

## Memorandum

**To:** Senate Faculty Review Standards Committee (SFRSC)

Sarah Projansky, Associate Vice President for Faculty and Senior Vice President Designee

C/O: Trina Rich, SFRSC Secretary

From: Dustin Stokes and James Tabery, RPT Chairs, Department of Philosophy

Date: 26 January 2024

**Re:** Update of External Letter Requirement in Department of Philosophy guidelines

The Department of Philosophy is requesting to update the number of external evaluations required for formal reviews, including retention, promotion, and/or tenure reviews. The following language will supersede the current guideline language.

The University requires a minimum of 3 external evaluations for a formal tenure and/or promotion file to be complete.

The candidate must provide a list of 5 potential external evaluators and provide any information about potential conflicts by April 1. The DAC Chair, after consulting with the Department Chair and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair, and considering the list of potential evaluators submitted by the candidate as well as any information about any conflicts, will endeavor to obtain the department required 3 external evaluations, and will obtain no fewer than the University minimum of 3 for each formal tenure review and each formal promotion (either to Associate Professor or to Professor) review.

External evaluators are not required for a mid-probationary formal retention review or a triggered formal retention review; however, 3 external evaluators are required for a triggered formal retention review in which the candidate requests them or a majority of the DAC votes that the candidate's research/creative activity is at issue. In these cases, the University considers the file complete with a minimum of 2 external evaluations.

**Approval Vote:** The Department faculty voted on February 16, 2024 to approve the proposed amendment.

| Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 |  |
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## Approvals: Department Chair Approval (if Department level document):

| C- At            | 2/16/24 |  |
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| Eric Hutton      | Date    |  |
| Department Chair |         |  |
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Dean Approval:

Hollis Robbins
Dean, College of Humanities

3/1/2024

Date

SFRSC Review Committee Approval:

Trina Rich Date
SFRSC Committee Secretary

Senior Vice President Approval:

Senior Vice President Designee

Sarah Projansky

March 28, 2024

Date