

## **History of Art & Architecture Merit Policy**

As amended and approved by AAA Dean 5/30/2014

### **Purpose**

This policy outlines the Department of the History of Art & Architecture's procedures for determining and assigning merit raises, when available.

### **1. Full Inclusion**

All HAA faculty members who are eligible for inclusion in a given merit process will receive an evaluation and will be given full consideration and opportunity to demonstrate individual merit. Neither an individual's FTE nor type of appointment will limit a faculty member's ability to demonstrate the highest possible merit score nor will it limit or cap a faculty member's maximum possible merit increase.

### **2. Merit Differentiation**

It is understood that all faculty are valuable members of the department and that each faculty member plays a key role in achieving program goals. Merit Differentiation is used strictly as a means to differentiate between varying degrees of excellence within the department. It is noted that although the Merit Differentiation criteria are similar, and in some cases parallel, to the Promotion and Tenure criteria, the processes themselves are separate and distinct. Furthermore, the rigor applied during the Merit Differentiation process is far less than the rigor applied during the Promotion and Tenure process, and therefore, ratings received as part of Merit Differentiation are not necessarily indicative measures of how an individual faculty member rates for purposes of Promotion and Tenure.

Differentiation is established through an evaluation of merit material against a standard rubric in the appropriate departmental Merit Score Sheet.

### **3. Comparative Evaluation**

Comparative Evaluation is provided by sorting all faculty evaluations into Merit Tiers based upon scores from the Merit Score Sheets.

#### **4. Faculty Self-Assessment and Submissions**

The following documents will be submitted and/or completed by designated parties. Except for reasons of legitimate and unavoidable extenuating circumstances, the following documents must be completed, and failure to do so may negatively impact merit scores.:

- 4.1. **Activity Report** – Faculty will complete and submit an Activity Report
- 4.2. **Current CV** – Faculty will submit a current Curriculum Vitae.

#### **5. Criteria and Factors**

- 5.1. **Tenure Track and Tenured Faculty** – Criteria are provided in the HAA TTF Merit Score Sheet
- 5.2. **Non-Tenure Track Faculty** – Criteria are provided in the HAA NTTF Merit Score Sheet

#### **6. Consideration of Individual Professional Responsibilities and Contributions**

Consideration of Individual Professional Responsibilities and Contributions is provided for by differentiated merit criteria for different position types. A weighted average of scores in each area of Teaching, Research, and Service, relative to the prominence of each area in a faculty member's job description, determine a faculty member's final merit score.

##### **TTF**

Unless otherwise stipulated, all TTF evaluations will be weighted as 40% Teaching, 40% Research, and 20% Service. Other weightings may be applied with prior approval from the AAA Dean or designee.

##### **NTTF**

Unless otherwise stipulated, all NTTF evaluations will be weighted as 100% Teaching, 0% Research, and 0% Service. Other weightings may be applied with prior approval from the AAA Dean or designee.

#### **7. Evaluation of Accomplishments**

- 7.1. **Clarity and Transparency** – Merit Score Sheets include clear and unambiguous metrics by which faculty members can demonstrate meritorious contribution to the department, including how those metrics translate into the relative scores that ultimately determine an individual's merit increase. The faculty rely upon the academic judgment of the

Department Head to evaluate specific accomplishments and contributions and to assign an appropriate overall rating in each merit category based off of the preponderance of accomplishments or contributions in that merit category. The Department Head recognizes the necessity to honor the trust and authority placed in him or her by operating in good faith in a collegial manner, and adhering to the guiding principles of equity, parity, and inclusiveness in performing these evaluations.

- 7.2. **Types of Merit Score Sheets** – One of the following Merit Score Sheets will be used as appropriate:

Tenured Associate and Full Professor Merit Score Sheet  
Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Merit Score Sheet  
Career NTTF Score Sheet  
Adjunct Instructor Score Sheet

- 7.3. **Procedure** – The Department head will collect activity reports, updated CVs, student teaching evaluations, and peer teaching evaluations. The Department head will evaluate these compiled materials and complete the appropriate Merit Score Sheet for each faculty member. The Department head will then submit the merit reviews to the AAA Dean.

- 7.4. **Selection of Tier Scores** – The Department head will evaluate final scores and determine where there are meaningful breaks in the scores that can be used to establish ranges for final Merit Tiers. All individuals with scores within the established ranges will receive the same consideration for merit increase as other individuals in the same tier.

- 7.5. **Final Assignment of Tier Increases** – The Department head, using guidance provided by the Associate Dean for Finance, will determine appropriate raise percentages or amounts to be applied in each tier, and submit those raise percentages as recommendations to the AAA Dean. The AAA Dean will consider those recommendations in determining the final merit increase amounts for each tier.

## 8. Review Periods

Unless otherwise established by the requirements of a specific merit process, the following standard review periods will be used in evaluating Teaching, Research and Service:

**Teaching** – The 12 months directly preceding the merit review process.

**Research** – May consider up to a maximum of 60 months in order to establish, assess, and account for a documented significant body of work, with emphasis given to work that has been active within the prior 24 month period directly preceding the merit review process.

**Service** – The 12 months directly preceding the merit review process.

## 9. Merit Tiers

The final merit scores will be sorted into a minimum of two Merit Tiers based on the overall differentiation of the Merit Scores. Tiers may include any of the following:

**Does Not Meet Expectations (1.0-1.9)**: Has not demonstrated the minimum standards required to qualify as Provisionally Meets Expectations. There is no mandate for a minimum number of faculty members to be classified into this Merit Tier. Classification into this Merit Tier qualifies as “Does Not Meet” per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. All Faculty classified into this Merit Tier are ineligible to receive a merit increase.

**Provisionally Meets Expectations (2.0-2.4)**: Has demonstrated minimum standard required to qualify as Meets Expectations, but has not demonstrated a level of meritorious contribution equal to the level of other peers in the Meets Expectations category. Classification into this Merit Tier qualifies as “Meets Expectations” per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. All Faculty classified into this Merit Tier will receive a merit increase.

**Meets Expectations (2.5-3.4)**: Has clearly demonstrated standards required to qualify as Meets Expectations, but has not demonstrated a level of meritorious contribution high enough to qualify for Exceeds Expectations. Classification into this Merit Tier qualifies as “Meets Expectations” per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. All Faculty classified into this Merit Tier will receive a merit increase.

**Exceeds Expectations(3.5-4.4)**: Has clearly demonstrated standards required to qualify as Exceeds Expectations, but has not demonstrated a level of meritorious contribution high enough to qualify for Highest Expectations. Classification into this Merit Tier qualifies as “Exceeds Expectations” per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. All Faculty classified into this Merit Tier will receive a merit increase.

**Highest Expectations (4.5-5.0)**: Has clearly demonstrated standards required to qualify as Highest Expectations. Classification into this Merit Tier qualifies as “Exceeds Expectations” per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. All Faculty classified into this Merit Tier will receive a merit increase.

## **10. Notification and Documentation**

**10.1. Notification** - All Faculty eligible for inclusion in a merit process will be notified of their new salary within one month of the closing and final acceptance of a given merit process. Notification will be provided electronically through email.

**10.2. Documentation** - The department will maintain the following electronic records for a period of 24 months subsequent to a given merit process:

**10.2.1.** Each faculty member's final score sheet, indicating the faculty member's blended average merit score, individual component scores (Teaching, Research, Service), component weights, final merit tier assignment, and merit increase.

**10.2.2.** The complete final merit allocation for each merit pool, including the amount allocated to each member of faculty in those pools.

# History of Art & Architecture DRAFT Merit Score Sheet for Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty

Evaluation Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluation percentages for this faculty member:**  
(standard is 40% research, 40% teaching, 20% service)

Research \_\_\_\_\_%          Teaching \_\_\_\_\_%          Service \_\_\_\_\_%

**Overall Merit Evaluation Scores:**

Research \_\_\_\_\_          Teaching \_\_\_\_\_          Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Weighted score =** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations  
2 = Provisionally Meets Expectations  
3 = Meets Expectations  
4 = Exceeds Expectations  
5 = Highest Expectations

**Merit Evaluation Notes:**

# ***Merit Assessment Criteria***

## **Does Not Meet Expectations (1)**

*Faculty receiving Does Not Meet Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service fail to show evidence of an acceptable minimum standard of relevant effort, expertise, and/or results. Performance is below minimal acceptable standards; immediate improvement is required.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to, the following types of indicators:*

### **Research**

No publications of significance and quality per year in peer reviewed international and national journals, or chapters in books, or similar publication channels.

No presentations at significant international and national conferences, conventions, seminars, and professional meetings.

No evidence of digital scholarship of significance and quality.

No evidence of creative work / production of significance and quality.

Minimal evidence of research/scholarship in progress and substantially planned future work.

### **Teaching**

Consistent and pervasively negative student evaluations or numeric student course evaluations significantly below the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding significant problems with teaching.

No significant participation in curricular development.

Evidence that existing courses are not regularly updated.

Evidence of student academic and/or research advising that does not meet department standards.

### **Service**

Noticeable absence from department meetings, events, and activities.

Poor coordination, leadership, and oversight of assigned curricular area, or department initiative, or goal, requiring reassignment of that service assignment.

No meaningful participation in AAA and/or University committees.

No meaningful engagement in relevant professional associations.

## **Provisionally Meets Expectations (2)**

*Faculty receiving Provisionally Meets Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence of an acceptable minimum standard of relevant effort, expertise, and/or results, though not significantly beyond that. Performance sometimes meets requirements, but not consistently; improvement is necessary.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to, the following types of indicators:*

### **Research**

#### **Primary Considerations:**

Equivalent of one (1) publication of significance and quality per year in peer reviewed international and national journals, or chapters in books, or similar publications.

No presentations at significant international and national conferences, conventions, seminars, and professional meetings.

Weak evidence of research/scholarship in progress and substantially planned future work.

#### **Secondary Considerations:**

Lack of evidence of digital scholarship of significance and quality.

Lack of evidence of creative work / production of significance and quality.

### **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations slightly below the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding teaching success below departmental standards.

Lack of involvement in curricular development.

Evidence that existing courses are not regularly updated.

Evidence of student academic and/or research advising that does not meet department standards.

### **Service**

Erratic attendance and participation in department meetings, events, and activities.

Deficient coordination, leadership, and oversight of assigned curricular area, or department initiative, or goal.

Low level of participation in AAA and/or University committees.

Low level of engagement in relevant professional associations.



## **Meets Expectations (3)**

*Faculty receiving Meets Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence meeting departmental expectations in the relevant effort, expertise, and/or results. Performance fully meets job requirements on a consistent basis.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to, the following types of indicators:*

### **Research**

#### **Primary Considerations:**

Equivalent of two (2) publications of significance and quality per year in peer reviewed international and national journals, or chapters in books, or similar publications.

Evidence of research/scholarship in progress and substantially planned future work.

One or two (1-2) presentations at significant international and national conferences, conventions, seminars, and professional meetings.

#### **Secondary Considerations:**

Evidence of digital scholarship of significance and quality.

Evidence of creative work / production of significance and quality.

### **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations at the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding teaching success meets departmental standards.

Designs and offers new instructional experiences within the department.

Collaborates with other faculty or departments to develop innovative coursework.

Develops new courses and revises existing courses to keep them updated.

Keeps and posts updated course learning objectives.

Holds regular office hours and is readily accessible.

Provides academic and research advising to HAA graduate students, undergraduate students, and students from other UO academic units.

### **Service**

Regular attendance and participation in department meetings, events, and activities.

Coordination, leadership, and oversight of assigned curricular area, or department initiative, or goal.

Serves on at least one AAA committee or equivalent.

Serves on at least one university committee or equivalent.

Actively participates in relevant professional associations.

Serves as reviewer for academic journals and other publishers.

## **Exceeds Expectations (4)**

*Faculty receiving Exceeds Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence of exceeding departmental expectations in the relevant area in terms of effort, expertise, and results to a standard that is achieved by only a minimum of peers.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to, the following types of indicators:*

### **Research**

The equivalent of three (3) publications of significance and quality per year in peer reviewed international and national journals, or chapters in books, or similar publications.

Publication of a co-authored or co-edited book with an academic press.

Three or more (3+) presentations at international and national conferences, conventions, seminars, and professional meetings.

Digital scholarship of significance and quality, recognized by an external award.

Creative work / production of significance and quality, recognized by an external award.

Recipient of a UO / AAA competitive research grant or award.

Significant active work on an externally funded grant.

Significant citations of work in reputable publications.

Well-documented evidence of the continuing impact of scholarly work.

### **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations above the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding teaching success exceeds departmental standards.

Significant development work on new courses, seminars, or collaborative courses.

Significant contributions to departmental curricular development initiatives.

Coursework engages students in meaningful professional or community service.

## **Service**

Leadership in significant departmental initiative.

Leadership role in material advancement of AAA-wide initiative or goal.

Evidence of significant service contribution to at least one university committee or equivalent.

Board member of a relevant professional association.

Serves on editorial board of a major academic journal.

Serves on a committee for a national/international conference.

Academic service on behalf of public bodies such as boards of directors, culture councils, advisory groups, and professional juries.

External reviewer for promotion and tenure at other peer institutions.

Chairs a regional symposium of significance and impact.

## **Highest Expectations (5)**

*Faculty receiving Highest Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence of exceeding departmental expectations in the relevant area in terms of effort, expertise, and results to a standard achieved by only a select few peers.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to, the following types of indicators:*

### **Research**

The equivalent of four or more (4+) publications of significance and quality per year in peer reviewed international and national journals, chapters in books, or similar publications.

Publication of a single-authored or single-edited book with an academic press.

Four or more (4+) presentations at international and national conferences, conventions, seminars, and professional meetings.

Significant active work as PI on an externally funded grant.

Recipient of national or international award for research/scholarship.

### **Teaching**

Leadership role in multidisciplinary curricular development.

Development of a new degree or certificate program.

Recipient of major college or university award for teaching excellence or innovation.

## **Service**

Chairs a major University committee.

Leadership role in material advancement of a University initiative or goal.

Significant leadership role (e.g., President or other Officer) for a relevant professional association.

Editor of a major academic journal.

Chairs a national/international conference of significance and impact.

# History of Art & Architecture Merit Score Sheet for NTTF Faculty

Evaluation Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Member's NTTF FTE Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

## Evaluation percentages for this faculty member:

Research \_\_\_\_\_% (N/A)      Teaching \_\_\_\_\_%      Service \_\_\_\_\_%

Specific Service Assignment Considerations:

## Overall Merit Evaluation Scores:

Research \_\_\_\_\_      Teaching \_\_\_\_\_      Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Weighted score =** \_\_\_\_\_

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4 = Exceeds Expectations  
5 = Highest Expectations

**Merit Evaluation Notes:**

# ***Merit Assessment Criteria***

## **Does not Meet Expectations (1)**

*Faculty receiving Does Not Meet Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service fail to show evidence of an acceptable minimum standard of relevant effort, expertise, and/or results. Performance is below minimal acceptable standards; immediate improvement is required.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to the following types of indicators:*

### **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations significantly below the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding significant problems with teaching.

No significant participation in curricular development.

Evidence that existing courses are not regularly updated.

Evidence of student advising that does not meet department standards.

### **Service**

Noticeable absence from department meetings, events, and activities.

Poor coordination, leadership, and oversight of assigned curricular area, or department initiative, or goal, requiring reassignment of that service assignment.

No significant participation in AAA and/or University committees.

No significant engagement in relevant professional associations.

## **Provisionally Meets Expectations (2)**

*Faculty receiving Provisionally Meets Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence of an acceptable minimum standard of relevant effort, expertise, and/or results, though not significantly beyond that. Performance sometimes meets requirements, but not consistently; improvement is necessary.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to the following types of indicators:*

### **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations slightly below the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding teaching success below departmental standards.

Lack of involvement in curricular development.

Evidence that existing courses are not regularly updated.

Evidence of student advising that does not meet department standards.

## **Service**

Erratic attendance and participation in department meetings, events, and activities.

Deficient coordination, leadership, and oversight of assigned curricular area, or department initiative, or goal.

Low level of participation in AAA and/or University committees.

Low level of engagement in relevant professional associations.

## **Meets Expectations (3)**

*Faculty meetings receiving Meets Expectations ratings for teaching, or service show evidence meeting departmental expectations in the relevant effort, expertise, and/or results. Performance fully meets job requirements on a consistent basis.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to the following types of indicators:*

## **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations at the departmental mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding teaching success meets departmental standards.

Designs and offers new instructional experiences within the department.

Collaborates with other faculty or departments to develop innovative coursework.

Develops new courses and revises existing courses to keep them updated.

Keeps and posts updated course learning objectives.

Holds regular office hours and is readily accessible.

Provides academic and research advising to HAA graduate students, undergraduate students, and students from other UO academic units.

## **Service**

Regular attendance and participation in department meetings, events, and activities.

Coordination, oversight and performance of assigned AAD service area(s).

Serves on at least one AAA committee or equivalent.

Serves on at least one university committee or equivalent.

Actively participates in relevant professional associations.

## **Exceeds Expectations (4)**

*Faculty meetings receiving Exceeds Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence of exceeding departmental expectations in the relevant area in terms of effort, expertise, and results to a standard that is achieved by only a minimum of peers.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to the following types of indicators:*

## **Teaching**

Numeric student course evaluations significantly above the department mean.

Peer teaching evaluation concluding teaching success exceeds departmental standards.

Significant development work on new courses, seminars, or collaborative courses.

Significant contributions to departmental curricular development initiatives.

Coursework engages students in meaningful professional or community service.

### **Secondary Considerations, as these support teaching excellence:**

Evidence of published scholarship or significant research work in progress.

Evidence of significant presentations at conferences and professional meetings.

Evidence of digital scholarship of significance and quality.

Evidence of creative work / production of significance and quality.

## **Service**

Leadership of a significant departmental initiative.

Leadership role in material advancement of AAA-wide initiative or goal.



Evidence of significant service contribution to at least one university committee or equivalent.

Board member of a relevant professional association.

Service on behalf of public bodies such as boards of directors, culture councils, advisory groups, and professional juries.

Chairs a local or regional symposium of significance and impact.

## **Highest Expectations (5)**

*Faculty meetings receiving Highest Expectations ratings for research, teaching, or service show evidence of exceeding departmental expectations in the relevant area in terms of effort, expertise, and results to a standard achieved by only a select few peers.*

*Evidence of such performance includes, but is not limited to the following types of indicators:*

### **Teaching**

Leadership role in multidisciplinary curricular development.

Recipient of major college or university award for teaching excellence or innovation.

#### **Secondary Considerations, as they support teaching excellence:**

Evidence of a considerable body of relevant published scholarship or scholarly work in progress.

### **Service**

Chairs a major University committee on which NTTF are encouraged to participate.

Leadership role in material advancement of a University initiative or goal.

Significant leadership role (e.g., President or other Officer) for a relevant professional association.

Chairs a national/international conference of significance and impact.