

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: CODE Revision, University Faculty – Standards for Recommending Appointment with Tenure: Community Engaged Teaching

MEETING DATE: November 30-December 1, 2017

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Current Board policy includes three standards for recommending appointment with tenure for university faculty under *Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 3.4.2*: Teaching/Performance of Assigned Duties; Research, Scholarly, Creative and Entrepreneurial Activity; and Service. The policy includes types of activities and accomplishments that may be used to demonstrate competence in each of the three standards.

UNR is preparing to apply for the 2020 Community Engagement Classification within the [Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education](#). This elective classification is awarded on a five-year cycle, and in 2015, the Carnegie Foundation selected 240 U.S. colleges and universities to receive this classification. Following is an overview of the Community Engagement Classification available through the [New England Resource Center for Higher Education](#) (NERCHE), which is responsible for providing information and resources to higher education institutions in the New England region.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

In order to qualify for the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, UNR must be able to demonstrate that the standards for tenure/promotion for university faculty under the Board of Regents Code include “community engagement” and that this criterion has been in place for at least one year.

UNR plans to apply for the 2020 Community Engagement Classification and applications are due in 2019. In order to have these amendments in effect by January 1, 2018 (and in place for at least one year prior to the upcoming application cycle), the Board of Regents is requested to approve this Code amendment at the November 30-December 1, 2017, meeting. The Code

3. Standard Three: Service

In addition to standards one and two, an academic faculty member being recommended for appointment with tenure must receive a "satisfactory" rating or better in the area of service, which may include, but not be limited to:

- (A) Membership and participation in professional organizations;
- (B) Ability to work with the faculty and students of the member institution in the best interests of the academic community and the people it serves, and to the extent that the job performance of the academic faculty member's administrative unit may not be otherwise adversely affected;
- (C) Service on university or System committees;
- (D) Recognition among colleagues for possessing integrity and the capacity for further significant intellectual and professional achievement; and
- (E) Recognition and respect outside the System community for participation in activities that use the faculty member's knowledge and expertise or further the mission of the institution, or that provide an opportunity for professional growth through *community engaged* interaction with industry, business, government, and other institutions of our society, within the state, the nation or the world.

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