Part-Time Faculty Reviews – Frequently Asked Questions

**What are part-time faculty reviews?**
The part-time faculty review process is an opportunity for part-time faculty to receive regular performance and professional development feedback from their primary department. The review consists of a written self-evaluation by the faculty member/reviewee, a written review by the Department Head/Chair/Reviewer(s), and a review meeting (meeting is optional for the Short Review, as discussed below). Course evaluations, syllabi, and an updated CV are also reviewed at this time. Completed reviews will be filed in the department office and will be maintained in a permanent and confidential file in the Dean’s Office.

**How was the part-time review process created?**
In response to part-time faculty members' desire to receive regular feedback from their departments as well as Department Heads’ and the Dean of Faculty's acknowledgment of the value of reviewing part-time faculty members on a consistent basis, the current part-time review process was created in AY 2016-17. In order to make this process manageable for departments, Department Heads and the Dean decided that each year Department Heads would review, at minimum, all part-time faculty who are eligible to be considered for a multiyear contract (MYC) in the next academic year.

**Who will conduct the part-time reviews?**
The Department Head and/or Chair(s), and other designated full-time faculty will conduct the reviews.

**Which part-time faculty must be reviewed, and how will departments know which faculty to review?**
As explained above, all faculty who are eligible to be considered for a multiyear contract (MYC) in the next academic year must be reviewed, with a few new exceptions described in the next question. This year (AY 2019-20), departments will review part-time faculty who are eligible to be considered for a MYC that begins in 2021-22. In late fall, the Faculty Employment Resources (FER) office will send each department a list of part-time faculty to be reviewed.

**New Exceptions introduced in 2019-20:** Are there cases in which a part-time review is not required of a faculty member who is eligible to be considered for a multiyear contract?
Yes, due to feedback from Department Heads, we have implemented the following new exceptions. A part-time faculty member who is eligible to be considered for a multiyear contract does not need to be reviewed in the following two cases:

- If a faculty member had a part-time review last year, and was not awarded a multiyear contract for reasons other than Performance (i.e., Curricular Flexibility, FT Faculty Search, Faculty Chooses to Teach Less than Minimum Course Loads Required for MYC,
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Compliance), they will instead be reviewed on the following schedule: Every two years for lecturers, and every three years for adjuncts.

- If a faculty member underwent an adjunct promotion review in the same year in which they are scheduled for a part-time review, the department may submit the adjunct promotion review in lieu of the part-time review.

What is the timeline for part-time faculty reviews?
Typically, reviews take place in the spring semester, although some departments prefer to begin the reviews in the fall semester. All part-time reviews must be completed, with review materials submitted to the Dean's Office, by June 15 of the current academic year. This year, reviews will take place in Spring 2020 and materials are due by June 15, 2020. Please email them to Isabel Garcia-Gonzales at igarci1@saic.edu.

What is the relationship between part-time reviews and multiyear contracts (MYCs)?
The part-time review process is one component of the multiyear contract recommendation process. Eligibility for a MYC is the point at which a part-time faculty member is reviewed by their primary department. The primary purpose of the part-time review is to provide performance and professional development feedback. The review will also be used to inform decisions about multiyear contracts; however, it is only one factor in the multiyear contract decision. Multiyear contracts are not guaranteed based solely on this review. Additional considerations for awarding multiyear contracts can be found on the Part-Time Faculty Dashboard in the documents “Adjunct Multiyear Contract Policies” and “Lecturer Multiyear Contract Policies.”

See chart below for a timeline of PT Faculty Reviews and Faculty Contract Processes.

What is the Standard Review version vs. the Short Review version?
The Short Review version is an option that the Department Head may decide to use if the part-time faculty member’s most recent review was either a Standard Review or an Adjunct Promotion Review, AND no performance issues have been noted since the most recent review. The Dean’s Office will note which faculty members are eligible for the Short Review version. Note that even when the Short Review is an option, the Department Head and/or Chair(s) may decide to still use the Standard Review, which provides a more in-depth opportunity to give feedback.

There are two differences between the Standard and Short Reviews: 1) the short version has an abbreviated written component and 2) a review meeting is optional for the short version (the faculty member may still request a meeting with the chair/reviewer(s)).
Is the Review Meeting required for the Standard Review?
Yes, as outlined in the Guidelines (#3) on the review form, a review meeting is a required part of the Standard Review process. If the reviewee chooses not to attend, the review meeting will take place in the reviewee’s absence.

Do Departments need to collect actual signatures for each review form?
Departments need to have a record of the faculty member’s receipt of the completed review form. This can be an actual signature on the form, or it can be an email from the reviewee confirming receipt of the completed form. Further instructions are on the review forms in Part IV.
## Part-Time Faculty Review and Faculty Contract Processes

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PART-TIME FACULTY REVIEW FORM: STANDARD VERSION

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**Department summary** *(personalize this section for your Department)*:
Each Department should add a brief description of what they are looking for within the realms of teaching and practice, as demonstrated by self-evaluation, CVs and syllabi, course evaluations, and any other evidence the Department feels is relevant and not unduly burdensome.

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Guidelines:
1. A part-time faculty review is mandatory for those eligible for multiyear contracts. Faculty must be reviewed in the academic year prior to the year in which they are eligible to be considered for a multiyear contract. There are a few exceptions to this, which are explained below in #7. Decisions about multiyear contracts cannot be made unless the faculty member’s part-time review is up-to-date.

2. Reviews will be conducted by the Department Head and/or Chair(s) and other designated full-time faculty members.

3. Reviewers and reviewees are required to read all review materials, including student course evaluations, in advance of the review meeting, to assure that meetings can be completed in a timely manner. Please note that a review meeting is a required part of the process, and will be conducted in the reviewee’s absence if the reviewee chooses not to attend.

4. Completed reviews will be filed in the Department office and will be maintained in a permanent and confidential file in the Dean's office.

5. This evaluation form will not be accepted without a complete and up to date curriculum vitae. Please refer to the Appendix for CV standards.

6. Department office will compile student course evaluations for the period of the review. Faculty will provide all syllabi, for the same period. Faculty should ensure that these records are complete and up to date.

7. Exceptions: Cases in which a part-time review is not required:
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**PART II: SELF-EVALUATION**

*To be completed by Reviewee*

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## PART III: REVIEWER(S) SECTION
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## PART IV: SIGNATURES

In lieu of Reviewee Signature, Department may instead keep an email record from reviewee confirming receipt of completed Faculty Review Form. In this case, enter the date of email confirmation in the Date field below.

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Faculty must submit a complete and up to date CV with the Review Form.

A Curriculum Vitae must include the following:

- Your name and contact information
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- Your complete educational history, institutions attended, and degrees and honors awarded
- Your present professional affiliations, memberships, and other credentials
- In separate categories as relevant:
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The Department has opted to use this Short Review form because the part-time faculty member/Reviewee (check only one):

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1. Please note what you consider to be highlights of your last review:

2. Please note changes in your CV since your last review:

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Check here if you want to have an in-person review meeting with the Chair/Reviewer(s) this year.

The next time you are eligible for a multiyear contract, you will have a Standard Review.
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Chair/Reviewer’s Short Review:

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