms of the profession.

#### **PROCEDURE**

Check the *Faculty Handbook* for eligibility.

Consult with department chairperson for planning and evaluation of the proposed project so that the completed application is submitted to the Research Committee by the deadline. Applications for this award must be submitted by the application deadline in the year prior to the requested leave, in order to request a leave.

Applicants must submit their completed proposal in the manner indicated on the general faculty secretary's website.



The Faculty Research Committee reviews the application and makes recommendations to the Provost. The Committee's recommendations are final.

## **PROPOSAL**

The proposal should provide the Research Committee with the information necessary for evaluation. It is important that the applicant provide complete and specific information about the project itself, its importance to the applicant's professional life, and its value to the university. The proposal should use language that clearly communicates to a committee of people not in that person's discipline the subject matter, the plan, and the methods involved. The following information in clearly labeled sections and paginated contiguously for the whole document is required:

1. Name, department, rank, and date of application
2. Date of initial appointment. Applicants should indicate whether they have been granted any changes to the tenure probationary period.
3. Date(s) of prior external and internal research support of the past five years (Append copies of the most recent prior research grant and summer research stipend reports)
4. Period of proposed research leave, and preferred semester
5. Title of project
6. Primary focus of project: research, pedagogical development, or professional development.
7. Short project summary of no more than 150 words
8. Benefit of the project to the university
9. Detailed description of proposed project of no more than 1000 words
  - A. Tasks: The tasks to be performed should be described, and the expected results should be outlined in detail. Any related work already done should also be described.
  - B. Importance and relevance: The importance of the project should be discussed and its relevance to the investigator's long-term research plans explained.
  - C. Timeline: A detailed timeline of the tasks to be performed during the duration of the award should be included.
  - D. Expected final product(s): The expected final product(s) should be explicitly described.
  - E. Dissemination plan: The plan for disseminating research findings or product(s) in an appropriate peer-reviewed venue should be described.
  - F. Resources: Resources necessary for the completion of the proposed project should be described, if applicable.
10. Relevant bibliography. Works related to the project recently published in the applicant's field should be included.
11. Comments
12. For projects involving research with human subjects or animals, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval is not needed at the time of this proposal but it is expected to be obtained before commencement of the project. Indicate here if IRB or IACUC approval is required. A copy of the IRB or IACUC approval letter should be submitted to the Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison at [frcapplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:frcapplications@fairfield.edu).

13. Curriculum Vitae (The curriculum vitae should be no more than five pages and it should reflect applicant's record of teaching, research, and service).

## **REVIEW**

If the applicant has not followed the guidelines approved by the faculty, or does not follow the timetable specified in the *Faculty Handbook*, the application will not be further considered.

If, after first review, the application is deemed to have merit, but is judged by the committee to be deficient in some area, the applicant may be asked to submit additional data for reconsideration.

The proposed project should demonstrate a reasonable expectation of completion or substantial progress, with access to necessary resources.

In the event that there are more qualified applicants than it is possible to allow pre-tenure leaves in any particular year, preference will be given to those applying in their third year for a leave in their fourth year.

Ten semesters of active service at Fairfield University must elapse after completion of a pre-tenure research leave before the faculty member is eligible for their first sabbatical leave.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

A final report is due six months following the end of the pre-tenure research leave. This report should discuss your accomplishments and the immediate outcomes and products of your pre-tenure research leave. This should be related back to the original goals and plans in your proposal, explicitly noting any necessary modifications in their implementation. In addition, you should note any intended future outcomes and products that will likely stem from your research leave.

The final report should be sent to Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison via email at [FRCApplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:FRCApplications@fairfield.edu) with a copy to the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship, the applicant's Dean, and the applicant's Chair/Head of Curriculum Area.

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE LETTER FROM THE CHAIR/HEAD OF THE CURRICULUM AREA**

The letter must:

1. Mention the contributions the applicant is likely to make to the department/program area through scholarly publications and teaching, and
2. Indicate how the department will cover the applicant's teaching while on pre-tenure leave.

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AC: 11/04/2024, 05/12/2025

## **Appendix 8: Summer Research Stipend – Application Guidelines**

### **FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR SUMMER RESEARCH STIPENDS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Faculty Research Committee invites applications from tenured and tenure-track faculty from all academic disciplines for a Summer Research Stipend. The amount of each stipend is equivalent to what is currently paid to faculty with a terminal degree teaching an overload course and the program will have funds available for no fewer than fifteen stipends.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Summer Research Stipends Program is to support tenure-track or tenured faculty members during the summer for a concentrated period of at least 8 weeks of research and writing.

#### **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

The deadline is January 20. Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline. Late applications will NOT be reviewed.

Note: If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the application is due on the first business day following the deadline.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- All tenure-track or tenured faculty are eligible for the summer research stipends.
- Awards will be made on the following conditions:
  - professors approved for Summer Research Stipends may teach no more than one summer session course or engage in more than the normal (academic year) one-day-per-week consultative activities during the period from May 30 to August 30;
  - professors approved for Summer Research Stipends cannot have duplicate funding that pays for time for the same or a similar project;
- Applications from faculty falling into the following four categories will be considered only if there is not a sufficient number of high quality applications: faculty members (1) who held summer research stipends during the previous summer's period, (2) who were approved for a sabbatical leave for the two academic years contiguous with that summer, (3) who were approved for a pre-tenure research leave for the two academic years contiguous with that summer, (4) who were approved for a senior summer fellowship during the previous summer's period, (5) who received the Robert Wall Award for the two academic years contiguous with that summer.
- Members of the Faculty Research Committee are not eligible to apply during their term in order to avoid conflict of interest.

#### **PROCEDURE**

Applicants must submit their completed proposal in the manner indicated on the website for the General Faculty Secretary.

The Faculty Research Committee reviews the application and makes recommendations to the Provost. All funds will be made available on July 15.

## PROPOSAL

The proposal should provide the Faculty Research Committee with the information necessary for evaluation. It is important that the applicant provide complete and specific information about the project itself, its importance to the applicant's professional life, and its value to the university. The proposal should use language that clearly communicates to a committee of people not in that person's discipline the subject matter, the plan, and the methods involved. The following information in clearly labeled sections and paginated contiguously for the whole document is required:

1. Name, department, rank, and date of application
2. Date of initial appointment
3. Date(s) of prior external and internal research support of the past 10 years (Append copies of the most recent reports for each of the following 5 categories, if applicable, sabbatical, pre-tenure, senior summer fellowship, research grant, and summer research stipend)
4. Title of project
5. Primary focus of project: research, pedagogical development, or professional development
6. Short project summary of no more than 250 words
7. Benefit of the project to the university
8. Detailed description of proposed project. Of no more than 1000 words
  - A. Tasks: The tasks to be performed should be described, and the expected results should be outlined in detail. Any related work already done should also be described.
  - B. Importance and relevance: The importance of the project should be discussed and its relevance to the investigator's long-term research plans explained.
  - C. Timeline: A detailed timeline of the tasks to be performed during the duration of the award should be included.
  - D. Expected final product(s): The expected final product(s) should be explicitly described.
  - E. Dissemination plan: The plan for disseminating research findings or product(s) in an appropriate peer-reviewed venue should be described.
  - F. Resources: Resources necessary for the completion of the proposed project should be described, if applicable.
9. Relevant bibliography. Works related to the project recently published in the applicant's field should be included.
10. Comments
11. For projects involving research with human subjects or animals, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval is not needed at the time of this proposal but it is expected to be obtained before commencement of the project. Indicate here if IRB or IACUC approval is required. A copy of the IRB or IACUC approval letter should be submitted to the Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison at [frapplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:frapplications@fairfield.edu).
12. Curriculum Vitae

## REVIEW

If the applicant has not followed the guidelines approved by the faculty, or does not follow the timetable specified in the *Faculty Handbook*, the application will not be further considered.

The proposed project should demonstrate a reasonable expectation of completion or substantial progress, with access to necessary resources.

Applications are reviewed by the Faculty Research Committee. When the Committee members do not deem themselves qualified to judge the merit of a proposal, consultation with other educators may be undertaken. **When ranking two or more proposals of equal merit, the Faculty Research Committee will privilege the applicant who has not received previous funding.** Decisions of the Research Committee shall be final.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Final report is due March 1, following receipt of the award.

This report should discuss your accomplishments and the immediate outcomes and products of your summer research stipend. This should be related back to the original goals and plans in your proposal, explicitly noting any necessary modifications in their implementation. In addition, you should note any intended future outcomes and products that will likely stem from your project.

The final report should be sent to the representative from the Provost's office via email at [FRCApplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:FRCApplications@fairfield.edu) with a copy to the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship, the applicant's Dean, and the applicant's Chair/Head of Curriculum Area.

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AC: 04/08/2013, 04/03/2017, 05/03/2019, 05/16/2024

AC: 11/04/2024, 05/12/2025

## **Appendix 9: Research Grants – Application Guidelines**

### **FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH GRANT**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Faculty Research Committee invites applications from tenure-track and tenured faculty in all academic disciplines for research grants. The maximum grant amount is \$3,000 and the program will have funds available for no fewer than fifteen grants.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Research Grants is to encourage and assist research and scholarly work of all tenure-track or tenured faculty. This grant is intended to cover services, equipment, travel, or supplies.

#### **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

The deadline is March 1. Late applications will NOT be reviewed.

Note: If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the application is due on the first business day following the deadline.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Proposals in all academic areas will be considered.
- Special consideration will be given to work in areas where the researcher has not received previous financial support.
- Where possible, results from initial work supported by University funds should be used as a basis for seeking outside support of future work, in cooperation with the Grants Office.
- All materials acquired with grant funds become the property of the University.
- Members of the Faculty Research Committee are not eligible to apply during their term in order to avoid conflict of interest.
- Note: Research Grants can be used to supplement any other FRC award.

#### **PROCEDURE**

Applicants must submit their completed proposal in the manner indicated on the website for the General Faculty Secretary.

The Research Committee reviews the application and makes recommendations to the Provost.

#### **PROPOSAL**

Detailed description of the proposed project of no more than 1000 words. The proposal should provide the Faculty Research Committee with the information necessary for evaluation. The proposal should use language that clearly communicates to a committee of people not in that person's discipline so that they can understand and evaluate the proposal. The following information in clearly labeled sections and paginated contiguously for the whole document is required:

1. Name, department, rank, and date of application
2. Date of initial appointment

3. Title of project
4. Purpose and significance of identified area needing funding: research or professional development to assist research and scholarly work
5. Plan to accomplish above stated purpose
6. Related work by applicant
7. Relevant bibliography. Works related to the project recently published in the applicant's field should be included.
8. Date(s) of prior external and internal research support of the past 10 years (Append copies of the most recent reports for each of the following 5 categories, if applicable, sabbatical, pre-tenure, senior summer fellowship, research grant, and summer research stipend)
9. Detailed, itemized budget. Funds will be available beginning on July 1.
10. Comments
11. For projects involving research with human subjects or animals, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval is not needed at the time of this proposal but it is expected to be obtained before commencement of the project. Indicate here if IRB or IACUC approval is required. A copy of the IRB or IACUC approval letter should be submitted to the Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison at [frcapplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:frcapplications@fairfield.edu).
12. Curriculum Vitae

## **REVIEW**

Applications are reviewed by the Faculty Research Committee. When the Committee members do not deem themselves qualified to judge the merit of a proposal, consultation with other educators may be undertaken.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Funds can be encumbered for a period of eighteen months after the grant date. A final report is due at the completion of the project, or after a maximum of two years, whichever is sooner. The final report should discuss your accomplishments and the immediate outcomes and products of your project. This should be related back to the original goals and plans in your proposal, explicitly noting any necessary modifications in their implementation. In addition, you should note any intended future outcomes and products that will likely stem from the project. A financial report itemizing spending should accompany the final report.

The final report should be sent to the representative from the Provost's office via email at [FRCApplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:FRCApplications@fairfield.edu) with a copy to the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship, the applicant's Dean, and the applicant's Chair/Head of Curriculum Area.

## **GUIDELINES CONCERNING RESEARCH GRANT BUDGETS**

- A. Assistance will normally be given on the basis of the merit of the proposal and funds available to assist in defraying costs of the following:

- I. Services, equipment, travel, or supplies considered necessary or beneficial for the pursuit of investigations. Examples include:
  - Microfilm or other reproduction of source materials
  - Reasonable travel to libraries or other sources of data
  - Equipment and/or supplies, and software
  - Data collection or other appropriate work by students or technical assistants where payment is a necessity
  - Data processing
2. Preparation of an application for outside support of a project when secretarial help, etc., are not available through normal University channels
- B. Normally, the Faculty Research Committee will not consider support in the following areas, although the University may wish to support them (or already does) through other means and channels (inquiries should be made to the Provost for action or referral where alternate procedure is not clear):
  - Research and/or manuscript preparation which is directed toward an advanced degree
  - Attendance or presentations at conventions, conferences, group meetings, etc.
  - Classroom notes (However, after use has made it clear that these notes have begun to take the form of a text, which may be of interest to a publisher, consideration can be given. The problem of royalties in such cases is a complicating factor that may have to be considered.)
  - Research previously conducted
- C. Funds will be distributed as a reimbursement for expenses incurred during the fiscal year following application.

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AC: 11/14/2016, 04/03/2017, 04/30/2018, 11/05/2018, 05/03/2019  
AC: 11/30/2020, 05/16/2024, 11/04/2024, 05/12/2025



## **Appendix 10: Guidelines for Senior Summer Fellowship**

### **FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR SUMMER FELLOWSHIP**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Faculty Research Committee invites applications from all academic disciplines for a Senior Summer Fellowship from tenured faculty who hold the rank of either associate or full professor. The amount of this Fellowship is equivalent to 150% of the current pay to faculty with a terminal degree teaching an overload course.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Senior Summer Fellowship is to allow faculty to pursue advanced work and make a significant contribution to thought and knowledge in their respective discipline.

The Fellowship supports creative projects and research activities that can be completed during the summer of the award. The project/activities may be part of a larger research agenda.

It is usually expected that the Fellowship will result in juried performances or peer reviewed publications.

#### **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

The deadline is November 1. Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline. Late applications will NOT be reviewed.

Note: If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the application is due on the first business day following the deadline.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- The applicant must be a tenured associate or full professor.
- The applicant must be recommended by the Chair/Head of Curriculum Area. Department Chairs/Heads of Curriculum Area who wish to apply should seek a letter of recommendation from a senior colleague.
- The applicant must devote two consecutive and uninterrupted months to full-time research or artistic work, and may not hold other major external fellowships or other internal research grants during the summer of the award.
- Recipients are not eligible to teach during the summer of the award.
- Members of the Faculty Research Committee are not eligible to apply during their term in order to avoid conflict of interest.

Faculty members approved for sabbatical leave or who receive the Robert Wall Award will not be eligible for a Senior Summer Fellowship for either summer contiguous to the academic year of the sabbatical leave.

#### **PROCEDURE**

Applicants must submit their completed proposal in the manner indicated on the website for the General Faculty Secretary.

The Faculty Research Committee reviews the application and makes recommendations to the Provost.

## PROPOSAL

The proposal should provide the Faculty Research Committee with the information necessary for evaluation. The proposal should use language that clearly communicates to a committee of people not in that person's discipline so that they can understand and evaluate the proposal. The following information in clearly labeled sections and paginated contiguously for the whole document is required:

1. Name, department, rank, and date of application
2. Date of initial appointment and date of tenure
3. Date(s) of prior external and internal research support of the past 10 years (Append copies of the most recent reports for each of the following 5 categories, if applicable, sabbatical, pre-tenure, senior summer fellowship, research grant, and summer research stipend)
4. Title of project
5. Dates for undertaking the work
6. Primary focus of project: research, pedagogical development, or professional development
7. Short project summary of no more than 250 words
8. Detailed description of proposed project. Of no more than 1000 words
  - A. Tasks: The tasks to be performed should be described, and the expected results should be outlined in detail. Any related work already done should also be described.
  - B. Importance and relevance: The importance of the project should be discussed and its relevance to the investigator's long-term research plans explained.
  - C. Timeline: A detailed timeline of the tasks to be performed during the duration of the award should be included.
  - D. Expected final product(s): The expected final product(s) should be explicitly described.
  - E. Dissemination plan: The plan for disseminating research findings or product(s) in an appropriate peer-reviewed venue should be described.
  - F. Resources: Resources necessary for the completion of the proposed project should be described, if applicable.
9. Relevant bibliography. Works related to the project recently published in the applicant's field should be included.
10. Comments
11. For projects involving research with human subjects or animals, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval is not needed at the time of this proposal but it is expected to be obtained before commencement of the project. Indicate here if IRB or IACUC approval is required. A copy of the IRB or IACUC approval letter should be submitted to the Faculty Research Committee Administrative Liaison at [frapplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:frapplications@fairfield.edu).
12. Curriculum Vitae (The curriculum vitae should reflect applicant's record of teaching, research, and service.
13. Chair's/Head of Curriculum Area's letter of support (must be part of the application.)

## REVIEW

Applications are reviewed by the Faculty Research Committee. When the Committee members do not deem themselves qualified to judge the merit of a proposal, consultation with other educators may be undertaken. **When ranking two or more proposals of equal merit, the Faculty Research Committee will privilege the applicant who has not received previous funding.** Decisions of the Faculty Research Committee shall be final.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Final report is due March 1 following the summer of the award.

The final report should discuss your accomplishments and the immediate outcomes and products of your project. This should be related back to the original goals and plans in your proposal, explicitly noting any necessary modifications in their implementation. In addition, you should note any intended future outcomes and products that will likely stem from the project.

The final report should be sent to the representative from the Provost's office via email at [FRCApplications@fairfield.edu](mailto:FRCApplications@fairfield.edu) with a copy to the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship, the applicant's Dean, and the applicant's Chair/Head of Curriculum Area.

## GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS FOR SENIOR SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

The letter must:

1. Mention the contributions the applicant is likely to make to the department/program area through scholarly publications and teaching.
2. Support the applicant's reasonable expectations that the proposed work will be completed as stated in the proposal.

AC: 09/11/2006, 04/30/2007, 04/28/2008, 04/08/2013, 05/03/2019  
AC: 05/16/2024, 11/04/2024, 05/12/2025

## **Appendix I I: Guiding Principles and Procedural Guidelines for Faculty Compensation**

### **Guiding Principles for Faculty Compensation at Fairfield University Universal Principles for Merit Plans**

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**The committee expects that plans will conform to these principles for use by 2005 and that a committee with faculty representation will review the plans and report to the Academic Vice President. Before 2005, applications for merit will be reviewed according to the school's current merit plan.**

- 1. There must be consistency between the plans and the mission, goals and objectives of the university.**
  - a. All plans must make effective teaching a criterion for determining sustained merit. Each plan must state clearly that effective teaching and mentoring are fundamental promises we make to our students. Plans must include submission and evaluation of evidence of teaching effectiveness.
  - b. The University, schools, and departments should be encouraged to develop increasingly useful instruments for evaluation of effective teaching.
- 2. The merit review process should be distinct from the rank and tenure review process.**
  - a. Whereas rank and tenure evaluations necessarily insist on strong contributions in all areas, annual reviews may recognize and reward distinct strengths and contributions.
  - b. Whereas the *Faculty Handbook* does not spell out the particular importance of various forms of teaching, research, and especially service in the various schools, the merit plans may well seek to do so and encourage faculty members to make contributions in these areas.
  - c. The standards and criteria for tenure and promotion in the *Faculty Handbook* and the standards and criteria stated in the various school plans must correlate.
  - d. All plans need to incorporate criteria addressing the three areas of teaching, scholarship, and service into their plans.
  - e. Annual merit reviews must be dependent on submission of an annual report addressing each school's criteria for merit.
- 3. Each plan should have a three level system of merit: 1) no merit, 2) sustained merit, and 3) additional merit.**
  - a. In all plans, sustained merit must be a prerequisite for being considered for additional merit.
  - b. Those who have earned sustained merit will receive a fixed percentage of their salary or of the mean of the rank whichever is higher. This percent will be consistent across the university to be added to their base salary.
  - c. The concept of sustained merit is an appropriate minimum for every faculty member who is meeting the explicit written criteria for all faculty in that department or school or college. This should be a minimum standard and be a common percentage across all schools.
  - d. Appropriate distribution of funds in the system should be discussed among the AVP, deans, and the Faculty Salary Committee.
  - e. For merit plans to be effective, the committee considers that sustained merit should reasonably allow faculty members to retain or increase buying power over the years. In time periods where increases cannot exceed cost of living, serious consideration should be given to judging only for sustained merit.
  - f. Plans should have at least two levels of application review. Deans and faculty should work collaboratively to determine an appropriate procedure to present merit recommendations to the Dean.

4. **Criteria for each level of merit should be developed by faculty, as charged by the Board of Trustees, in terms that are concrete and observable to insure that the process is as clear and transparent as possible.**
  - a. Plans must avoid arbitrary distribution of awards.
  - b. Qualifying criteria for merit may differ in details for different schools.
  - c. Chairs and deans should acknowledge that individual faculty members have the potential to make distinct contributions.
  - d. In addition to considering teaching and scholarship, schools should consider various necessary activities such as community outreach, internship supervision, adjunct supervision, professional accreditation and assessment as part of the possible criteria for merit review.
  - e. The plans should take a holistic view of their areas and encourage each faculty member to contribute to the larger goals of the department, school and university. For example, a faculty member might be particularly strong in mentoring and advising. That faculty member might be encouraged to take on a greater number of advisees as a way of making a significant contribution to the goals of the department. In this way, merit reviews might help chairs and deans allocate the needed workload of the department or school as well as building on the strengths of each faculty member.
5. **All school plans should be seen as works in progress, “living documents” that should be evaluated periodically and revised by faculty in accordance with these principles.**
  - a. Deans and faculty should be open to new ideas and share them with colleagues.
  - b. Best practices from other schools might be examined.
  - c. One-year, two-year or even three-year “moving window” evaluations are all reasonable topics for discussion and debate within the schools.
  - d. Plans should be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from faculty and administration to insure conformity to these principles, before the 2005 implementation date.
6. **The plans should consider the formative and planning possibilities of merit reviews.**
  - a. Although plans should certainly include a review of the accomplishments of the previous time period, the most effective merit plans will set individual and collective goals and objectives for the future which can then be evaluated by the department chair and/or dean in consultation with the faculty member.
  - b. By stressing a formative as well as evaluative methodology, merit plans will minimize punitive evaluations of work not done, and increase opportunities to explore and encourage faculty contributions related to the expertise and interests of the individual faculty member.
7. **Appropriate feedback is an important component of a merit review and should be provided by the department chair or dean.**
8. **There should be a fair and appropriate process for appeals. (i.e. Appeals Committee with faculty representation, Ombudsperson, etc.)**

Respectfully submitted by the Academic Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Guiding Principles and Procedural Guidelines for Faculty Compensation.

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## **Appendix 12: Guidelines for Faculty Annual Merit Review and Self-Evaluation**

Faculty members will take part in annual merit evaluation and self-assessment by writing three short essays, one each on teaching, scholarly and/or creative activities, and service. The essays should inspire reflection on the year's achievements and suggest areas for improvement. Schools or curriculum areas may request that evidence be appended to the essays, e.g., teaching evaluations, new pedagogical materials or reprints of published work. The essays and appended materials will constitute the application for merit pay increases. In addition, faculty members will receive qualitative feedback on their performance from their chairs, program area directors, or a duly constituted committee.

This document describes the process and provides guidelines for writing the essays. There will be two potential levels of merit: "standard" and "additional." Whether merit is actually awarded in a given year will depend on budget considerations, but the yearly assessment should be done regardless of the status of the budget.

Below you will find an overview of what might constitute standard and additional merit in the three categories of teaching, scholarship/creative activity, and service, and additional detail on how to submit the assessments.

### **Standard Merit**

Standard merit is a threshold that the great majority of faculty should be able to achieve annually. Because Fairfield University recognizes that **effective teaching is critical to our mission and a fundamental promise that we make to our students**, each faculty member must make a case for teaching effectiveness. In addition to demonstrating professional and quality engagement with teaching, the standard merit threshold requires a positive professional contribution in scholarly/creative activity or service. The evaluation period for standard merit is the calendar year.

### **Additional Merit**

Additional merit is determined by the standards of the curriculum area according to the quality, impact, prestige, reach, difficulty, and/or rarity of the accomplishments. The lists below reflect some examples that distinguish between standard and additional merit. These are not checklists but guides. The emphasis should be on the positive, professional contribution the faculty member has made through the activity. The evaluation period for additional merit includes all calendar years since additional merit was funded by the salary pool.

The lists below indicate the types of achievements and activities appropriate to each level of merit. As stated above, Standard Merit requires sufficient achievements or activities in teaching and one other area. To earn Additional Merit, the faculty member must demonstrate achievements at the Additional level in two areas and the Standard level in the third area.

### **The Application: Essays on Teaching, Scholarly/Creative Activity, and Service**

There is a single application for both levels of merit. It will comprise three short essays (or annotated lists) in the areas of teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service (though only achievements in teaching and one other area are required for the standard merit threshold). Schools or curriculum areas may request appended information that supports the essays. If the faculty member has no activities or achievements to discuss regarding either service or scholarly/creative pursuits, that essay should be devoted to plans for that area. Candidates should have flexibility in making their case, and the arguments should be primarily qualitative because they are meant to inspire reflection. Each essay should be focused and concise, no more than 250 words or one double-spaced page. Each essay should discuss important highlights in that particular area and not be a detailed list of every activity. In years when there is additional merit, the faculty member will specify the level of merit for which he or she is applying.

Below are some guidelines for what could be included in the three essays. The examples listed are not intended to be exhaustive or used as checklists; rather, they are illustrations of typical or common activities in the three areas. Within each area, activities that qualify a faculty member for a higher level include qualification for any lower level.

Note that the relative importance of the three areas within the review is reflected by their ordering. That is, consistent with the norms of the profession and the mission of the university, teaching is the most important thing we do, followed by scholarly/creative accomplishments, and then by service. However, individuals may emphasize different areas at different points in their professional lives.

The structures above reflect campus-wide values for teaching, scholarship and service in order to achieve standard merit. However, schools and curriculum areas differ in their disciplinary approaches to pedagogy and scholarship, accreditation requirements, and even service needs based on the size of the school. These differences may have an impact on the determination of merit through the addition of items in the bulleted examples below and through the merit review process itself.

### **Examples of Activities in Support of Merit**

#### **Teaching:**

Teaching includes curriculum design and review, classroom instruction, quality advising, clinical/practicum supervision, close work with students outside the classroom, assessment of learning outcomes, and work that contributes to the improvement of teaching at the university. **To qualify for standard merit in teaching, the faculty member must fulfill the relevant duties specified in the *Handbook* and provide evidence of active engagement in quality teaching.** These duties include: preparing, administering and grading exams; directing, grading and discussing papers and projects; submitting grades in a timely manner; maintaining office hours; and beginning and ending classes on time (*Handbook*, sections C.1.a, b, c, and d).

Besides meeting these basic professional responsibilities, the faculty member must make the case for being actively engaged in quality teaching. The member should have teaching evaluations that support the case for teaching effectiveness, and the lists below contain some of the additional standard ways to demonstrate teaching effectiveness. The essay and supporting materials are not limited to these activities, and **should emphasize how the activity contributes in a positive way to teaching in the department or program and at the university.** Finally, where teaching evaluations are relatively weak, the essay should include explanations and plans for addressing any weaknesses.

Teaching effectiveness and contributions in the area of teaching should comprise the most significant part of any annual review.

Typical activities that, done well, might demonstrate achievement of Standard Merit:

- Consistently strong teaching evaluations (benchmarked by discipline, course level, and other considerations).
- Developing a new course or substantially revamping an existing course to meet program or university goals.
- Teaching a course that is significantly more labor intensive than a typical course in the curriculum area.
- Supervising an intensive student learning experience outside the traditional classroom (e.g., independent research, clinical/practicum supervision).
- Serving as the director of a master's thesis or project.
- Incorporating ideas from the Center for Academic Excellence or other pedagogical workshops into teaching.

- Above average student advisement load.
- Other activities that contribute significantly to effective teaching.

Activities that, done well, might demonstrate the minimum level of achievement for Additional Merit:

- Consistently very strong teaching evaluations (benchmarked by discipline, course level, and other considerations).
- Participating in peer review with colleagues in other departments or significant mentoring of others' teaching.
- Innovative advising and/or unusually heavy advising load.
- Directing student research teams.
- Teaching that contributes to institutional initiatives (e.g., team teaching, interdisciplinary teaching, cluster course teaching, service-learning, or teaching in conjunction with a residential learning community).
- Developing and/or maintaining clinical or other placement sites.
- Contributing substantially to a program self-study, or academic assessment or accreditation activity in a curriculum area.
- Other comparable achievements that contribute significantly to effective teaching.

### **Scholarly/Creative Activity:**

It is the responsibility of all professional scholars to participate in their academic communities, through innovation, application, and dissemination of scholarly work. The *Handbook* specifies forms of participation in the scholarly and professional community, namely: "Involvement in scholarly research or other professionally recognized creative activities; active participation in professional societies and educational organizations; and keeping abreast of current developments in one's field" (*Handbook*, sections C.I.h, j, and k). The lists below contain some of the standard ways to demonstrate this active participation. Again, the essay is not limited to the activities listed below and should **emphasize how each activity makes a positive professional contribution and enhances the university**.

Evidence of and commentary on scholarly and creative contributions to one's field should comprise a significant portion of any annual review.

Typical activities that, done well, might demonstrate achievement of Standard Merit:

- Contributing in peer reviewed publications or creative works relevant to one's discipline or field.
- Presenting at a professional conference or meeting.
- Serving on a panel, roundtable, or special session at a professional meeting.
- Serving as a reviewer for a scholarly journal or professional society.
- Participating regularly in an ongoing scholarly or professional seminar.
- Serving as a reviewer of a tenure application at another institution.
- Communicating academic findings or contributing one's academic expertise to public dialogue through publishing, presenting, media commentary, or task force participation.
- Maintaining clinical licensure or certification relevant to one's professional program.
- Other significant activities that demonstrate contributions to the candidate's discipline or field.

Activities that, done well, might demonstrate the minimum level of achievement for Additional Merit:

- Publishing a peer-reviewed article in a mid- to top-level journal, chapter, or equivalent in exhibit or performance



- Leading a scholarly or professional workshop or seminar.
- Organizing a significant panel or program for a professional meeting or for a public forum for which one's academic expertise is needed.
- Giving a notable invited address or similarly notable exhibit.
- Making a scholarly contribution to the professional organization.
- Serving on the editorial board of a peer-review journal or publication series.
- Procuring external funding for one's research.
- Preparing and submitting a well-reviewed, but unfunded, major external grant proposal.
- Other comparable achievements that demonstrate scholarly/creative contributions to one's field.

### **Service:**

Service to the institution, at the level of departments, schools, or the university, is a vital aspect of our professional responsibility. The *Handbook* specifies basic forms of service to the institution namely, "Attendance at and participation in general faculty and curriculum area meetings; attendance at commencement, convocations and other functions at which the Academic Vice President may request attendance; and service on, and cooperation with, University and curriculum area committees" (*Handbook*, sections C.1.e, f, and g). Besides fulfilling these basic obligations, faculty members who want to qualify for merit in this area must demonstrate active participation in shared governance and promoting the well-being of the institution.

The lists below contain some of the standard ways to demonstrate active membership in the life of the university and/or the profession. Again, the essay is not limited to these activities and should **emphasize how the activity makes a positive contribution to the institution and/or the profession.**

Typical activities that, done well, might demonstrate achievement of Standard Merit:

- Actively serving on university, school, or department committees.
- Service to a professional organization.
- Organizing campus events.
- Ongoing volunteer community service that fits the mission of the university.
- Actively participating in recruitment, admission, and retention of students.
- Other activities that contribute significantly to the university or the profession.

Activities that, done well, might demonstrate the minimum level of achievement for Additional Merit:

- Chairing a department or directing a program.
- Serving the department, school, university and/or the profession in a significant way through participation on committees.
- Holding and fulfilling the responsibilities of a formal office in a professional association.
- Contributing substantially to the non-academic elements of an accreditation activity.
- Significant participation in the admissions process (e.g., reviewing applications, interviewing applicants, and contributing to the admission decision).
- Participating on a major university or school task force or equivalent.
- Other comparable achievements that demonstrate service to the institution and/or profession.

- Support for any activity in the form of a course release, a university or school stipend, or other university funding for the work should be disclosed in the essays. Significant remuneration for an activity may be considered by the curriculum area head or merit committee to reduce the impact of the activity in the merit review.

### **Application Process Guidelines:**

The lists are not intended to be checklists but rather used as guides for faculty members to contemplate and present their significant accomplishments for the year. Schools and departments may expand upon items in the various lists and/or add to the lists those items appropriate to their disciplines and should maintain and distribute the revised list. However, because these lists reflect the activities that the institution as a whole values, schools or departments may not remove any items, although some items may receive greater or lesser emphasis consistent with disciplinary distinctions or programmatic and curricular goals.

In applications, the emphasis should be on the quality of the work and how it reflects the faculty member's productive engagement with his or her department, school, university or profession.

Because they are already extensively reviewed each year and they should be focused on longer-term, rather than annual, goals, untenured, tenure-track faculty members automatically qualify for standard merit as long as their continuing (tenure track) contracts are renewed. In years when additional merit is available, they may apply for it. In addition, the merit assessments for untenured, tenure-track faculty should recognize that they do not have as many opportunities for leadership in service as tenured faculty do. Faculty members who are promoted in rank during the course of an academic year, automatically qualify for standard merit and may apply for additional merit.

By a specified due date each faculty member will submit her or his application to the head of the appropriate curriculum area or a committee within the area or school. The head or committee will make a recommendation to the appropriate dean as to what level of merit the candidate qualifies for. After the dean makes a final decision, the head or committee will communicate this decision to the faculty member. Individuals (whether the head of a curriculum area or on a committee charged with making merit recommendations) may not make recommendations regarding their own merit application.

The annual review process should be summative for the purposes of awarding merit, but also must be formative. Each faculty member should receive feedback from the appropriate administrator (department chair and/or dean) indicating areas in which the faculty member can improve as well as areas in which he/she is doing well. This feedback should include constructive ideas for how this improvement might be accomplished and consideration of the support that is available to enable those improvements.

The role of the Deans and the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs will be to ensure that the results of the merit process in each curriculum area are appropriate and have a reasonable degree of consistency across curriculum areas. At the same time, the assessment of these results must be cognizant of distinctions in disciplinary approaches and programmatic and curricular goals.

An appeals process will be developed by the joint Salary Committee (FSC and administrative team) in collaboration with the Deans and SVPAA prior to the first implementation of this plan.

### **Distribution of Funds**

If the increase in the salary pool is at or below the increase in the cost of living (CPI-U), the entire increase in the pool will go to Standard Merit. If the increase in the salary pool is above the increase in the cost of living, then the percent going to Standard Merit will be cost of living plus one quarter of the remainder of the increase in the pool. Standard Merit will be distributed to recipients as a percent of salary or of the

mean of the rank, whichever is greater. Additional Merit will be distributed in such a way that each faculty member who receives Additional Merit in a given year will receive the same dollar amount.

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Amended AC: 02/25/2013  
Amended: GF 05/16/2017

## **Appendix I3: Merit Appeal Process**

### Review process leading to appeal

1. Each school constructs a merit plan or plans and processes for evaluation that are consistent with the approved Guidelines for Faculty Annual Merit Review and Self-Evaluation. These plans will include structures for making merit assessments.
2. Applications should indicate which level of merit they are applying for, from among the levels being funded in a particular year.
3. The body charged with assessing merit (committee or department chair) will review the applications and make recommendations to the Dean. Those recommendations will only refer to levels of merit that are being funded in a particular year. The assessment body will also send their summative evaluation to each faculty member, along with an explanation for their judgment (in 250 words or less).
4. The Dean will review the recommendations and make preliminary decisions.
5. Deans will forward to the Provost a numerical summary of their proposed merit awards. If there are large discrepancies among the schools, the Provost may ask one or more Deans to reconsider their recommendations. Such a request would be at the level of the school; the Provost would not be reviewing individual applications.
6. Deans will finalize their decisions and inform each faculty member, in writing, of the decision and rationale. Faculty members may appeal the Dean's decision.

### Appeal process

- Merit appeals shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Academic Personnel Committee and the Provost.
- Each appeal will consist of: a. the initial merit application from the faculty member; b. the plan under which the applicant was assessed; c. the letter from the school/department merit assessment body; d. the decision letter from the Dean; and e. a faculty response (of no more than 500 words) to the rationale for the negative decision.
- The Academic Personnel Committee and the Provost will review the appeal together. The merit appeals process may be suspended temporarily while related grievances are being addressed.
- For appeals of standard merit decisions, the Academic Personnel Committee will make a decision, which shall be final.
- For appeals of further merit decisions, the Academic Personnel Committee will make a recommendation to the Provost. The Provost will make a final decision. If the Provost rejects the Academic Personnel Committee's recommendation, they must explain the rejection in writing to the committee, the relevant Dean, and the applicant.

AC: 5/25/2010, 11/1/2010; AC 9/15/2025

## **Appendix 14: Application for Emeritus Status and clarifications**

### Application for emeritus status:

#### Requirements for application:

The responsible dean, area coordinator, or chairperson will nominate all individuals who plan to retire from his/her school, area, division, or department. Nominations are made to the Committee on Rank and Tenure through the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

To be included with the nomination is the following supportive documentation:

1. a current curriculum vitae of the nominee
2. a letter from the nominator reviewing the nominee's professional accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, and service, and highlighting in which area(s) the candidate's achievement is judged 'laudable.'

#### Timetable for review of nominations:

- Nominations to be made by the last Friday in February
- Recommendation to President by the third Friday in March
- Appeals filed by the second Monday in April
- Appeals considered by the end of the third week in April
- Recommendations concerning appeals made to President by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs within 3 days of committee deliberation
- President's decision communicated by first Friday in May

AC: 12/07/1987

### Clarifications on Emeritus Status:

- There is no minimum number of years of service required.
- The Rank and Tenure committee is not empowered to recommend to the President a promotion to senior rank at the time of the conferral of the title "emeritus."

AC: 03/28/1988

The title of Emeritus is reserved only to those members of the academic community who, having reached at least the age of 62, leave Fairfield and do not accept a full-time position at any other academic institution.

AC: 04/25/1988; AC: 03/07/2011

## **Appendix 15: Fairfield University Student Leave of Absence Policy**

Circumstances leading to an interruption in a student's continuous enrollment at Fairfield University may arise. This policy addresses the various types of leaves of absence available to students and the applicable procedures governing the same.

Prior to requesting any form of a Leave of Absence, students are strongly encouraged to discuss the implications of such a leave with appropriate offices, including but not limited to the Office of Financial Aid, Office of the Bursar, Global Fairfield, and Veteran's Affairs, as well as the student's academic dean's office.

The University may designate alternate procedures than those described below for instituting and/or returning from any leave of absence, within its discretion.

### Educational Leave of Absence

Undergraduate students may apply for an educational leave of absence for a fall or spring semester or for a full academic year in order to study abroad or for the Washington, DC, semester. Educational leaves are granted by the associate/assistant dean of the student's school or college. To be eligible for an educational leave of absence, a Fairfield University student must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or better at the time of application. In addition, the student must have a record of good academic and social standing (please refer to the Student Handbook) for the semester immediately preceding application. Students who wish to be granted educational leave must complete all official paperwork with the study abroad coordinator by Feb. 1 for the following year.

All students granted educational leave by Fairfield University will be charged a fee for maintenance of their matriculation at Fairfield. Furthermore, students who study elsewhere in non-affiliated programs lose their entitlement for institutional financial aid for the period of the leave.

### Personal Leave of Absence

Students may request to take a Personal Leave of Absence, for non-medical reasons. To qualify for a Personal Leave of Absence, the student must be in good academic standing at the time of the request. Personal leaves of absence can be taken only for non-medical reasons, and are limited to four semesters of absence.

To initiate a request for a Personal Leave of Absence, a student must contact their academic dean's office. The student must also submit a written request for a Personal Leave of Absence, which includes the reasons for the Personal Leave of Absence and future plans for returning to the University. Personal Leaves of Absence will not be granted retroactively.

Personal Leaves of Absence are typically subject to the following conditions:

1. The student must be in good standing with the Dean of Students Office;
2. The student must be in good academic standing; and
3. The student must be in good financial standing.

With prior approval from the dean's office, students may engage in focused activities while on leave (i.e. part-time coursework at other institutions, volunteering, employment, etc.) but this is not required. All institutional policies addressing financial aid, transfer credit, course waivers, and credits from other institutions shall apply. As such, students engaging in coursework at other institutions during Personal

Leaves of Absence are encouraged to review these policies and speak with their respective dean's office before going on leave.

To return from a Personal Leave of Absence, students must contact their academic dean's office. To return in the fall semester from a Personal Leave of Absence, students must submit their request prior to June 30, and to return in a spring term, students must submit their request prior to November 1. To return from a Personal Leave of Absence in the summer sessions, students must submit their requests by April 1. A student on a Personal Leave of Absence with pending disciplinary charges will not be eligible to return to the University or to receive a University degree until the student's case has been adjudicated by the appropriate institutional office.

Students who are not approved to return may appeal the decision. Students shall submit their appeal in writing to the Provost, or appropriate designee, no later than five (5) business days from the date on which the student was notified of the denial of the request to return from a Personal Leave of Absence. The appellate officer's decision with regard to the appeal is final.

### Medical Leave of Absence

#### *Initiating a Medical Leave of Absence*

The University recognizes students may experience medical situations that significantly limit their ability to function successfully or safely in their role as students. In those situations, students should consider requesting a Medical Leave of Absence, which permits students to take a break from University life and their studies, so they may receive treatment and later return to the University with an enhanced opportunity to achieve their academic and cocurricular goals. While each request for a Medical Leave of Absence will be considered on its own merits, student should be aware that the following do not constitute circumstances which will alone support a request for a Medical Leave of Absence:

- Failing to attend class
- Insufficient academic performance
- Financial difficulties
- Dissatisfaction with course materials or offerings
- Change of interest or major
- Failure to meet all curricular and extracurricular commitments

Students interested in a Medical Leave of Absence should contact their academic dean's office as well as the appropriate University health service: Student Health Center or Counseling and Psychological Services (C&PS). After a meeting with the student, the appropriate health service will submit a recommendation to the dean's office as to whether a student's request for a Medical Leave of Absence is approved where the student's health, safety, or academic success has been compromised by a significant health issue. In recommending a Medical Leave of Absence, the appropriate health service will make individualized treatment recommendations to students designed to help them become academically and personally ready to resume life at Fairfield University. The appropriate health service may also request the student to provide supporting documents from the student's treatment provider.

Students are discouraged from submitting personal medical information or health records directly to faculty, academic dean's, or provost's offices. These documents should be shared directly with Counseling and Psychological Services or Student Health Center.

### *Returning from a Medical Leave of Absence*

Medical leaves are intended to give students time to receive treatment and focus on their health and wellbeing. The medical clearance process by which students return is intended to allow students to demonstrate that they will be able to adequately monitor their own health and function effectively in the autonomous student environment at Fairfield, without undue disruptions to others in the campus community. The goal is for students to be able to return to campus and be successful in their academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular pursuits.

When a student is interested in returning to the University after a Medical Leave of Absence, the student should take the following steps:

1. Deadlines: Contact the student's academic dean's office and the appropriate health service (C&PS or Health Center) to advise of the student's interest in returning well in advance of the intended returned date. Returning students must submit all materials by November 1 for consideration for the Spring semester, April 1 for the summer sessions, and June 30 for the fall semester.
2. Brief Statement: Provide a brief statement to the appropriate Health Service (no more than two pages) describing 1) the student's experience away from the University including activities undertaken while away 2) the student's current understanding of the factors that led to the need for the leave, and the insights the student has gained from treatment and time away and 3) how the student plans to ensure a successful return to Fairfield University. Students are discouraged from providing any statements that contain personal medical information to faculty or the academic dean's or provost's offices.
3. Medical Letter: Request a letter from the student's treatment providers, which should be sent directly from the treatment provider to the appropriate University health service. No medical letters should be sent to faculty, the academic dean's or provost's offices. The medical letter should include: 1) The clinician's credentials and clinical setting; 2) The nature of their work with the student, including the duration and frequency of their contact; 3) Any observed progress in the student's recovery from the medical condition that led to the leave of absence; 4) The clinician's assessment of the student's clinical status and their readiness to successfully resume academic and university life; 5) The justification for their assessment of the student's readiness.

Once a student has sent in all materials, the student should call to double check that the appropriate Health Service (C&PS or Student Health Center) and Dean's Office have received all pertinent information. The University will diligently review returning students' requests, however, if there is missing information and/or the University needs additional time to appropriately review (including if contact with student's treatment provider is warranted within the discretion of the University) consideration for a return may be delayed.

The University will review all information provided in order to make an individualized determination as to whether the student has met the criteria to be cleared to return. The appropriate Health Service will recommend a student for return where the documentation demonstrates that the student is ready to resume studies and be a successful member of the campus community. The appropriate Health Service gives significant weight to the documentation and the opinion of student's treatment providers regarding the student's ability to function academically and safely at the University with or without accommodations. If the appropriate Health Service determines that information provided by the treatment provider is incomplete, requires further explanation or clarification, or when there is a disconnect between the medical information provided by the treatment provider and other information



in the student's files, the appropriate Health Service may contact the treatment provider to obtain additional information. The student will be notified once a determination has been made.

Students who are not cleared to return may appeal the decision. The appeal must be made in writing to the Vice President for Student Life no later than five (5) business days from the date on which the student was notified of the determination. The appellate officer's decision with regard to the appeal is final.

#### Involuntary Leave of Absence

Fairfield University may determine that a student poses a threat of harm or safety risk to themselves or others that cannot be properly mitigated with reasonable accommodations. In such situations, the University may require the student to take an Involuntary Leave of Absence.

The Dean of Students or appropriate designee may place a student on an interim Involuntary Leave of Absence while the University determines whether an Involuntary Leave of Absence is warranted.

If the Dean of Students or appropriate designee deems it prudent to impose an interim involuntary leave of absence, this may be done without prior notice to a student.

In such circumstances, which shall be determined by the Dean of Students or appropriate designee, the Dean of Students or appropriate designee should still consider the student's individual circumstances, to the extent they are known, and whether reasonable accommodations may obviate the need for an interim or full Involuntary Leave prior to imposing an interim Involuntary Leave.

If the Dean of Students or appropriate designee imposes an interim Involuntary Leave of Absence, the University will notify the student and the student may ask the Dean of Students or appropriate designee to revoke the interim Involuntary Leave of Absence within seven (7) business days of the imposition of the Involuntary Leave. The student may submit relevant information and meet with the Office of Accessibility to discuss reasonable accommodations in conjunction with the student's request that the Dean of Students or appropriate designee revoke the interim Involuntary Leave of Absence, provided the student does so within five (5) business days of asking that the Involuntary Leave be revoked.

If the Dean of Students or appropriate designee determines that an interim Involuntary Leave of Absence is warranted, the University will normally attempt to notify the student that it is considering placing the student on an Involuntary Leave before imposing an Involuntary Leave.

After being notified, the student will have the option of seeking a voluntary leave of absence. The student must decide whether to seek a voluntary leave within three (3) business days of being notified that the University is considering placing the student on an Involuntary Leave of Absence.

The Dean of Students or appropriate designee will conduct an individualized assessment to determine whether an Involuntary Leave of Absence is warranted in their discretion. This individualized assessment may begin as soon as the University is considering placing the student on an Involuntary Leave of Absence. The individual assessment will include an analysis of whether reasonable accommodations exist that may obviate the need for an Involuntary Leave of Absence.

In considering whether to impose an Involuntary Leave, the Dean of Students or appropriate designee may confer with the Office of Accessibility regarding whether reasonable accommodations exist that may obviate the need for a leave, but is not required to do so.

The Dean of Students or appropriate designee may also confer with the University's Counseling & Psychological Services or any other individual or entity to determine whether an Involuntary Leave of Absence is warranted and/or whether reasonable accommodations exist and may ask the student for permission to speak to and/or obtain information from third parties, including but not limited to the student's treatment providers, if any, but is not required to do so.

Except when the Dean of Students or appropriate designee places a student on interim Involuntary Leave, in which case the procedures above apply, the student ordinarily has five (5) business days after being notified that the University is considering placing the student on an Involuntary Leave of Absence within which to provide relevant information to the Dean of Students or appropriate designee and/or meet with the Office of Accessibility to discuss possible reasonable accommodations, provided that the student notifies the Dean of Students or appropriate designee of the student's intent to provide relevant information or meet with the Office of Accessibility within three (3) business days of being notified that the University is considering placing the student on an Involuntary Leave of Absence.

If the student timely notifies the Dean of Students or appropriate designee of the student's intent to submit relevant information or meet with the Office of Accessibility, the Dean of Students or appropriate designee will generally not render a decision regarding Involuntary Leave until six (6) business days after the student was notified that the University was considering placing the student on an Involuntary Leave unless the Dean of Students or appropriate designee determines that an interim Involuntary Leave of absence is warranted.

Nothing herein shall, however, preclude the Dean of Students or appropriate designee from imposing an interim Involuntary Leave of absence at any time, even if the Dean of Students or appropriate designee initially determines that an interim Involuntary Leave of Absence is not warranted.

If the student does not timely notify the Dean of Students or appropriate designee of the student's intent to submit relevant information or meet with the Office of Accessibility, the Dean of Students or appropriate designee may render a decision regarding Involuntary Leave immediately.

The University will inform the student of the Dean of Students' or appropriate designee's decision. A student may appeal the Dean of Students' or appropriate designee's decision to the University's Provost or appropriate designee within five (5) business days of being notified of the decision.

An Involuntary Leave of Absence is not disciplinary in nature and is not intended to and does not take the place of any disciplinary proceedings involving the student in question. The University may concurrently proceed with an Involuntary Leave and student disciplinary proceedings.

#### *Returning from an Involuntary Leave of Absence*

A student placed on an Involuntary Leave of Absence may apply to rejoin the University community by contacting the Dean of Students in writing. When a student placed on Involuntary Leave contacts the Dean of Students to rejoin the community, the Dean of Students or appropriate designee will determine whether the circumstances that warranted the leave have sufficiently abated to allow the student to rejoin the community with or without reasonable accommodations.

The student may submit relevant information in conjunction with the student's request to rejoin the University community and the Dean of Students or appropriate designee may consult with the Office of Accessibility, Counseling & Psychological Services, and/or any other individuals or entities, and may ask

the student for permission to speak to and/or obtain information from third parties, including but not limited to the student's treatment providers, if any.

The Dean of Students or appropriate designee may also ask the student to submit to independent or University offered examinations, treatment, consultations, counseling, etc. in conjunction with either the Dean of Student's or appropriate designee's consideration of whether to impose a Leave or the student's request to rejoin the University community. The student has the option to decline any examinations, treatment, consultations, counseling, etc. requested by the Dean of Students or appropriate designee, and the Dean of Students or appropriate designee may consider any such declination in rendering a decision with respect to imposing or revoking a Leave.

The student may appeal the decision as to whether the circumstances that warranted the Leave have sufficiently abated to allow the student to rejoin the community, with or without reasonable accommodations, to the Provost or appropriate designee within five (5) business days. The appellate officer's decision with regard to the appeal is final.

The Dean of Students or appropriate designee or the Provost or appropriate designee may exercise their discretion to modify the time requirements and/or limitations in this policy.

#### Military Leave of Absence

Fairfield University recognizes that students who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces may encounter situations in which military obligations force them to withdraw from a course of study and that this can sometimes happen with little notice. This procedure is intended to recognize and make appropriate allowances for students who find themselves in such situations and seeks to minimize disruption to the lives of servicemembers, allowing them to return to Fairfield without penalty for having left because of their service.

Students may request a Military Leave of Absence to perform service in the uniformed services, whether voluntary or involuntary, in the United States Armed Forces, including service as a member of the National Guard or Reserve, on active duty, active duty for training, or full-time National Guard duty under Federal authority (but not State authority), for a period of more than 30 consecutive days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 consecutive days.

Student servicemembers will qualify for Military Leave of Absence if:

1. Fairfield University is given notice of the student servicemember's absence for service.
2. The cumulative length of absences from Fairfield University by reason of service does not exceed five years.
3. The student servicemembers give notice of their intent to return by the applicable time limit.

Notice of student servicemember absence shall be directed to the Provost's Office (for undergraduate students, to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Excellence; for graduate students, to the Vice Provost for Graduate, Continuing and Professional Studies). Notice should be provided by the servicemember or an appropriate officer of the Armed Forces or official of the Department of Defense and given as far in advance as is reasonable under the circumstances.

#### *Returning from Military Leave of Absence*

Qualifying servicemember students will be promptly readmitted with the same academic status. The appropriate point in a course or program for a student to resume studies, the timing of the re-enrollment

and the determination as to “same academic status” will be determined by Fairfield University taking into account the unique characteristics and requirements of each program and student’s circumstances. All requests to return from Military Leave shall be submitted to the Provost’s Office (for undergraduate students, to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Excellence; for graduate students, to the Vice Provost for Graduate, Continuing and Professional Studies) and can be oral or written. The student servicemember seeking to return from Military Leave of Absence must provide documentation to establish that:

1. The student has not exceeded the cumulative five-year limit on absences from Fairfield; and
2. The student’s eligibility for readmission has not been terminated by reason of: 1) a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge; or 2) a dismissal of a commissioned officer permitted under section 1161(a) or Title 10 USC by sentence of a general court martial, in commutation of a sentence of a general court-martial, or, in time of war, by order of the President; or 3) a dropping of a commissioned officer from the rolls pursuant to section 1161(b), Title 10 USC due to absence without authority for at least three months, separation by reason of a sentence to confinement adjudged by a court-martial, or a sentence to confinement in a Federal or State penitentiary or correctional institution.

The types of documents necessary will vary from case to case and the adequacy of such documentation shall be determined by Fairfield University in accordance with applicable law. Fairfield University will not unreasonably delay or attempt to avoid readmission of a student servicemember.

Notice of intent to return from a Military Leave must be provided not later than three years after the completion of the period of service. For a servicemember who is hospitalized for or convalescing from an illness or injury incurred in, or aggravated during, the performance of service, notice must be provided not later than two years after the end of the period that is necessary for recovery from such illness or injury.

If a student servicemember is not prepared to resume studies where the student left off at the time notice to return is due, Fairfield University will engage reasonable efforts that do not place an undue hardship on Fairfield University, to provide assistance to the student servicemember to become prepared or to enable the student to complete the program, including but not limited to providing refresher courses and/or allowing the student servicemember to retake certain academic credentials at no extra cost.

Fairfield University is not required to readmit a servicemember if it determines, after reasonable efforts, that the servicemember is not prepared to resume the program at the point where the student left off, or is unable to complete the program.

#### General Rules Applicable to Leaves

*Authority:* The University retains absolute discretion over whether to grant a student’s request to take a leave of absence and/or to return from a leave of absence in accordance with this policy.

*Campus Access:* Students on leave may be present on Fairfield University’s campus as guests or visitors, unless otherwise excluded pursuant to another University process and/or directive, and must follow all University policies.

Students living in on-campus housing at the time of a leave of absence are expected to move out within a few days, usually 72 hours.

If invited as a guest in the dorms by other students, students on leave must abide by all applicable guest rules.

Students on leave may not hold leadership positions or participate in University sponsored or funded international travel.

*Email and Library Access:* Students on leave ordinarily retain remote library privileges and email access for a period of time from the date the leave was initiated.

*Disciplinary Violations:* A leave of absence does not preclude students from disciplinary violations as provided by the Student Conduct Code.

*Finances:* The financial consequences of a leave will depend on the timing of the leave and will follow the schedule as announced by the Office of the Bursar on its website, under the “Refunds” page.

Students receiving financial aid should contact the Office of Financial Aid to help answer questions students may have regarding if and how their leave may affect financial aid and help identify any impacts to their financial obligations (including student loan information). Students are also encouraged to consult the appropriate University Catalog regarding the return of Title IV Funds Policy.

International Students should contact Global Fairfield.

*Length of Leave:* Because every student’s situation is different, the length of leave shall be determined individually, based on that student’s particular circumstances. Students are encouraged to consult appropriate University policy (including program specific handbooks) to understand time limitations within which students must complete certain programs and degrees.

Students who are not actively registered and/or enrolled in classes and who do not request a Leave of Absence as described above may be administratively withdrawn from the University.

AC 05/16/2024

## Appendix I6: Policies for Part-Time Students

1. Each school is entitled to decide whether or not to admit part-time students.  
For a school that decides to admit part-time students, part-time *degree-seeking* students must be subject to the same admission criteria and curriculum requirements as their full-time counterparts.
2. Part-time *non-degree-seeking* students need not be required to meet regular admission criteria and will be allowed to take courses on a space-available basis. Part-time *non-degree-seeking* students must meet course prerequisites or have permission of the appropriate department chair. Part-time *non-degree-seeking* students may take up to two courses per semester.
3. Advising for part-time *degree-seeking* students will be based in the relevant department. Part-time *degree-seeking* students will be assigned a faculty advisor in the same way as full-time students.
4. With regard to registration, to the greatest extent possible, part-time students will be treated the same as full-time students.
5. Part-time students will continue to have a per-credit tuition rate that is competitive with other part-time programs in Fairfield's market.
6. Part-time degree-seeking students may switch to full-time status at any time.  
Consultation with the appropriate dean is required for a full-time student to switch to part-time status.
7. Rules (and their financial implications) for movement from full-time to part-time status will be clear at the time of matriculation.
8. Part-time students are required to complete the same core curriculum as full-time students. The following applies only to students entering the BLS prior to Fall 2019 and will be removed from the Journal of Record when those students are no longer matriculated. The only exception is students in the BLS program who have a modified core as follows:
  - Humanities: Students will take 12 courses, 36 credits:
    - Classics (optional)
    - English: 2 courses required: 1 in Composition and 1 in Literature
    - Visual and Performing Arts: 2 courses required
    - History: 2 courses required, of which one is in Western Civilization
    - Modern Language (optional)
    - Philosophy: 1 course required
    - Religious Studies: 1 course required
    - Philosophy, Religious Studies, or Applied Ethics: 1 course required
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences: Students will take 4 courses, 12 credits, with at least 2 disciplines represented.
  - Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Students will take 4 courses, 12 credits with at least 1 science and 1 math represented.

AC: 02/06/2012, 02/26/2012, 04/16/2012, 03/02/2015, 05/03/2019

## **Appendix 17: Fairfield University Intellectual Property Policy**

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### **Introduction**

In the course of academic and scholarly pursuits, important discoveries and inventions can often result. Fairfield University believes that it is an important part of its overall mission to share such discoveries and inventions with the greater community for the benefit of society and the appropriate recognition of its faculty. Therefore, Fairfield University encourages the commercialization of its intellectual property and other intellectual assets so long as such activities are consistent with the University's overall academic mission, values, and principles.

### **Purpose of the intellectual property policy**

Fairfield University has established this intellectual property policy to:

- a. Clearly define the University's policies and procedures for the handling of intellectual property developed by faculty, staff, and students
- b. Describe an organizational infrastructure and set of processes through which Fairfield University intellectual assets can be efficiently assessed for commercial potential and be made available to appropriate commercial partners for the benefit of society and the appropriate recognition of Fairfield University and its faculty.
- c. Establish the rights and obligations of the University and inventors with respect to inventions and discoveries created at the University.
- d. Establish a revenue sharing formula among the deserving parties and define how revenues generated by the commercialization of Fairfield University intellectual property and assets will be distributed among inventors and the University.

## Who is covered by this policy

All University employees are covered by the policy. Also covered are non-employees (including students, visitors, volunteers, fellows, and scholars) who are aided by a significant use of University resources.

**Definition: Standard versus Significant University Resources:** Standard resources are those supplied to all faculty and staff, including office space and computer and services such as the library, photocopying, secretaries, and funding sources available to all faculty (i.e., non-competitive awards such as sabbaticals). “Significant” would be those resources supplied to an individual beyond standard, such as lab space, specialized equipment, competitively awarding University grants, funding not available to all faculty, external grant support services and University resources set up to apply for and maintain patents and/or market inventions.

## Policy

1. All rights to and interest in discoveries or inventions, including patents, which result from research or investigations conducted in a Fairfield University facility or involving significant use of Fairfield University resources, shall be the sole property of the University.

Comment: a new biological test developed in a faculty member’s lab without external funding would fall under this policy as it is developed using “significant” resources (lab equipment) provided by the University. A patentable business process developed by a faculty member using library resources and their standard office computer would not be covered by this policy and the inventor would be free to seek a patent or to market the invention on his or her own. However, if the inventor sought the services of the University to help patent and/or market the process, then the invention would be covered by this policy.

2. All rights and interest in software, although it is copyrightable, shall be the property of the University when it is required for an invention or is part of an invention and has been developed with significant contributions from the University, or developed in the course of carrying out University business.
3. This policy shall not supersede or negate any existing written agreements between the University and individual faculty, staff or students regarding the disposition of inventions or other marketable items that were made prior to the adoption of this policy.
4. Employees who make or participate in the making of such discoveries or inventions shall promptly disclose their discovery or invention to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
5. If requested, the inventor will promptly complete the invention disclosure form supplied to him/her.
6. The inventor will retain ownership of the following:
  - a. All intellectual property developed without significant use of University resources and without corporate, federal or other external support obtained and administered through the University.
  - b. All rights in literary and scholarly intellectual property, such as scholarly books, articles and other publications (including those in electronic form).
  - c. Works of art, literature, film, video and music recordings are owned by the creators despite the use of University resources so long as such works are neither created under the direction or control of the University, nor developed in the performance of a sponsored research or other third party agreement. University sponsored creations are owned by the University unless prior agreement is reached before the project commences.



- d. All copyright in papers, theses, and dissertations written as a student to earn credit in University courses or otherwise to satisfy University degree requirements.

7. Other ownership options:

- a. Upon mutual agreement, an inventor may assign intellectual property he or she would otherwise own under this Policy to the University to be managed by the University.
- b. Inventors may contribute their University-owned inventions or discoveries to the public domain, thereby foreclosing the possibility of patenting and/or licensing, provided there is no conflict with the desires of co-inventors, third party or University rights, or applicable laws and regulations.

Prior to the investment of significant University resources (or as soon as is reasonably possible in a project), the inventor(s) may declare their intention to contribute their work to the public domain (open-source in the case of software) without attempting to establish patent or copyright or otherwise commercially develop and market the invention. Whenever possible, inventors should consult with the SVPAA and the Research Committee on such projects. If significant University resources are in use, this does not rule out the contribution of the invention(s) to the public domain, but the University must agree to this practice in advance of any disclosure.

- 8. Rights to inventions arising in the course of government or other externally sponsored research are controlled by the terms of the agreement between the University and the sponsor and/or applicable federal regulations.
- 9. Inventors shall be entitled to share in any royalty income received by the University for their discoveries or inventions in accordance with the University's revenue distribution plan.
- 10. In the event of two or more inventors, all inventors will execute a binding agreement at the time of disclosure that will delineate each inventor's personal share (percentage) of any income.
- 11. Inventors agree to assist and cooperate with the University in obtaining and enforcing patents, including, without limitation, executing and delivering all assignments, documents and instruments reasonably requested by the University in conjunction with obtaining and enforcing patents within the United States or any foreign jurisdiction.
- 12. Nothing in this policy shall limit or restrict the right of the University faculty and students to publish results of their research, subject to reasonable delays to preserve patent or other intellectual property rights. Delays in publication required by the University or third parties in sponsored research agreements, as a general rule, shall not exceed 90 days from initial disclosure of the invention to the University or Sponsor.
- 13. The University has no obligation to pursue or maintain patent protection for disclosed inventions. If the University elects not to pursue a patent application, maintain a patent, or otherwise market the invention, then the University may assign ownership to the inventor(s) while retaining a royalty free license to use the invention for non-commercial purposes.
- 14. The University will consult with the inventor(s) who disclose a discovery or invention before marketing such discovery or invention. If there is strong objection to the way an invention is going to be marketed or licensed, the inventor(s) may ask the Research Committee to review the matter and make a recommendation to the SVPAA, who will make a final decision.

## **Inventor Responsibilities**

- a. The University may call upon inventors for advice and cooperation in order to assist the University's efforts to patent and/or market the invention
- b. Inventors will provide, upon request by the University, assignments or other documents necessary to perfect the University's ownership rights.
- c. Copyright holders are responsible for assigning copyright ownership to the University when required by this policy. Copyright assignments should be processed through the University.
- d. University personnel (including students) who are privileged to be made aware of discoveries and proprietary information owned by third parties are responsible for taking reasonable steps to prevent unauthorized use or inadvertent public disclosure of such discoveries and information. These steps may include requiring those who have access to the discovery or information to sign a non-disclosure agreement. All non-disclosure agreements must be reported to the Research Committee, whose charge is to ensure that the inventors and the University are not placed in a situation of having an ethical obligation to publish or disclose information but be contractually bound not to.
- e. Inventors should abide by all commitments made in license, sponsored research, and other agreements and comply with all laws and regulations related to federally and privately funded research.
- f. The inventor has the responsibility to properly consider, disclose and manage any possible conflicts of interest arising from agreements to commercialize intellectual property. If multiple agreements exist, for example, when a company funds University research and also has a consulting arrangement with the inventor, there may be conflicts created with respect to intellectual property rights. The inventor shall work with the University to resolve such conflicts.

## **University Responsibilities**

1. Administer, in a confidential, thoughtful and efficient manner, all intellectual assets disclosed to the University. The University may enlist the services of outside consultant(s) to help achieve this responsibility.
2. Interpret and advise on appropriate language in sponsored research agreements regarding intellectual property.
3. Arrange the distribution of royalty income earned by the University in accordance with the attached royalty distribution schedule.
4. Manage the process for filing and maintaining patent applications
5. Determine the rights of the University in any invention, discovery, or copyrightable work covered by this policy.
6. Make sure that all required government reporting is performed accurately and promptly.
7. If the University decides to participate in the patenting or licensing of an invention, the University will seek to enter into appropriate licensing arrangements to commercialize the invention. The objective of the University is to assure the development of its technology in furtherance of its own educational mission and for the benefit of society in general. Therefore, as a general policy, the University will set the terms of its licenses so as to further the achievement of this objective. Exclusive licenses will be granted if it appears to the University that this is the most effective way of ensuring development to the point that the public will benefit. Any exclusive license agreement will be drawn as to protect against failure of the licensee to carry out effective development and marketing within a specified time period.

8. Provide a process for resolution of disputes that arise between and among the University, sponsors and inventors regarding intellectual property.

### Royalty Sharing

- a. **Definition.** For purposes of this policy, “royalties” shall include running royalties, advances against running royalties, up-front license fees, milestone payments, shares of stock or other securities issued by the licensee or another corporation (“equity”), and any other payments received by the University under a license agreement in consideration for licensing an invention, but shall not include amounts received from a licensee or others in sponsorship of research or under other agreements for other goods, services or rights.
- b. **Recovery of Expenses.** Before the sharing of royalties between the faculty inventor and the university shall begin, the university will first be reimbursed for extraordinary expenses incurred in the development of the project, including project specific internal grants, matching grants, release time from teaching, and all other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the University in applying for, obtaining, and defending a patent and in developing and negotiating license agreements during the life of the patent. Expenses for this purpose will include fees paid to outside legal counsel, consulting, and licensing organizations and any other out-of-pocket costs incurred by the University. The fees paid to the external individuals or organizations for such services may be of fixed dollar amount or may be in the form of an agreed-upon fraction of the gross royalty income, if any, or in any other form directly associated with commercialization / licensing of the invention.
- c. **Support for Technology Transfer.** Five percent (5%) of gross Royalties received from licensing agreements shall be used to support the technology transfer resources at Fairfield University.
- d. **Net Royalties.** After recovery of expenses by the University as provided in subparagraph (b) and contributions to supporting technology transfer at Fairfield University as provided in subparagraph (c), the remaining royalties will be designated Net Royalties.
- e. **Distribution of Net Royalties.** The Net Royalties as defined above shall be divided between the Inventor(s) and the University as follows:

Net Revenue	University		Inventor(s)
1 <sup>st</sup> \$1 Million	50		50
Over \$1 Million	60		40

### University uses of net royalties.

This Research Committee will advise the SVPA on the allocation of the University’s share of royalties collected as well as on decisions to support or not support the patenting/marketing of inventions.

The home department of the inventor(s) may appeal to the Research Committee for allocation of an appropriate proportion of net royalties back to the home department, based on the impact of the inventor(s)’ work in the project upon teaching load and resource allocation in the department. As a rule, the home department (or program) to which the inventor(s) belong should receive some benefit from the royalty stream.

### **New Venture Formation.**

When pursuing new venture formation Fairfield University shall be treated as a full equal founder of the new venture by virtue of the contributions it makes to the formation and establishment of the new venture. Therefore, in terms of the distribution of founders' equity, Fairfield University shall share equally with the faculty founders. In other words, if there are two faculty founders, then each faculty member and Fairfield University shall own a 1/3 stake (pre-money); if there are four faculty founders (or a start up CEO), then the founders and Fairfield University shall each own a 1/5 stake in the new venture. .

Any intellectual assets being licensed to the "Newco" by Fairfield University shall be negotiated in an arms-reach manner and shall be treated as independent transactions. While Fairfield University may accept equity as partial payment for any such license, this equity is separate and distinct from the founders equity mentioned above. Once funding is secured, the Newco shall operate independently of Fairfield University. Fairfield University shall strive to place one representative with voting privileges on the board of directors. Ongoing faculty participation with the Newco shall be governed by the Fairfield University conflict of interest and commitment policies.

For purposes of clarification note that this section on New Venture formation defines the relative Founder's share of all acknowledged, full-share university founders. Any license that is executed with the new venture is an independent transaction and will be treated in accordance with this Intellectual Property Policy; including royalty sharing of any revenues generated by the license. Any net proceeds from the University's share in Newco will be distributed according to the royalty sharing agreement in this policy and subject to its restrictions and qualifications.

### **Inventions Not under University Auspices.**

Inventions by University employees usually result from teaching, research, or other intellectual activity involving University facilities or resources. Accordingly, all inventions by University employees must be reported to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. When the University determines that an invention by a University employee is unrelated to the activities for which the individual is employed and has not involved the use of significant University facilities, then the University will make no claim to such an invention.

An invention made by a faculty member in the course of a paid consulting engagement for a company will be assigned to the faculty member or company (as they agree) only if the consulting work falls within the bounds set by the University for paid outside work and the invention was not made using significant University resources. If a faculty member proposes to use significant University resources in service of a consulting arrangement with an outside entity, then the employee must notify their Dean and the SVPAA as would be appropriate and involve the office of technology transfer in negotiating appropriate sharing of IP rights with the outside entity. All inventions made by Fairfield University faculty members in the course of consulting, and any assignments of rights to such inventions, must be reported promptly to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. That Office will agree to abide by reasonable confidentiality restrictions for disclosures of inventions and assignments made in the course of consulting.

### **When Arrangements with Outside Organizations Override This Policy.**

Arrangements with outside organizations that propose terms which are exceptions to this Policy must be submitted to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for review by the University. If approved by the University the terms shall be binding upon all members of the faculty, staff, and employees of the University conducting such research or utilizing such facilities, and will supersede the provisions of the intellectual property policy to the extent that the terms are inconsistent therewith.

### **Governmental Rights in Certain Inventions.**

Current governmental regulations permit educational institutions to retain rights and title to patentable inventions which result from federally funded experimental, developmental and research work. Retention of rights by University is contingent upon fulfilling of a number of obligations on the part of the University and of the Inventor(s) and these obligations must be discharged in order to protect the interests of all parties. Though the University may retain rights and title to such patentable inventions, the federal government retains a royalty free license and places certain other restrictions upon the ultimate disposition of the patents(s). Incumbent upon members of the University community who apply for and receive federal funding to support research or who use federal monies in the conduct of their research is the requirement for written agreement that they will promptly disclose patentable inventions to the University and will execute all instruments necessary to protect the rights of the government and/or the University. Forms for this agreement will be provided to all faculty and will be available for other participants (i.e. collaborators, post-doctoral students, graduate students) from the appropriate departmental chairman.

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## **Appendix 18: Fairfield University Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy**

The Sex-Based Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Policy of Fairfield University is [here](#), on the University website.

The Non-Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment Policy of Fairfield University is [here](#), on the University website.

To the extent possible in accordance with federal and state law, faculty representatives shall be included in any University bodies making material changes to the above policies, and the senior administrator in the Equity department shall give the General Faculty an annual update concerning changes to the above policies.

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Major Revision: AC: 12/1/2025

## Appendix 19: University Honors Program Curriculum

### HONORS ORIENTATION

HONR 1101: Enduring Questions (team-taught; 3 credits)

ENGL 1001 H: Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition (single instructor; 3 credits)

### HONORS EXPLORATION

Three different courses from the following list:

HONR 2202 H: Honors Seminar: History (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 L: Honors Seminar: Literature (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 M: Honors Seminar: Mathematics (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 N: Honors Seminar: Natural Sciences (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 P: Honors Seminar: Philosophy (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 R: Honors Seminar: Religious Studies (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 S: Honors Seminar: Social & Behavioral Sciences (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

HONR 2202 V: Honors Seminar: Visual & Performing Arts (single instructor or team-taught; 3 credits)

### HONORS CAPSTONE

One of the following options:

- (1) Honors Thesis (single instructor; 1-3 credit(s))

Transcript Designation: "Honors Graduate with Honors Thesis"

Note: Students register for an Independent Study through the advisor's department

- (2) Student-Designed Honors Mini-Seminar: a self-selected group of (at least) 5 students (and no more than 10 students) would design (in conjunction with one or two faculty mentor that the students themselves would recruit) a seminar that meets 5 times during the semester (single instructor or team-taught; 1 credit)

Transcript Designation: "Honors Graduate"

Note: Students register for an Independent Study through the advisor's department

- (3) Faculty-Designed Honors Mini-Seminar: a seminar of no more than 10 students that meets 5 times during the semester (single instructor or team-taught, 1 credit)

Transcript Designation: "Honors Graduate"

Note: Students register for HONR 4990: Special Topics

Honors students will *not* be granted any waivers with respect to the *Magis* Core Curriculum.

"HONR 1101: Enduring Questions" satisfies the Interdisciplinary requirement of the Signature Element of the *Magis* core. Other Honors courses *may* fulfill signature elements of the core at the same time that they fulfill *Magis* Core Curriculum and Honors Curriculum requirements (*if the honors course has that signature element designation*).

For team-taught classes (HONR 1101 and any team-taught sections of HONR 2202), faculty teaching the course will collegially determine which *Magis* core area the course will fulfill. The faculty will then follow the procedures described above for disciplinary approval.

Each "HONR 2202: Honors Seminar" satisfies a *designated Magis* Core Curriculum requirement. In the case of History, Mathematics, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, the Seminar can satisfy a *Magis* Core Curriculum requirement in either Tier 1 ("Orientation") or Tier 2 ("Exploration").

“HONR 2202: Honors Seminar” professors will be encouraged to team-teach. When this is not possible, they will be encouraged to invite colleagues to join their course as guest-lecturers for one or multiple classes.

Students may take additional sections “HONR 2202: Honors Seminar” (beyond the three required) with the permission of the program directors.

Honors students *may* satisfy a *Magis* Core Curriculum requirement in History, Literature, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Visual & Performing Arts by enrolling in a non-honors section, but they *must* take at least *three* sections of “HONR 2202: Honors Seminar.” As such, each honors student will take at least *six* courses designed specifically for honors students.

The hallmark of an honors course is not necessarily its difficulty (or the amount of content) so much as the bold and imaginative way it invites students to ask questions from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

Faculty guests lecturing in an Honors Seminar or participating in the Honors Capstone will be given a stipend.

The size of the program is to be no more than 10% of *each class*.

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## Appendix 20: Internship Programs

The purpose of the internship program is to provide a student with the opportunity of earning a maximum of six academic credits for experience of direct involvement in the public or private sector whose purpose and service has relevance to the student's academic major. It is expected that the internship will be mutually beneficial to both the student and the organization in which the student is involved. As cooperative efforts, it is expected that the internship experience will allow students an opportunity for practical application and testing of principles and theories they are learning in their major field of study. The internship will not substitute for any other stated course(s) in the student's major field of study.

### Student Eligibility:

- 1) The student may normally undertake an internship only after completion of the sophomore year of study.
- 2) The student must be in good academic standing as defined by the individual school (Business, College of Arts and Sciences, Nursing, et al.) in which the student is pursuing his/her major.
- 3) The student must obtain approval to register for an internship from a faculty internship advisor. The final grade in the internship must be determined and officially recorded by the faculty member.

### Requirements of the Student:

- 1) Register for the designated internship course in the student's department or school.
- 2) The student must commit him or herself to work a specified number of hours per week, the requirements of which are determined by the student's department or school.
- 3) The student agrees to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the internship as developed between the faculty advisor and the organization providing the internship.
- 4) During the internship the student must meet periodically with his/her designated faculty internship advisor or internship administrator as required.
- 5) The student must fulfill the academic component of the internship as defined by the student's department or school.

### Requirements of the Faculty Internship Advisor or Internship Administrator:

- 1) The faculty internship advisor or internship administrator to whom the intern is assigned accepts the major responsibility for maintaining the quality and relevance of the work involved in the internship.
- 2) The faculty internship advisor or internship administrator will maintain periodic contact with both the student intern and the intern's site supervisor in order to assess progress in fulfilling the goals of the internship.
- 3) The faculty internship advisor or internship administrator is responsible for developing and monitoring the specific requirements of the academic component of the internship as defined

by the particular department or school. This includes the final evaluation of the student's performance and issuing of a grade.

Requirements of the Organization:

- 1) The organization must provide the number of hours of program-related work per week as specified by the student's department or school.
- 2) The organization must ensure that work assignments are sufficiently challenging to broaden and extend the student's understanding of the subject area.
- 3) The organization must designate a specific individual within the organization with the responsibility to assign and supervise the work of the intern. The University regards it as ideal when the individual assigned to the student can serve as a role model and resource person.
- 4) The organization must provide a personnel evaluation of the student at the end of the semester, using a form provided by the student's department or school.

Exceptions:

Policy exceptions to this statement require the approval and recommendation of the appropriate departmental chairman and dean, and the final approval of the curriculum committee.

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## **Appendix 21: Student Academic Grievance Procedure**

### **Purpose:**

Procedures for review of academic grievances protect the rights of students, faculty, and the University by providing mechanisms for equitable problem solving.

### **Types of Grievances:**

A grievance is defined as a complaint of unfair treatment for which a specific remedy is sought. This procedure is concerned solely with academic grievances. It excludes circumstances that may give rise to a complaint for which explicit redress is neither called for nor sought, or for those for which other structures within the university serve as an agency for resolution.

Academic grievances relate to procedural appeals, academic dishonesty appeals, or quality of work appeals.

Procedural appeals are defined as those seeking a remedy in which no issue of the quality of a student's work is involved. For example, a student might contend that the professor failed to follow previously announced mechanisms of evaluation.

Academic dishonesty appeals are defined as those seeking a remedy because of a dispute over whether plagiarism, cheating, or other acts of academic dishonesty occurred. Remedies would include but not be limited to removal of a file letter, change of grade, or submitting new or revised work.

Quality of work appeals are defined as those seeking a remedy, following the completion of a course, because the evaluation of the quality of a student's coursework is alleged to be prejudiced or capricious.

### **Time Limits:**

The procedure herein defined must be initiated by the end of the subsequent fall or spring semester after the event that is the subject of the grievance. If the grievance moves forward, all subsequent steps of the informal process must be completed and the formal process must be initiated before the end of the second semester subsequent to the event that is the subject of the grievance.

### **Procedure - Informal:**

Step one: The student attempts to resolve any academic grievance with the faculty member. If, following this initial attempt at resolution, the student remains convinced that a grievance exists, she or he advances to step two.

Step two: The student consults with the chair or program director, bringing written documentation of the process to this point. If the student continues to assert that a grievance exists after attempted reconciliation, she or he advances to step three.

Step three: The student presents the grievance to the dean of the school in which the course was offered, bringing to this meeting documentation of steps one and two. After conversation with the instructor of record and the department chair/program director, the dean will inform the student whether or not the grade shall be changed by the instructor of record. If the student is dissatisfied with the outcome, the dean will inform the student of the right to initiate formal review procedures.

### **Procedure - Formal:**

Step one: If the student still believes that the grievance remains unresolved following the informal procedures above, she or he initiates the formal review procedure by making a written request for a formal hearing through the dean to the SVPAA. Such a request should define the grievance and be accompanied

by documentation of completion of the informal process. It should also be accompanied by the dean's opinion of the grievance.

Step two: The SVPAA determines whether the grievance merits further attention. If not, the student is so informed. If, however, the grievance does merit further attention, the SVPAA determines whether it is a procedural appeal, an academic dishonesty appeal, or a quality of work appeal.

- For procedural appeals and academic dishonesty appeals, the SVPAA will convene a Grievance Committee according to the process described below, providing the committee with the written documentation resulting from the previous steps in the appeal process.
- For quality of work appeals, the SVPAA will request that the chair of the department through which the course is taught, or if the chair is the subject of the grievance a senior member of the department, assemble an ad hoc committee of three department/program members to review the appeal, providing the committee with the written documentation resulting from the previous steps in the appeal process.

Step three:

- For procedural appeals and academic dishonesty appeals, the Grievance Committee takes whatever steps are deemed appropriate to render a recommendation for resolving the grievance. The committee adheres to due process procedures analogous to those in the Faculty Handbook. (See addendum #1 below.)
- For quality of work appeals, the department committee shall make itself available to meet and discuss the appeal with the student, and shall discuss the appeal with the instructor of record for the course. If the final consensus of the department committee is that the academic evaluation that led to the course grade was neither prejudiced nor capricious, the appeals process ends here.

Step four:

- For procedural appeals and academic dishonesty appeals, the recommendation from the Grievance Committee is forwarded to the SVPAA in written form, accompanied, if necessary, by any supporting data that formed the basis of the recommendation. Should the Grievance Committee conclude that a change of grade is warranted, the two faculty members on the Grievance Committee will recommend an appropriate grade. In case of disagreement between the two faculty members, the dean chairing the Grievance Committee will decide which of the two recommended grades to accept. The recommended grade change shall be included in the report.
- For quality of work appeals, if the final consensus of the department committee is that the academic evaluation that led to the course grade was prejudiced or capricious, the department committee will recommend an alternative course grade. If the instructor of record agrees to change the grade to that recommended by the committee, the appeals process ends here. If the instructor of record declines to change the grade, the department committee shall prepare a written report, including the department committee's recommended grade. The report will be forwarded to the SVPAA and the instructor of record, who may send the SVPAA a written response to the report.

Step five:

- For procedural appeals and academic dishonesty appeals, the SVPAA renders a final and binding judgment, notifying all involved parties. If such an appeal involves a dispute over a course grade given by a faculty member, the SVPAA is the only university official empowered to change that grade, and then only to the grade recommended by the Grievance Committee.

- For quality of work appeals, if the SVPAA agrees with the department committee that the academic evaluation that led to the course grade was prejudiced or capricious, she or he is authorized to change the course grade to the grade recommended in the department committee's report.

#### Structure of the Grievance Committee:

The structure of the Grievance Committee will be as follows:

- (i) Two faculty members to be selected from the Student Academic Grievance Board. The faculty member against whom the grievance has been directed will propose four names from that panel, the student will strike two of those names, and the two remaining faculty members will serve.
- (ii) Two students to be selected from a standing pool of eight students elected by the student government. The student filing the grievance will propose four names from that panel, the faculty member will strike two of those names, and the two remaining students will serve.

In the event that any faculty member or student selected through the foregoing process is unable to meet, another elected member of the panel will serve as an alternate.

The Grievance Committee will be chaired by a dean (other than the dean of the school in which the course was offered) to be selected by the SVPAA. The dean so selected will have no vote except in the event of a tie, and will be responsible for overseeing the selection of the Grievance Committee, convening and conducting the committee meetings, and preparing the committee's report(s) and other appropriate documentation.

#### Addendum # I

##### DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

- a. Both the student and the faculty member shall have the right to be present and to be accompanied by a personal advisor or counsel throughout the hearing.
- b. Both the student and the faculty member shall have the right to present and examine witnesses and to cross-examine witnesses.
- c. The administration shall make available to both the student and the faculty member such authority as it may possess to require the presence of witnesses.
- d. The Grievance Committee shall promptly and forthrightly adjudicate the issues.
- e. The full text of the findings and conclusions of the Grievance Committee shall be made available in identical form and at the same time to both the student and the faculty member. The cost shall be met by the university.
- f. In the absence of a defect in procedure, recommendations shall be made to the SVPAA by the Grievance Committee as to possible action in the case.

g. At any time should the basis for an informal hearing appear, the procedure may become informal in nature.

Adapted from the *Faculty Handbook*

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## **Appendix 22: University Admissions and Tuition Policy**

### **I. PURPOSE**

Admission to undergraduate University academic programs with tuition grants-in-aid for children of full time faculty is a benefit included in the Faculty Handbook. This policy is designed to clarify the language in Section II. B. 6 of the handbook. It is to be published as a University Personnel Procedure and is not to be changed except by the standard procedures applying to Handbook amendments.

### **II. SCOPE**

This policy shall apply to all legally dependent eligible children of full-time faculty members, including adopted children and step-children, who begin matriculation at the University before reaching age 24. In case a child's matriculation is delayed because of health or military service, the age limit will be extended by the length of such period of ill-health or service. If an eligible child leaves the University once matriculation has begun, he or she may return even though over the age limit. Children who do not matriculate at Fairfield University but are matriculating elsewhere may take up to six credits during the summer and three credits during the fall and spring semesters with tuition grants-in-aid. Legal dependency shall include: a) any child claimed by a full-time faculty member as a dependent for federal income tax purposes; b) any child who otherwise demonstrates, as determined by the University, substantial financial dependency upon a full-time faculty member; or c) in the case of divorced parents, any child who fulfills the terms of a) or b) as to either parent, or for whom a divorce decree obligates the faculty-member parent for payment of college tuition. Legal dependency must be demonstrated for the period for which the tuition grant-in-aid is sought.

### **III. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. To ensure preferential consideration under this policy, a faculty member must inform the Academic Vice President of the fact that his or her child has applied for admission to the University on or before the deadline for submission of applications to the Office of Admissions.

2. If a faculty child is denied admission, his or her application shall be forwarded to a review committee, consisting of three faculty members, who shall be the Chair of the Academic Council, the Secretary of the General Faculty, and the Chair of the Committee on Admissions and Scholarships; the Academic Vice President; and one other administrator, appointed by the Academic Vice President, who is not associated with the Office of Admissions. The Committee shall review the application and shall make a recommendation as to whether the applicant should or should not be admitted. The Academic Vice President shall communicate that recommendation to the President. The committee shall recommend admission of any applicant who can reasonably be expected to complete successfully the degree requirements of the relevant program. In judging whether the applicant can reasonably be expected to complete those requirements, the committee shall consider the applicant's high school rank, grade point average and scores on national examinations, in relation to those of other students in that class year who are admitted as special students, along with any other factors relevant to judging the likelihood of the applicant's successful completion of the program. The committee shall also take into consideration the special status of these students.

3. If the President either accepts a positive recommendation of the Committee or of the Academic Vice President, or rejects a negative recommendation, the applicant shall be admitted.

4. Upon rejecting a positive recommendation of the Committee, the President shall communicate the reasons to the Academic Vice President, who shall then communicate those reasons to the committee, in writing or in person.

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For courses of shorter duration, once there is a sufficient number of students for a course to run Fairfield University will allow tuition grant-in-aid for dependents of Fairfield University faculty in accordance with the "University Admission and Tuition Policy" in the Journal of Record. Such grant-in-aid will extend to that portion of the fee attributable to the actual course, including instructor's reimbursement, office expenses, activities which incur no additional expense by the student's participation, and the like. The student must pay that portion of the fee attributable to individual expenses (airfare, room, fees, packaged tours, etc.). As a general rule, the participating student must pay those portions of the fee, which create an increased cost due to the student's participation.

The "University Admission and Tuition Policy" in the Journal of Record is intended to cover broad general categories of application of the Faculty Handbook's "Tuition Program for Children of Faculty" (II.B.6). It is impossible in the context to cover all imaginable circumstances. In the event of specific differences, the faculty member, the Academic Vice President, and the Faculty Secretary should meet to find a mutually satisfactory solution.

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## **Appendix 23: Fairfield University Computer Systems Acceptable Use Policy**

**November 13, 2000,**

**Updated June 30, 2004 and September 17, 2018**

This policy is designed to guide students, faculty, staff, and other authorized users in the acceptable use of computer and information systems and networks provided by Fairfield University according to the mission of the University. It is meant as an application of the principles of respect and reverence for every person, the development of community and the ideals of liberal education that are at the core of Fairfield's Catholic, Jesuit identity. This policy supersedes the "Acceptable Use Policy" (number 610) adopted 1/1/94. This policy does not supersede any other University policies, including those pertaining to student grievances, sexual harassment, and personal conduct (Policy No. 480, Item #27).

### **Guiding Principles:**

The Fairfield University community is encouraged to make innovative and creative use of information technologies in support of education and research. Access to information representing a multitude of views on current and historical issues should be allowed for the interest, information and enlightenment of the University community. Consistent with other University policies, this policy is intended to respect the rights and obligations of Academic Freedom, and recognizes that the educational mission of the University is served in a variety of ways.

The University recognizes that the purpose of copyright is to protect the rights of the creators of intellectual property and to prevent the unauthorized use or sale of works available in the private sector. Publication, distribution, or broadcast of copyright protected materials without permission is prohibited. Also consistent with other University policies, an individual's right of access to computer materials should not be denied or abridged because of race, creed, color, age, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

The University cannot protect individuals against the existence or receipt of material that may be offensive to them. As such, those who make use of electronic communications are warned that they may come across or be recipients of material they find offensive. Those who use e-mail and/or make information about themselves available on the Internet should be forewarned that the University cannot protect them from invasions of privacy and other possible dangers that could result from the individual's distribution of personal information.

In the interests of promoting the free exchange of ideas, Fairfield University does not exercise prior review of electronic documents available on its network and accessible locally or through the internet. Individuals who access materials available on the Fairfield University network should understand that these materials, unless otherwise posted, do not necessarily reflect the views of Fairfield University. Individuals who feel that particular materials posted on the Fairfield University network are inappropriate or otherwise objectionable, may lodge a formal complaint through the office of Computing and Network Services.

Fairfield University computing and network resources are to be used for University-related research, instruction, learning, enrichment, dissemination of scholarly information, and administrative activities. The computing and network facilities of the University are limited and should be used wisely and carefully with consideration for the needs of others. Computers and network systems offer powerful tools for communication among members of the community and of communities outside the University. When used appropriately, these tools can enhance dialog and communication. When used unlawfully or inappropriately, however, these tools can infringe on the rights of others.

## Responsibilities:

The following examples, though not covering every situation, specify some of the responsibilities that accompany computer use at Fairfield and/or on networks to which Fairfield is connected.

1. Users may not attempt to modify the University system or network facilities or attempt to crash systems. They should not tamper with any software protections or restrictions placed on computer applications or files.
2. All users must obtain authorized computing accounts and may only use their own user names and passwords to access University computing and network systems. Users may not supply false or misleading data nor improperly obtain another's password in order to gain access to computers or network systems, data or information. The negligence or naiveté of another user in revealing an account name or password is not considered authorized use. Convenience of file or printer sharing is not sufficient reason for sharing a computer account. Users should not attempt to subvert the restrictions associated with their computer accounts.
3. Users are responsible for all use of their computer account(s). They should make appropriate use of the system and network-provided protection features and take precautions against others obtaining access to their computer resources. Individual password security is the responsibility of each user.
4. Users may not encroach on others' use of computer resources. Such activities would include, but are not limited to, tying up computer resources for excessive game playing or other trivial applications; sending harassing messages; sending frivolous or excessive messages, including chain letters, junk mail, and other types of broadcast messages, either locally or over the Internet; using excessive amounts of storage (as determined by Computing and Network Services policies); intentionally introducing any computer viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, or other rogue programs to Fairfield University hardware or software; physically damaging systems; or running grossly inefficient programs when efficient ones are available.
5. Users are responsible for making use of software and electronic materials in accordance with copyright and licensing restrictions and applicable university policies. Fairfield University equipment and software may not be used to violate copyright or the terms of any license agreement. No one may inspect, modify, distribute, or copy proprietary data, directories, programs, files, disks or other software without proper authorization.
6. Users must remember that information distributed through the University's computing and networking facilities is a form of publishing, and some of the same standards apply. For example, anything generated at Fairfield that is available on the Internet through the University's network represents the University and not just an individual. Even with disclaimers, the University is represented by its students, faculty and staff, and appropriate content, language and behavior is warranted.
7. Users may not transmit any material that is unlawful, libelous, or encourages conduct that would constitute a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, or otherwise violate any federal, state, or local laws. Materials made available or transmitted on University Computer systems must comply with all University policies governing conduct of students, faculty and staff.
8. Users have a responsibility to promptly report the theft, loss, breach of security, or unauthorized disclosure of any Restricted or Private University data.\*
9. Users must only access, use, or share data labeled as Restricted or Private to the extent that authorization has been provided.
10. Users must protect with reasonable care data labeled as Restricted or Private that they handle, store, or process, and must follow any instructions regarding safe handling of such data from University officials who have authorized the access. This includes ensuring that only applications that support the Fairfield University academic mission are installed on the computer systems that

are used to store, process, or handle such data.\*\* Such data in printed form must never be left unattended, in unlocked & unoccupied offices, or on unattended printers.

11. Users must not connect devices such as network routers, wireless printers, or wireless access points to the University's physical network without the approval of Information Technology Services, as these kinds of devices could impact the University network or cause a network outage.
12. Users have an obligation of reasonable care to help prevent the theft of University-provided computing devices that have been assigned to them (e.g., not leaving a University-issued laptop in an unlocked motor vehicle).

#### \* DATA CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS

##### Restricted Data

Data is classified as restricted when the unauthorized disclosure, alteration, or destruction of that data could cause a significant level of risk to the University or its affiliates. Examples of restricted data include data protected by state or federal privacy regulations and data protected by confidentiality agreements. Examples may include:

- Student or employee, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, bank account or credit card numbers, and all related financial and transaction information including tax information, financial advisement, and payment information, and employee evaluation;
- Student and employee health care and health insurance information;
- Account passwords and other identification information such as secret questions, finger prints, etc.; and
- Electronic and paper communications and files, and all other information that is labeled as "restricted."

##### Private Data

Data is classified as private when the unauthorized disclosure, alteration, or destruction of that data could result in a moderate level of risk to the University or its affiliates. By default, all Institutional data that is not explicitly classified as restricted or public data shall be treated as private data. Examples may include:

- Student and employee names, usernames, addresses, phone numbers;
- Technical information, including source code, data center infrastructure and security information;
- Any donor information;
- Investment strategies;
- Plans or designs;
- Accounting information;
- Business plans;
- Electronic and paper communications and files, and all other information that is labeled as "Private;" and,
- Third Party Confidential Information, which is confidential information pertaining to another institution or corporation which has been entrusted to the University by a third party under non-disclosure agreements or other confidentiality obligations.

\*\* Applications such as 3<sup>rd</sup> party games, peer-to-peer file sharing applications, or applications which introduce a known risk must not be installed on computer systems which could handle, store, or process Restricted or Private data.

**Administration:**

The University encourages all members of its community to use electronic communications in a manner that is respectful to others. While respecting users' confidentiality and privacy, the University reserves the right to examine computer files and monitor electronic activity within the limits of other applicable University policies. The University may exercise this right in order to enforce its policies regarding harassment and the safety of individuals; to prevent the posting of proprietary software or electronic copies of electronic texts or images in disregard of copyright restrictions or contractual obligations; to safeguard the integrity of computers, networks, and data either at the University or elsewhere; and to protect the University against seriously damaging consequences. The University may restrict the use of its computers and network systems for electronic communications when faced with evidence of violation of University policies, or federal, state or local laws. The University reserves the right to limit access to its networks through University-owned or other computers, and to remove or limit access to material posted on University-owned computers.

All users are expected to conduct themselves consistent with these responsibilities and all other applicable University policies. Abuse of computing privileges will subject the user to disciplinary action according to established University procedures. Abuse of networks or computers at other sites through the use of Fairfield University resources will be treated as an abuse of computing privileges at the University. When appropriate, temporary restrictive actions will be taken by system or network administrators pending further disciplinary action; the loss of computing privileges may result.

The University and users recognize that all members of the University community are bound by federal, state and local laws relating to civil rights, harassment, copyright, security and other statutes relating to electronic media. It should be understood that this policy does not preclude enforcement under the laws and regulations of the United States of America nor the State of Connecticut.

This policy may be amended or changed by the University Vice-Presidents, and in matters affecting the Academic Division, with the mutual consent of the Academic Council.

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## **Appendix 24: Procedures in Support of Fairfield University's Computer Systems Acceptable Use Policy**

**These procedures have been designated to complement rather than supersede existing University procedures, guidelines, and policies relating to computer use by faculty, staff and students. For this reason, final authority for the resolution of complaints, including any penalties rests with the appropriate chief administrator.**

For the purposes of this policy, "appropriate chief administrator" shall be defined as the senior administrator who has jurisdiction over the alleged offender of the Fairfield University Computer Systems Acceptable Use Policy (hereafter cited as the "Acceptable Use Policy"). The "appropriate Chief administrator" for faculty is the Academic Vice President. The "appropriate chief administrator" for students will either be the Academic Vice President if the offense is related to academics, or the Vice President for Student Affairs in non-academic affairs. In circumstances where the jurisdictional lines are not clearly demarcated, authority will rest with both Vice Presidents, disputes being resolved by the President. In the case of non-faculty staff, the Associate Vice President of Human Resources is the chief administrator.

### **Guiding Principles**

These procedures were designed to balance seven interests:

- respecting the rights and responsibilities of academic freedom as defined in applicable policies for faculty, and students engaged in academic work;
- protecting the rights of the university;
- protecting users' privacy;
- protecting the System or network Administrator (SNA) in the performance of his or her job;
- allowing routine administrative actions that might affect users' files;
- providing a mechanism to allow non-routine, non-emergency access to users' files when it can be justified;
- providing guidelines for the occasional need to take immediate action. The ability of an SNA to read a user's files does not imply that he or she may do so without obtaining the approval required by these procedures.

### **Balancing Rights**

"Incidental personal use" of computing systems is an accepted and appropriate benefit of being associated with Fairfield University. However, "incidental personal use" must still adhere to all university policies, and must never have an adverse impact on the use of technology and information resources in support of the University's mission. Examples of "adverse impact" are described in the section entitled "Responsibilities" in the Acceptable Use Policy. The respective chief administrator of the Academic Division, Student Services, and Human Resources share the responsibility to interpret the Acceptable Use Policy along with existing university policies relating to personal use of computers and to establish procedures to assist them in the investigation and enforcement of these procedures. For example, in accordance with existing university procedures an employee's supervisor may also decide that personal activities are affecting the abilities of the employee or colleagues to perform job functions and it is their right to ask the employee to cease those activities. Ultimately, the Office of Human Resources will arbitrate disagreements concerning the interpretation of the Acceptable Use Policy relating to non-faculty staff.

### **Privacy**

This policy defines "private" either as physically or technically not accessible to the general public or accessible only through non-obvious password protection or other security schemes designed to limit

access to known or identified individuals. Network system logs which may record an individual's network activity shall be considered private.

### **Routine Operations**

During routine administration SNAs may need to archive or delete privacy user files or messages from the system; for example, this usually is due to physical data storage limits or an individual's departure from the University. In this situation, it is not necessary for an SNA to read or view user files; all work is done using system utilities, machine to machine. Given that these situations are foreseeable, each organization responsible for a computer or network system on which these actions will take place must define how and when they will occur. Reasonable efforts must then be made to ensure that system users understand the policy.

### **Violations, Investigations and Due Process**

Non-routine situations may occur where it is necessary to examine a user's private files without being able to obtain his/her specific permission or authorization. Such situations may include the investigation of violations of this policy or other University policies. The intent of these procedures is to separate the authority to read private user files or messages from the technical ability to do so. This separation attempts to protect both the user and the SNA.

### **Scope**

- The procedures outlined in this section shall apply to the investigation of University policy violations, including violations of the Acceptable Use Policy, which involve University computing resources or which require access to the private computer activities or files of students or faculty.
- Reporting of complaints  
Any member of the University community may bring a complaint of unacceptable use of computing resources. It is also conceivable that individuals or agencies outside the University may bring such complaints. Complaints shall be brought to the Director of Computing & Network Services or his/her designee who will be responsible for coordinating the presentation of complaints to the "appropriate chief administrator" as follows:
  - A. The Director of Computing & Network Services is charged with making judgments of whether a given activity, use, or publication involving Fairfield University computing resources (including but not limited to the use of the campus network and internet gateway, use of servers-e-mail, web, file, mainframes, etc.-desktop computers, public terminals, etc.) requires further investigation and/or referral to the appropriate chief administrator.
  - B. For alleged violations of the AUP by faculty members or by students engaged in academic work, complaints that merit investigation will be referred to the Academic Vice President. Before any action is taken the Academic Vice President will refer the matter to an Acceptable Use Policy Committee (AUPC) composed of two tenured faculty appointed by the Educational Technologies Committee and one tenured faculty appointed by the Academic Vice President to investigate and make a recommendation.
  - C. Students whose conduct is alleged to violate the AUP may appeal to the Academic Vice President on the grounds that their activity is course related and within the scope of academic freedom. The Academic Vice President will refer the matter to AUPC. Student activities that are related to course work and found in violation of the AUP may be sanctioned by the Academic Vice President and the matter referred back to the Vice President of Student Affairs.
  - D. For Non-Academic Violations the Director of Computing & Network Services may make recommendations regarding suspension of computer privileges or other punitive or remedial action to the respective chief administrator.
- For the disposition of computing privileges, the due process procedures outlined in this document shall be sufficient, on the authority of the appropriate chief administrator, to revoke or limit

computing privileges of an individual found in violation of acceptable use. However, this policy does not limit any further disciplinary action the appropriate chief administrator may seek to bring according to established disciplinary procedures for faculty, staff and students.

### **Authorization for Investigative Action**

This policy makes a distinction between electronic files and activities that take place on common University computing equipment (file and e-mail servers, the network and internet gateway) and files and activities that take place on a personal computer belonging to or assigned to an individual. Private electronic files that reside on, or activities that take place on, common University computing equipment (file servers, etc.) and private computing activities that take place over the University network and internet gateway are covered by this policy and may be searched according to the procedures set out in Sections 3a and 3b below. Electronic files residing on personal computers belonging or assigned to individuals may only be searched according to the procedures set forth in Section 3b below. Electronic files that have been made publicly available (that is, not protected through the use of non-obvious passwords or other security measures), either on common University file server equipment or through the use of “sharing” or other forms of file server programs on equipment owned by or assigned to a user are not considered private according to this policy. Computing equipment that resides off campus is not covered under this policy, though all activity of such equipment by authorized Fairfield users that takes place through the University network and computing systems is covered by this policy.

- a. Searching private computer files or monitoring electronic activities that do not violate the Acceptable Use Policy. Situations may arise in which the conduct of a computer user is under investigation for violations of other University policies. In such cases, authorization to access private electronic files or monitor electronic activity must be made in writing by the appropriate chief administrator to the Director of Computing & Network Services, who in turn must authorize the System or Network Administrator (SNA) in writing to perform the requested search. Any attempt to access private electronic files or other private electronic activities must conform to all applicable operating procedures of the University.
- b. Searching faculty offices and student dorm room. Different policies govern the privacy of student dorm rooms and faculty office space:
  - i) Student Dorm Rooms and Personal Computers Owned by Students. Under the authority of the Room Entry and Room Search sections of the Student Handbook, the Vice President of Student Affairs may authorize that a search be conducted on a personal computer. Entry to the student room shall be conducted in accordance with the Room Entry and Room Search clauses in the Student Handbook. The SNA may be authorized to assist the staff of student services by accompanying them and conducting the search of student computer in accordance with Section 4a of this policy.
  - ii) Faculty Desktop Computers. This policy recognizes that files stored on a desktop computer are part of the faculty office, unless made publicly available (i.e., not password protected) through networking programs such as file sharing, web, or other such server software. Entry to a faculty desktop computer shall occur only when authorized by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, in accordance with existing policies.

All users of computing resources at the University should be aware that this policy does not limit any applicable State and Federal search and seizure procedures.

**Emergency Situations.** Situations will occur that pose immediate threats to the operations or security of computer or network systems. Because of the immediacy, the SNA will need to intervene without obtaining the written permission usually required before taking actions that may affect user files, messages or system access privileges. The intent of these procedures is to allow SNAs to take appropriate, timely

action when protecting University computer systems while ensuring that the user and appropriate University officials will be made aware of the situation as soon as possible.

- If an SNA determines that user files or messages pose a significant threat to the operation or security of a University computer or network system, he or she will take appropriate action to correct the problem only upon the authorization of the Vice President for Information Services. If the Director of Computing & Network Services is not available, the SNA may take such action as is necessary to resolve the emergency. Such action may include, but is not limited to disabling user privileges, deleting or disabling a user file, or disconnecting a network connection. SNAs are not authorized to enter a private office or dorm room on an emergency basis, but may temporarily disable network connections until proper authorization is obtained to inspect computing equipment in these areas. The SNA will not perform any action on user files or messages that are not relevant to the current problem and will not take any technical action, at this point, that would permanently deprive the user of access to the computer or network system.
- As soon as possible after action is taken, but no later than the next business day, the SNA will make a written report to the Director of Computing & Network Services and the appropriate chief administrator outlining the nature of the threat; protective actions taken; the user(s) involved; and the user file or messages that were affected.

**Sanctions.** For nonacademic violations the appropriate chief administrator will review the recommendations of the Director of Computing & Network Services and make the final decision concerning any penalty or sanctions to be imposed on the offending party. Under this policy, those sanctions or penalties may consist of limitation or suspension of any or all computing privileges. Imposition of such penalties does not preclude further disciplinary action according to established policies for faculty, students and staff.

### **Guidelines for Systems and Network Administrators**

Computer systems and network administrators (SNAs), by the nature of their work, have privileges and responsibilities that other users of technology generally do not have. Without system privileges, SNAs would not be able to do their jobs. The use of these privileges must be wise and thoughtful. These guidelines were developed to articulate responsibilities SNAs have in addition to those outlined in Fairfield University's Acceptable Use Policy.

1. SNAs are bound by the Acceptable Use Policy and the procedures set forth in Sections I and II of this policy. Further, SNAs have a responsibility to educate users about all applicable computing policies.
2. All SNAs have an additional responsibility to assure the operation, security and integrity of Fairfield University's computers, networks, and data.
3. Consistent with the other obligations imposed on them under the Acceptable Use Policy, other applicable University policies, and the law, SNAs will treat as confidential any private and/or confidential information obtained during system administration.
4. SNAs must not disclose privileged and confidential information about Fairfield University's systems or any other information that could prove detrimental to operations or compromise system security.
5. It is against University policy for an SNA to read a user's files. However, SNAs in the course of routine system administration may need to delete or archive user files or messages. In order to do this, SNAs must first promulgate a clear policy to the users describing how and when delete or archive actions will be taken. These policies may vary by department. This section does not, however, grant SNAs authority to read user files or messages during routine system administration.



Procedures for obtaining authorization to read user files or messages in routine, non-emergency and emergency situations are provided in Section II of this policy.

6. When reacting to or preventing actions by users that may violate the Acceptable Use Policy or other actions by users that may have significantly detrimental effects on system or network operation, SNAs may need to read, modify or delete user files or messages. These actions will take place in accordance with the procedures outlined in this policy and the SNA will document any access to user files or messages.
7. SNAs will take all practical measures to ensure that all hardware and software license agreements are faithfully executed on all systems, network, servers, and computers for which he or she has responsibility.

Violations of these Guidelines for SNAs will be handled following the administrative and disciplinary processes outlined in the applicable operating policies and procedures of the University.

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## **Appendix 25: University Council Constitution**

### **UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

#### **Article One: Name**

This tri-partite body shall be known as the “University Council.”

#### **Article Two: Contracting Members**

The contracting members shall consist of the three main bodies of Fairfield University: the Administration of Fairfield University, the Faculty of Fairfield University, and the Students of Fairfield University.

#### **Article Three: Memberships**

Each contracting member shall have four voting representatives on the Council. The Council shall meet at least three times per semester, time and place to be determined by a majority of the representatives. Any individual Council member may call for a meeting of the Council.

#### **Article Four:**

The three standing subcommittees of the University Council shall be: Community Life (2 students/1 faculty/1 administrator), Academics (1 student/2 faculty/1 administrator), and Operations (1 student/ 1 faculty/2 administrators).

#### **Article Five: Voting**

Adoption of a motion must be by an affirmative majority, a quorum of seven representatives being necessary to conduct business with at least three representatives from one contracting member and two representatives from each contracting member. Recommendations of the Council, which are not binding, are sent to the appropriate Vice President of the University for review and consideration, with additional copies sent to the President, the Provost, the other Vice Presidents, the FUSA President, the Student Senate President, and the Secretary of the General Faculty. Each representative shall have one vote. The Recording Secretary will call the first meeting. The Chairperson of the Council rotates among the contracting members. The Council will use *Robert’s Rules of Order*

#### **Article Six: Scope and Reference**

The successful attainment of its educational goals by an institution of higher education requires the best possible use of the varied capacities of all individuals who constitute the University. Each contracting member is urged to bring before the University Council issues under the purview of the Council that will impact on the University as a whole. It is suggested that the appropriate items whenever possible be brought before the Council before decisions are finalized.

The Council’s purpose is to represent the Students, Administration, and Faculty, to discuss issues involving the students’ relationship to the other segments of the University, and to make recommendations to the contracting member that makes the final decision on that particular issue.

### **Article Seven: Alterations**

Amendments and other alterations to this constitution shall be proposed within the University Council passed by a majority vote of the total number of representatives, and then referred to the appropriate contracting member for acceptance. No amendment shall become effective unless it has been accepted by all three contracting members, each accepting according to its own procedure.

### **Article Eight: Effective Date**

This Council shall begin operations upon its acceptance by all three contracting members mentioned herein.

### **Article Nine: Meeting participants**

Meetings of the University Council are open to members of the University Community. Guests who wish to address an agenda item must be first recognized by the Chair of the Meeting.

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## **Appendix 26: Fairfield University Institutional Review Board**

The Academic Council has accepted the following policies as a general framework for the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research conducted at Fairfield University or by its employees and/or students:

1. The University shall establish and maintain an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to ensure the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects pursuant to the federal regulations (45CFR Part 46 and 21CFR Part 56).
2. The President shall appoint members to the IRB and its Chair. Members shall be appointed in conformity with the IRB's Standard Operating Procedures.
3. The IRB will report to the Provost. The Provost will provide sufficient resources for the efficient conduct of IRB business, including an administrative staff person to serve as IRB coordinator.
4. The standards for ethical research by Fairfield University researchers follow the code of federal regulations. The IRB will not apply any review standard that exceeds the standards set by the Code of Federal Regulations, although the IRB may require ethics training for certain categories of research.
5. Decisions to not approve a research protocol by the IRB may not be appealed. The IRB will provide written explanations for its decisions and investigators may choose to revise and resubmit their protocols.
6. Approval of research by the IRB does not preclude the review of such research by other agencies within the University.
7. Research that is exempt or does not fall within the scope of the federal Code of Regulations shall be exempt from IRB review. The IRB, however, shall be the sole interpreter of when research falls outside its purview and what research is exempt per the federal regulations.
8. The IRB will maintain and publish a set of "Standard Operating Procedures" detailing how investigators may submit research protocols for review, how the IRB operates, and who researchers may contact for clarification and advice.
9. Research that originates from outside the University must be submitted for review to the IRB. The IRB may choose to accept an external IRB's review as sufficient or, at its discretion, it may require that the research be reviewed and approved by the Fairfield University IRB.
10. All employees of the University who engage in research activities involving human subjects must seek prospective approval of their research. This includes all research activities conducted at Fairfield University and all research activities conducted outside the University but in one's capacity as an employee of the University.
11. All research activities involving human subjects conducted by students at Fairfield University or outside the University are subject to prospective IRB review and approval if the research is conducted as part of their curriculum or under the auspices of a University program. Procedures for students to submit their research for review to the IRB are detailed in the Standard Operating Procedures document.

12. All student research protocols submitted to the IRB must have a full-time University employee as a co-investigator. The University employee co-investigator should have experience in the area of research being conducted by the student and the University employee co-investigator is responsible for protecting the rights and welfare of the human subjects involved in the research.

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## Appendix 27: Guidelines for Faculty Recruitment

The hiring of faculty at Fairfield University is one of the most important activities that we, as academics, perform, and, in the academic division particularly, is central to building a strong and vibrant university. Therefore, the process of conducting a search, of building a pool of applicants that reflects the diversity and richness of our profession, of bringing candidates to campus for interviews, of judging the appropriate match with Fairfield, and of negotiating with our preferred candidate are all matters of the utmost seriousness to us. As we seek faculty members who will enhance our educational mission, we also must treat each candidate with respect and consideration.

While the basic responsibility for conducting a search and recommending the appropriate persons to fill vacancies resides with the faculty of the department or area in which the vacancy exists, it is expected that Deans will play a significant role in this process. In addition, there exists an overriding priority to conduct searches in conformity with the University's equal opportunity employment policy consistent with our desire to enhance the diversity of our faculty and staff. Jesuits may be recruited through a targeted search that otherwise follows standard hiring practices.

In order to conduct searches effectively, please note the following guidelines and procedures. All faculty searches should be conducted in accordance with the policy on appointment in the *Faculty Handbook* (II.A.1) and in conformity with the governance documents of the college and the schools. These guidelines represent an elaboration of those policy statements.

### Starting the Process

- For all faculty searches, a position description shall be developed that states the title or rank of the position, the duties to be performed, and any experience or minimal qualifications required of all candidates, and every attempt shall be made to build a diverse pool of qualified candidates.
- Scope of full-time faculty searches:
  - All tenure-track faculty positions will entail a national search.
  - Normally, full-time non-tenure track positions require a search. National searches shall be permitted, but not required. Deans and departments working together may determine the appropriate scope of the search for the position.
- The conceptualization and description of the position, prepared by the department or program as a whole, must take into account several factors: the disciplinary needs of the department or program, interdisciplinary collaborations with other departments and programs, the further integration of the *Magis* Core, the diversification of our faculty and the enactment of the University mission. New faculty members are not necessarily expected to contribute to all of these areas, but care should be taken that they will contribute significantly to at least one of them. All shall take seriously the need to contribute to the University's Jesuit mission and identity.
- On an annual basis, Deans, working with Chairs or Directors, identify programmatic needs and present the Provost a slate of faculty positions for approval.
- Once the search is approved, the Dean and relevant faculty members work collaboratively to establish a search committee to be appointed by the Dean.
  - The Search Committee should be composed of at least three members.
  - Normally, at least two members of the search committee shall be full-time faculty members, and at least one search committee member shall be a tenured faculty member who is not serving as an administrator.

- Normally, the Chair or Director of the curriculum area shall head the Search Committee, although the Chair may delegate this responsibility to a senior member of the department upon consultation with the Dean.
- Normally, at least one faculty member of the Search Committee shall be from outside the department or program conducting the search.
  - The Dean of the school or college will coordinate the appointment of the external member.
  - In the case of a joint hire by more than one department or program, the composition of the committee should be proportionate to the percentage shares of the joint appointment.
  - Outside members should participate extensively in the selection process, including the final deliberations and votes on the candidates.
  - In many cases, the outside member will represent some significant potential interdisciplinary cooperation inherent in the new position.

### **Developing a pool of candidates:**

- Once the Authorization to Hire has been approved by all parties and the Search Committee has been formed, the head of the Search Committee will submit to the office of the Provost, through the Dean, the following items:

**The search plan.** This plan should specify the composition of the Search Committee, the faculty members who are eligible to vote on the final departmental ranking of candidates, a budget for the search, a calendar of the expected progress of the search, including the closing date for applications, the expected date for completion of the search, a list of the places where the search will be advertised or publicized, the method to be used for screening potential candidates (i.e., whether initial interviews will be virtual or in-person at a professional meeting), any special efforts being made to bring underrepresented minorities, women, Jesuits, veterans or disabled persons into the pool of candidates and, finally, plans for notifying candidates of receipt of complete application dossiers, progress of the search, and the final results of the search.

**The position announcement.** Each open position shall be advertised on the University website and in other appropriate locations such as newspaper, the Chronicle for Higher Ed, discipline specific journal advertisements, on-line placements, announcements sent to graduate schools, etc.

The position description and the job ad must contain all the essential duties of the new faculty member. A candidate evaluation rubric shall be generated to score the applications, and said rubric shall be based on the specific hiring criteria as listed in the job description/position announcement.

To save money for ads in external venues, departments may use an abbreviated job ad. Abbreviated job ads may simply list the name of the university, the department, the disciplinary area of the vacancy, a link to the university website where the full job ad may be viewed, and a notation that we are an AA/EO employer.

#### All full job ads must:

1. Specify clear academic qualifications for the position and specific hiring criteria.
2. List a final deadline for applications, or state that the search will continue until the position has been filled.
3. State that Fairfield is a Jesuit Catholic university.
4. Include the following EO/AA wording for ads:

“Fairfield University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, committed to excellence through diversity, and, in this spirit, particularly welcomes applications from women, persons of color, veterans, Jesuits and members of historically underrepresented groups. The University will provide reasonable accommodations to all qualified individuals with a disability.”

As all search committees should evaluate candidates using the same basic criteria, the same materials should be asked of all candidates in the position advertisements (other materials may be asked only of semi-finalists or finalists). These should include; (i) cover letter; (ii) curriculum vitae; and (iii) three letters of recommendation from qualified reviewers; and may also include (i) graduate transcripts, (ii) sample syllabi of courses taught if available, (iii) teaching evaluations, (iv) a personal statement covering teaching philosophy, research plan, and experience of, or interest in, working with people of diverse cultures and identities, and (v) an example of representative scholarship, e.g. published article or book chapter, dissertation chapter, video or audio recording of an artistic performance, etc.

Application materials shall be submitted through the University website.

- Once the search plan and position announcement have been approved by the Provost, their office will work with the Dean and the chair of the search committee to activate the search plan. All announcements, newspaper, and journal advertisements should be placed through the Office of the Provost well in advance of the desired deadline dates, and it is expected that all copy will be submitted via an email attachment to the Office of the Provost. Notices for professional conferences and on-line journals may be placed directly by the head of the Search Committee with the approval of the Provost. Frequency of placements will be determined by the Provost in consultation with the Dean and head of the Search Committee.
- The Dean shall coordinate a meeting of representatives from the Search Committee with a representative from the Office of Human Resources and the Dean (or their designee) to brief the committee on recruitment, hiring and selection procedures, including a rehearsal of what are appropriate and inappropriate questions, all in accordance with the requirements of the University's equal employment opportunity policy.

### **Selecting final candidates**

- In general, all applicants should receive written or electronic notification that their applications have been received, whether any necessary items are lacking, and notification when they are no longer under consideration. Finalists should receive written notification of the conclusion of the search.
- Faculty searches may include the screening of potential candidates at an appropriate professional meeting. If initial interviews are to take place at an appropriate professional conference, a recruitment budget and rationale must be included in the search plan.
- Faculty searches may also include the screening of potential candidates by Zoom or other appropriate video conferencing platform.
- No one should be invited to campus as a finalist without submitted letters of reference.
- At this point, the Dean checks for compliance with the search plan including criteria for recruitment of diverse candidates.
- For visiting positions, the final ranking of candidates may be made without campus interviews.
- For non-visiting positions, the Search Committee works with the Dean to select the finalists they wish to invite to campus for an interview. Normally at most three people shall be invited for a campus interview. Additions above that number require the Provost's approval.



- In contacting candidates to arrange a campus interview, the head of the Search Committee should be careful not to discuss salary issues beyond the information listed in the MOU on the GFS website. Any questions that come up regarding salaries should be referred to the Dean. Candidates should be encouraged to consult the University website for information about the position, the department, and the University in advance of their visit.

### **Conducting campus interviews**

- Departments must accept as finalists the candidates identified by the search committee and may not substitute their judgment for the judgment of the search committee.
- Once the finalists for campus visits have been identified, the interview process is carried out according to the search plan agreed upon in advance between the department and the Dean.
  - Some departments, particularly larger ones, may wish to empower the search committee or some subset of the department that includes the search committee, to continue to take a leading role in the campus interview and in the final departmental ranking of candidates. Any decision to empower a subset of the department in this way must be agreed upon in advance and specified in the approved search plan.
  - Faculty members eligible to vote on the final departmental rankings of candidates, as specified in the approved search plan, should make every effort to meet each finalist and to participate extensively in each campus interview. In no case should faculty members who have not met an individual final candidate be allowed to vote in the final departmental ranking of that candidate.
- Interviews for faculty positions should normally encompass at least a full day.
  - In addition to an extended interview with the Search Committee, candidates should be scheduled for interviews with department members who are not on the Search Committee, a group of student majors and/or minors (if possible), faculty members from other departments who might work with the individual (if appropriate), the Dean (or designee), and the Provost (or designee). Other interviews, as appropriate, could include library, CAE, or research and grant support staff.
  - Each candidate shall also be given the opportunity to meet with the staff of the office of Human Resources in order to discuss benefits, relocation, and any other appropriate issues.
  - Everyone meeting the candidate should have a copy of the candidate's schedule and resume. The candidate should have a copy of their schedule with names and job titles of all interviewers well in advance of the campus visit.
  - The essential job features as described in the position description should be made available to all the various groups and individuals who will be evaluating the candidates.
- Candidates for faculty positions that require scholarly or creative activity as part of the job description should be asked to give a presentation of their scholarship to a meeting of faculty (and, if appropriate, students).
- Because of the centrality of effective teaching to our mission, some vehicle for observing and evaluating the candidates in this area must be part of each campus visit. Normally, this entails having each candidate conduct a scheduled or mock class during their visit. Students attending the candidate's class should be given an opportunity to give feedback to the search committee through a written questionnaire or rubric. Student feedback should be part of the justification of the department in making a hiring recommendation to the Dean and Provost.
- During the candidate's interview with the Dean, there should be a brief discussion of interest, availability, fringe benefits and salary expectations.

- Wherever possible, candidates should receive a campus tour and a tour of the local area.
- In arranging an interview trip, the person responsible for the search should explain to the candidate the procedures for being reimbursed for reasonable travel, lodging and meal expenses.
- The entertainment of candidates can be an important part of the interview process. Determination of the venue and number of attendees for meals with the candidates will be determined in consultation between the leader of the search and the Dean in accordance with the current guidelines from the Provost's office. Charges for all other meals should be processed through the standard University expense reconciliation procedure. All meals with candidates should be considered part of the interview process; they are both social and business occasions. It is recommended that these opportunities to interact more informally with candidates be shared across the faculty.

### **Selecting the final candidate**

- The Search Committee or department should solicit feedback from everyone who met formally with the candidate. This feedback shall be considered by all department members who by right are involved in the decision concerning whom to recommend to hire.
- Following appropriate discussion, the search committee or department should recommend, in writing, a rank ordering of the acceptable candidates, and a list of the unacceptable candidates, with a brief statement evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of each. These statements should include a judgment as to the contribution the candidates may make to the mission of the University, as expressed in the *Faculty Handbook*, and in the University's strategic planning documents.
- The representative of the appropriate faculty (i.e., search committee chair, program director, or department chair) shall forward to the Dean in writing their recommendation and evaluation of the final candidates for the position. If the Dean disagrees with the recommendation of the faculty, they shall notify the faculty in writing, and work with the faculty to attempt to resolve the disagreement. The Dean shall forward to the Provost their recommendation along with the faculty's recommendation and evaluations.
- The Provost may decline to appoint a recommended candidate, in which case the Provost shall inform in writing the Dean and faculty recommending the appointment. Only the Provost is empowered to extend an offer of employment. In the rare case where unresolved differences remain on faculty appointments, the procedure listed in the *Faculty Handbook* in II.A.1.a shall apply. If none of the candidates are acceptable to the Search Committee, the members should discuss with the Dean and/or the Provost the options of extending, canceling and restarting the search.
- Once there is agreement on the final candidate, the responsibility for communicating an offer to the candidate rests solely with the Dean. Once an offer has been accepted, the Dean shall communicate details of the offer to the Provost, who will send the formal offer letter to the candidate. Once a signed copy is received by the Provost, their office will inform the Office of Human Resources that a candidate has signed a written offer of employment so that its staff may complete the necessary documentation for employment.

Any exceptions to the above guidelines must be specified in the search plan, and must be approved in advance by the Dean and Provost.

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## **Appendix 28: Learning objectives for the signature elements in the *Magis* Core**

### **Learning Outcomes for Writing Intensive courses:**

Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC)/ Writing in the Discipline (WID) Learning Outcomes. WAC courses must address no fewer than two of the following outcomes; WID courses must address Items 3, 4, and 5. At the completion of a series of Writing Across the Curriculum and Writing in the Disciplines courses, students should:

1. Use writing as an instrument of inquiry across a variety of writing situations, both formal and informal;
2. Respond to and use responses to drafts in revision, and in this and other ways demonstrate metacognitive awareness about their writing;
3. Engage in writing that explores and responds to texts or other content in a discipline in ways that deepen student understanding, and communicate that understanding in rhetorically appropriate ways that provide information to others;
4. Make choices reflecting their awareness of purpose, audience, and the rhetorical context of the discipline in which they write; and
5. Employ the forms of attribution appropriate to academic discourse

### **Learning Outcomes for Social Justice courses:**

**Introductory Social Justice courses (SJ 1)** will satisfy the following learning outcomes:

1. Identify values, beliefs, and practices of multiple cultures, worldviews, or perspectives;
2. Identify one's own social identities and elements of one's own culture;
3. Ask critical questions about assumptions, biases, or worldviews.

**Two second-level courses (SJ 2)** will satisfy the following learning outcomes:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the historical and/or contemporary context of power, inequity and oppression
2. Articulate how social identities and cultural values intersect to influence different worldviews and experiences in a global society
3. Analyze one's own social identities, cultural values and privilege.
4. Explore answers to critical social questions from multiple perspectives and a variety of resources.

At least one of the two courses in the second level must focus on race (broadly conceived), studied intersectionally with gender and class.

**Optional additional learning outcomes** include

- Apply knowledge, awareness, and skills to problems of inequality and oppression
- Propose solutions to problems of inequality and oppression
- Commit to interrupting systems of power, privilege, and oppression

**An Interdisciplinary Experience** will satisfy the following learning outcomes:

1. Synthesize or draw conclusions by connecting examples, data, facts, or theories from more than one perspective or field of study.
2. Meaningfully synthesize connections among experiences outside of the formal classroom (e.g., life experiences, service learning, study abroad, internship) to deepen understanding of fields of study and to critically examine their own points of view.
3. Adapt and apply skills, theories, or methodologies across disciplines to explore complex questions and address problems.

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