



University Senate CHARGE

Date:	September 12, 2011
To:	Charles Fenster Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee
From:	Eric Kasischke Chair, University Senate 
Subject:	Interim Policies on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty
Senate Document #:	11-12-03
Deadline:	November 18, 2011

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Faculty Affairs Committee review the attached proposal entitled, “Interim Policies on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty” and make recommendations on whether the draft policy and amendment to a related policy are appropriate.

The Board of Regents approved the USM II-1.07 Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty. They have tasked the University with developing a campus policy that aligns with the University System of Maryland (USM) policy. The attached proposed adjunct policy and amendment to the existing UMCP II-1.00(F) University of Maryland Policy on Full-Time and Part-Time Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty responds to this request. The SEC requests that the Faculty Affairs Committee review the proposed new policy and amendment to existing policy to determine whether they are appropriate.

Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Review similar policies for adjunct faculty at our peer institutions.
2. Consult with the University’s Office of Faculty Affairs on the impact of this new policy on our adjunct faculty.
3. Review whether the proposed new policy aligns with the USM Policy.
4. Review whether additional UMCP policies must be amended to address the new policy.
5. If appropriate, recommend whether the proposed policy and amendment should be revised.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than November 18, 2011. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.



**University Senate
PROPOSAL FORM**

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Date:	August 31, 2011
Title of Proposal:	INTERIM POLICIES ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ADJUNCT FACULTY
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Unit/Department/College:	Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost
Constituency (faculty, staff, undergraduate, graduate):	Instructional non-tenure-track Faculty (adjunct faculty)
Description of issue/concern/policy in question:	<p>USM II-1.07 Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty (approved by the Board of Regents 10.3.10) requires all campuses in the USM to adopt an implementing adjunct faculty policy by 9.1.11. The attached proposed adjunct policy satisfies that request. In addition, a clarification to the existing UMCP II-1.00(F) FT and PT NTT Instructional Faculty policy is also proposed to delimit the instructional faculty constituency each policy serves (depending on whether the employee is appointed above or below 50% FTE). Because of the 9.1.11 USM deadline, although President Loh approved the interim policies on August 30, 2011, both policies are presented to the SEC as “interim”, and pending University Senate Action in Fall 2011. The Senate should review the draft policies and submit them for presidential approval before they are finalized, as is normally the case.</p>
Description of action/changes you would like to see implemented and why:	<p>The new Adjunct policy is designed to establish baseline standards related to searches, appointments, contracts and conditions of employment for adjunct faculty. Its goal is to assure the quality of instruction by individuals with appropriate credentials and experience, and to facilitate a continuous improvement in their status at the University. The policy applies to non-tenure-track instructors appointed to teach specific courses and compensated (a) on a course-by-course basis or (b) on a salaried appointment at less than 50% FTE. The FT PT NTT Instructional policy modification clarifies that the policy applies only to instructional faculty with appointments of 50% or more FTE.</p>

Suggestions for how your proposal could be put into practice:	The USM requires a version of this policy by 9.1.11.
Additional Information:	The present draft has been carefully reviewed by the Chancellor.

Please send your completed form and any supporting documents to senate-admin@umd.edu or University of Maryland Senate Office, 1100 Marie Mount Hall.

II-1.07(A) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND POLICY ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ADJUNCT FACULTY (Interim Policy: Pending University Senate Action in Fall 2011)

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- B. Policies for Salaried Part-Time, Non-Tenure Track Faculty. Part-Time, Non-Tenure Track (PTNTT) faculty who are appointed to salaried positions at 50% FTE or more are not included as “adjunct faculty” for the purposes of this policy, and are covered instead by II-1.00(F) University of Maryland Policy on Full-Time and Part-Time Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty.

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Amendments to Existing UM Policy

II-1.00(F) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND POLICY ON FULL-TIME and PART-TIME NON-TENURE TRACK INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY

APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT May 16, 2002; Technical Amendments
February 23, 2009 (Amendments Pending University Senate Action in Fall 2011)

This policy applies to faculty employed to provide instructional services who (1) have salaried appointments of 50% FTE or greater and (2) are neither tenured nor eligible for tenure. This policy does not apply to adjunct faculty as defined by II-1.07(A) University of Maryland Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty. Instructional faculty who are: (1) neither tenured nor eligible for tenure and (2) are either compensated on a course-by-course basis or on salaried appointments at less than 50% are covered by II-1.07(A) University of Maryland Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty.

STANDARD EMPLOYMENT ELEMENTS

1. Credentials: Each department or unit shall develop written standards for the academic degrees or professional certifications and/or professional experience required for appointment to part time non-tenure track (PTNTT) and full-time non-tenure track instructional faculty (FTNTT) ranks. These standards should be appropriate for the needed instructional level.
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4. Support for Teaching: In the best interest of students, all FTNTT and PTNTT instructional faculty members should be provided with the necessary and appropriate department or unit support for the execution of their duties. These resources should conform to departmental practices with respect to assistance in ordering books, duplication of class syllabi and examination questions, provision of teaching supplies. Care should be taken to ensure that students can have access to FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members through mailboxes, appropriate spaces for meeting students, electronic mail, telephones, etc. Where appropriate and feasible, and with the agreement of the department faculty, the professional development of FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members should be supported. This may include extending invitations to departmental and institutional faculty development events.

5. Performance Evaluation: Each department shall have written procedures for evaluating FTNTT and PTNTT faculty performance on a regular schedule, as required by BOR Policy II-1.20. Evaluations shall be kept on record in a personnel file and shall be consulted when decisions are made about rank, salary, and contract renewal. FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members shall have the opportunity to review each evaluation and sign off on it.

CONTRACT COMPONENTS

6. Term of Employment: Normally, initial contracts for FTNTT instructional faculty should be for one academic year, and initial contracts for PTNTT instructional faculty should be for a period of one semester. Departments are encouraged to offer two or three year contracts to FTNTT faculty members with records of long-term satisfactory service verified by written evaluations of performance and to offer longer-term contracts, not to exceed three years, to PTNTT instructional faculty in cases of demonstrated departmental need.
7. Notice of Non-Renewal: FTNTT instructional faculty should receive adequate notice of non-renewal of contracts as specified in Board of Regents Policy II-1.00 University System Policy on Appointment, Rank, and Tenure of Faculty (section 1. C. 12). PTNTT instructional faculty should receive at least 30 days of notice of non-renewal prior to the end of a current contract. After five or more years of continuous service, any PTNTT or FTNTT instructional faculty member whose contract is not renewed should be informed in writing of the basis of a decision not to renew. The faculty member has the right to appeal the decision consistent with the institution's faculty grievance policy and procedures.
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INTEGRATION INTO THE INSTITUTION

10. Faculty Participation: Each department or unit should make every effort to integrate FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members into the scholarly, intellectual and academic life of the department or unit, and institution. Departments are encouraged to have policies aimed toward this integration.
11. Shared Governance: All FTNTT and PTNTT faculty should be informed of the

procedures and calendar for the election of their representatives in the University Senate.

12. Ranks: The University should confer appropriate, non-tenure track instructional ranks commensurate with credentials and professional experience. For long-term PTNTT and FTNTT instructional faculty, academic units should consider the development of procedures for progression in rank.



OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2011

TO: Wallace D. Loh
President

FROM: Ann G. Wylie
Senior Vice President and Provost

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann G. Wylie".

SUBJECT: Interim University of Maryland Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty

1. This is to request that you approve, on an interim basis, the attached *Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty* effective immediately. Speaking generally, the policy offers more job security to adjunct faculty. I am comfortable with it.
2. This is a new policy required by the Board of Regents. A USM Policy on the Employment of Adjunct Faculty was issued to USM institutions during Fall Semester, 2010, with a requirement they adopt parallel implementing policies. There followed significant discussion about the intended scope by of the policy. This has only recently been decided. Nevertheless, we are supposed to have a University policy in place by September 1.
3. Typically, University policies of this nature would emanate from the University Senate for your approval. However, where time constraints such as presently exist, the practice has been for the President to institute a policy on an interim basis, pending further study and possible recommended amendment by the Senate. Like in previous instances, we have informed the Senate Executive Committee and shared the proposed policy with them. We have incorporated its suggested changes into the document. The policy has also been reviewed for form and legal sufficiency by Legal Affairs.
4. I recommend you approve the policy on an interim basis. If you concur, please approve it below.

APPROVED: Wallace D Loh Date: 8/30/11
Wallace D. Loh
President

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2. Search Procedures: Hiring of PTNTT and FTNTT faculty members should be conducted under procedures that will ensure the selection of qualified professionals. Each department or unit shall develop written procedures for evaluating credentials and selecting faculty.
3. Written Contracts: All FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members shall be provided with clear written and approved contracts prior to the beginning of their assignment. The contract shall stipulate the term of the contract, the salary, assignments and expectations, expected notification about renewal or non-renewal, resources, and performance-evaluation policies and procedures.
4. Support for Teaching: In the best interest of students, all FTNTT and PTNTT instructional faculty members should be provided with the necessary and appropriate department or unit support for the execution of their duties. These resources should conform to departmental practices with respect to assistance in ordering books, duplication of class syllabi and examination questions, provision of teaching supplies. Care should be taken to ensure that students can have access to FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members through mailboxes, appropriate spaces for meeting students, electronic mail, telephones, etc. Where appropriate and feasible, and with the agreement of the department faculty, the professional development of FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members should be supported. This may include extending invitations to departmental and institutional faculty

development events.

5. Performance Evaluation: Each department shall have written procedures for evaluating FTNTT and PTNTT faculty performance on a regular schedule, as required by BOR Policy II-1.20. Evaluations shall be kept on record in a personnel file and shall be consulted when decisions are made about rank, salary, and contract renewal. FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members shall have the opportunity to review each evaluation and sign off on it.

CONTRACT COMPONENTS

6. Term of Employment: Normally, initial contracts for FTNTT instructional faculty should be for one academic year, and initial contracts for PTNTT instructional faculty should be for a period of one semester. Departments are encouraged to offer two or three year contracts to FTNTT faculty members with records of long-term satisfactory service verified by written evaluations of performance and to offer longer-term contracts, not to exceed three years, to PTNTT instructional faculty in cases of demonstrated departmental need.
7. Notice of Non-Renewal: FTNTT instructional faculty should receive adequate notice of non-renewal of contracts as specified in Board of Regents Policy II-1.00 University System Policy on Appointment, Rank, and Tenure of Faculty (section 1. C. 12). PTNTT instructional faculty should receive at least 30 days of notice of non-renewal prior to the end of a current contract. After five or more years of continuous service, any PTNTT or FTNTT instructional faculty member whose contract is not renewed should be informed in writing of the basis of a decision not to renew. The faculty member has the right to appeal the decision consistent with the institution's faculty grievance policy and procedures.
8. Faculty Grievance: Departments shall inform PTNTT and FTNTT instructional faculty members that they have full access to the faculty grievance procedure. Grievances may include the non-renewal of a contract.
9. Teaching Assignment: Whenever possible, departments should provide notice of projected teaching assignment(s) at least 45 days prior to the start of classes to allow for appropriate preparation. In addition, all contracts should specify the consequences of the class being cancelled prior to the start of classes.

INTEGRATION INTO THE INSTITUTION

10. Faculty Participation: Each department or unit should make every effort to integrate FTNTT and PTNTT faculty members into the scholarly, intellectual and academic life of the department or unit, and institution. Departments are encouraged to have policies aimed toward this integration.

11. Shared Governance: All FTNTT and PTNTT faculty should be informed of the procedures and calendar for the election of their representatives in the University Senate.
12. Ranks: The University should confer appropriate, non-tenure track instructional ranks commensurate with credentials and professional experience. For long-term PTNTT and FTNTT instructional faculty, academic units should consider the development of procedures for progression in rank.