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1 History, Mission, General Organization, and Governance

Preamble

This version of the Manual was created by the Faculty Manual Task Force (FMTF), a subcommittee of the Faculty Personnel Committee. FMTF began work on the Manual in 2006, with the intention of entirely rewriting the prior manual. The present manual was presented to the Faculty for approval in September, 2009, and to the Heidelberg Board of Trustees in February, 2010. It was initially implemented in September, 2010.

The Manual is organized into three sections, plus appendices. Section 1 provides an overview of the history, mission, organization and governance of the institution. Section 2 deals with contractual relationships between Faculty members and the University, including the rights and responsibilities of Faculty, terms of appointment and continuing employment, tenure and promotion procedures, separation from the University, and grievance procedures. Section 3 is primarily informational, addressing academic and administrative policies of interest to the Faculty. Appendix A contains the *Constitution of the General Faculty of Heidelberg University*. Appendix B contains a list of revisions to the Faculty Manual and the date of the last revision. Appendix C outlines the evaluation process (FEP) for full-time teaching faculty members.

University policies related to faculty might also appear in other campus publications, including the University Catalog, the Student Handbook, and various administrative memos. However, the Faculty Manual is a singularly important document, and should be regarded as the primary reference regarding the relationship between the University and individual Faculty members. As such, Heidelberg University views it as an extension of the employment contract. To ensure that the Manual remains current, it is continually maintained, and revised when needed by the Faculty Personnel Committee.

1.0.1 Maintaining and Amending the Faculty Manual

1.0.1.1 Faculty Personnel Committee

The Faculty Personnel Committee is responsible for maintaining and amending the Faculty Manual to keep it current and accurate. FPC brings all changes of any type to the General Faculty for approval. On approval by the General Faculty, the changes are recommended to the President. The President may then either announce final approval of the changes as specified below, refer the recommended changes to the Board of Trustees for final approval, or return the proposal to the General Faculty for further review.

1.0.1.2 Final Approval by the President or by the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees delegates authority to the President to approve changes that Board policy determines to be minor, such as reformatting, corrections of numbering and typographical errors, changes in employee titles, internal consistency updates, etc. The President shall report his or her approval of such changes at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. If the President determines that the changes require Board approval, as specified by the Board of Trustees, the President and the Provost will submit the proposed changes to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. If the Academic Affairs Committee approves the recommended changes, the changes are then submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval. In any case, either the President

or the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees may choose to return the proposal to the General Faculty for further review.

The Board of Trustees retains full authority over the Faculty Manual and may delegate any portion of that authority to the President that it deems appropriate.

1.0.1.3 Effective Date

All changes become effective immediately upon final approval by the President or the Board of Trustees, unless the proposal itself otherwise provides.

1.0.1.4 Publication

Following final approval of the changes by the President or the Board of Trustees, the Office of Academic Affairs will publish the revised Faculty Manual on the Heidelberg University Web site and elsewhere as soon as possible but no later than 14 calendar days after final approval.

[Add new Section 1.0.1, et seq. Approved by Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

1.1 History

Heidelberg was founded in 1850 by members of the German Reformed Church who named the University after the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563. Seeking to minister to the German population of Ohio, the founders of the University established a church-affiliated institution staffed by a largely theologically trained faculty. Into the 1890s and beyond, the ideal of training Christian scholars persisted as the goal of a Heidelberg education. No laymen served as President of the University until after World War II. Heidelberg tenured Faculty members were required to be members of a Christian faith until the early 1970s. Today, many of the staff and the students are not members of the United Church of Christ. This denomination was formed in 1957 by a merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Churches. In becoming an independent, church-related, liberal arts educational institution, Heidelberg has interpreted the educated person to be an individual who can articulate the relationship between academic learning and learning for life.

1.2 Mission and Goals

(Adopted by Heidelberg University Board of Trustees, October 11, 2003)

1.2.1 Mission Statement

Heidelberg University is a community of learning that promotes and nurtures intellectual, personal and professional development, leading to a life of purpose with distinction.

1.2.2 Statement of Educational Philosophy and Values

Heidelberg University, in the Liberal Arts tradition, educates persons who can act effectively and with integrity in a world of change. It cherishes academic excellence, honors knowledge, encourages original

research, and promotes a lifelong commitment to free inquiry. Heidelberg is dedicated to being a diverse community that challenges students to understand their cultural heritage and the contemporary world, to explore frontiers of knowledge, and to develop powers of mind and spirit. In keeping with its historic affiliation with the United Church of Christ, students, faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees work together to understand and respect diverse cultures, religions, and lifestyles. Heidelberg University develops individuals with high moral and ethical standards who are productive in their life's work, engaged in their communities, and responsible citizens of the world.

1.2.3 Statement of Institutional Goals

At the time of graduation, Heidelberg students will be capable of:

1. Demonstrating the breadth of knowledge and creative and critical thinking skills to fully participate as citizens of the changing world;
2. Synthesizing theory, knowledge and experience related to their majors;
3. Demonstrating the writing and speaking skills to communicate effectively within their disciplines;
4. Demonstrating the quantitative and problem-solving skills sufficient for their disciplines and for functioning in an increasingly technical society;
5. Demonstrating an awareness of their own cultures and a sensitivity to and appreciation of other cultures;
6. Valuing the quest for purpose, integrity, and spiritual growth;
7. Demonstrating an engagement with Heidelberg University and the local community, as well as with the nation and the world.

In the years following graduation, alumni will find that their experiences while at Heidelberg played an important role in:

8. Shaping their understanding and appreciation of the world;
9. Developing the abilities and strength of character to achieve their personal goals;
10. Developing the capacity and willingness to contribute in a positive and constructive way to the communities in which they live and to Heidelberg University.

1.2.4 Accreditation and Affiliation

The list of current accreditation agencies and statuses is available on the University's website.

1.3 Institutional Governance

According to the Board of Trustees Bylaws (approved November, 2004), the University is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees consisting of between 20 and 32 members, in addition to the President of the University who is a full voting member. The President is elected by the Board and is the chief executive officer and administrative head of the institution, furnishing educational leadership and administrative direction for all University activities. The President retains ultimate responsibility for the University under the Board. The Provost of the University serves as the chief academic officer of the institution. The General Faculty of Heidelberg University has principal responsibility for development of the academic policies of the University. The Faculty helps develop long-range strategic planning for the University and advises the administration on matters concerning the general welfare of the institution. In addition to the President and Provost of the University, the administrative officers of the University include the Vice Presidents for Administration, Enrollment, and Institutional Advancement, and the Dean of Student Affairs. Full texts of the Charter, Amended Articles of Incorporation, *and* Bylaws and Standing Resolutions of the Board of Trustees are available through the Office of the President of the University.

1.3.1 Board of Trustees

Article I of the Bylaws of the Heidelberg University Board of Trustees (November, 2004) describes the authority and responsibilities of the Board. Article I, Section 1 appears below; the remainder of Article I and the other Bylaws of the Board of Trustees are available on the University's website.

Article I. Board Authority and Responsibilities

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall have and exercise those corporate powers prescribed by law. Its ultimate authority is affirmed through its general, academic, and financial policy-making functions and its responsibility for the financial health and welfare of the corporation. The Board of Trustees shall exercise ultimate institutional authority as set forth in its bylaws and in such other policy documents it deems to be appropriate. The Board's bylaws and other board policies shall take precedence over all other institutional statements, documents, and policies.

1.3.2 President

The President is elected by the Board of Trustees and is the chief executive officer and administrative head of the institution, furnishing educational leadership and administrative direction for all University activities. The President retains ultimate responsibility for the University under the Board. The President is a member of the Faculty, and an *ex officio* member of all Faculty committees.

1.3.3 Academic Governance

Academic governance of the University is a shared responsibility between the Provost of the University and the Faculty. The Provost provides academic leadership to the institution. The Faculty organizes itself, according to the Faculty Constitution.

1.3.3.1 Academic Affairs

1.3.3.1.1 Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University

The Provost of the University is appointed by the President. The Provost is a member of the General Faculty, and an *ex officio* member of all Faculty committees. The duties of the Provost include:

- A. Leading Academic Affairs both internally and externally
- B. Representing Academic Affairs on President's Cabinet and to the Board of Trustees
- C. Working with the President and other vice-presidents toward strategic goals, especially Academic Excellence
- D. Responsibility for hiring faculty
- E. Working with the Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC) on promotion, tenure, and termination decisions.
- F. Working with faculty committees to organize and govern the business of Academic Affairs, including curriculum, policies and procedures, and assessment of student learning
- G. Promoting innovative programs, pedagogy, curricula, and research
- H. Developing academic programs and collaborations with other institutions
- I. Overseeing the Faculty Evaluation and Annual Review processes
- J. Overseeing periodic programmatic reviews
- K. Monitoring and insuring that accreditation requirements are met, where applicable
- L. Monitoring and insuring that assessment of student learning takes place
- M. Oversight of budgets for Academic Affairs
- N. Oversight of academic facilities and equipment such as classrooms, faculty offices, laboratories, the Library, and information technology
- O. Hearing appeals of student or faculty personnel issues
- P. Appointing Deans, Directors, and Chairs of individual academic schools.

1.3.3.1.2 Dean of an Academic Unit

For vacant administrative positions in Academic Affairs, the Provost will either direct a search according to the procedures listed in the document, "Search Committee Procedures for Hiring Administrators," or the Provost may appoint an individual subject to approval by the President

Deans will serve Academic Affairs and promote Academic Excellence by:

- A. Facilitating communication among Faculty, Chairs and Directors, and Administration regarding academic policies, procedures, and concerns;
- B. Assisting in hiring procedures, orientation, and performance reviews for Chairs, Faculty, adjunct faculty, or related administrative/ staff positions;
- C. Approving and overseeing academic budget concerns (such as adjunct and overload contracts, conference and travel requests from faculty); assisting with other budgetary

- requests
- D. Coordinating academic schedules
- E. Assisting in recruitment efforts of the University and orientation of students
- F. Handling student academic concerns, such as grade appeals, scheduling issues, academic dishonesty cases, final exam changes, etc.
- G. Working with administration and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to develop and support strategic initiatives and programs
- H. Working with external bodies to develop and maintain professional accreditation for respective programs.

1.3.3.1.3 Chairs

The Provost works with the unit to choose a Chair.

The Chair is available to other members of the unit for advice and counsel. The Chair shall be consulted first when disputes arise involving unit members. The Chair, counsels Faculty members in the department on professional matters, and provides recommendations concerning sabbatical leaves and other personnel actions pertaining to members of the unit. Chairs serve as the primary evaluator in the faculty evaluation process.

The Chair arranges the teaching schedule for the unit after consultation with the faculty and coordination with related units, and in accordance with guidelines from the Provost and Registrar. The Chair submits required personnel forms for full-time positions and recommends appointment of part-time and adjunct faculty, as appropriate, to the Provost. The Chair coordinates appropriate academic matters with other Chairs/Directors/Deans.

The Chair is responsible, within the limit of the teaching capability in the unit, for insuring that classes are conducted as scheduled. The classes of absent members should be covered, preferably by another instructor or by prior arrangement for substitute work. Postponement of work to be accomplished at another time is an acceptable alternative only if more effective means of meeting the teaching obligation to the class cannot be developed.

Chair organize and conduct meetings of the unit faculty. The need for meetings within a unit will vary with the scope of activities and related matters. Each unit should ideally hold a meeting of the faculty at least once a month at a time when members can be present for an uninterrupted meeting.

The Chair is responsible for ensuring that their majors are properly advised.

Chairs are responsible for institutional program reviews of the curriculum and for a continuing assessment of the curriculum. Relevant data should include, but is not limited to graduation rates, placement data, and assessment of relevant learning outcomes and objectives. .

Chairs, upon request by the Provost, will provide to the Provost an annual report for the programs.

The Chair, after consulting other members of the unit, prepares an annual budget request for support of programmatic activities in accordance with a timetable and procedure outlined by the Provost. The Chair administers the approved budget to fulfill teaching responsibilities and activities within the limits of the approved budget. The chair oversees any appropriate endowments or roll-over fund accounts to ensure funds are being utilized responsibly.

The Chair attends Chairs meetings and coordinates appropriate academic matters with other University Offices such as the Registrar, Admissions, Marketing, Owen Center, and Library Services .

1.3.3.1.4 Directors of Accredited Programs

Program Directors have responsibilities associated with programmatic accrediting bodies, which are briefly described below.

To comply with programmatic accreditation, their responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- A. Ensuring quality and integrity of the program,
- B. Meeting clinical/internship requirements,
- C. Reviewing and revising curriculum,
- D. Preparing and submitting required documentation for accreditation reports,
- E. Evaluating programmatic outcomes and tracking student outcomes, and
- F. Other duties as assigned, per accreditation requirements.

In addition, Program Directors may be asked to attend administrative meetings as requested, assist chair with arranging the teaching schedules, and coordinate appropriate academic matters with other Chair/Directors, University Offices (Registrar, Admissions, Director of Library Services, Owen Center, etc.) and/or the Provost's Office. Program Directors may also collaborate with Admission and Marketing to promote the program both internally and externally and recruit prospective and current students. They may also assist the chair with preparing and administering an annual budget request for support of activities in accordance with a timetable and procedure outlined by the Provost.

[Dean and Chair positions clarified October 2025; Accredited Program Directors added October 2025]

1.3.4 University Committees and Councils

In addition to the elected committees described in the Faculty Constitution, University Committees and Councils consist of appointed members, or a combination of elected and appointed members.

1.3.4.1 Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR)

The FAR serves as the liaison between the Faculty and the athletic department. The FAR certifies the academic eligibility of student athletes on team rosters, and serves as the Faculty representative to the Ohio Athletic Conference and the NCAA. In addition, the FAR ensures that the institution establishes and maintains the appropriate balance between academics and intercollegiate athletics.

The FAR is appointed by the President of the University.

1.3.4.2 Faculty Marshal's Committee

The committee consists of four representatives appointed by the Provost from members of the Faculty.

The committee assists in the planning of campus ceremonies such as Opening Convocation and Commencement, and members serve as marshals for faculty and students at those events.

1.3.4.3 Honors Committee

The committee consists of three Faculty members appointed annually by the Provost, and three honors students appointed annually by the Faculty members of the committee. The Director of the Honors Program and a Provost Designee are non-voting members of the committee. The committee oversees the University Honors Program.

1.3.4.4 Institutional Review Board

The Board consists of six Faculty members, elected for 3-year terms. An appropriately qualified individual from outside the Heidelberg community is appointed by the Provost. The Institutional Review Board reviews and approves proposals for research which uses human subjects, and assures that the proposals comply with appropriate state and federal regulations.

1.3.4.5 Strategic Budgeting Committee Faculty

The Strategic Budgeting Committee consists of four members elected by the General Faculty, who serve as an advisory body to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The committee assists in providing guidance on the budgetary impact of curriculum, programs, and schools within Academic Affairs. Members may be asked to join relevant ad hoc University committees when needed.

[University committees revised to delete defunct committees and clarify charges October 2025]

2 Contractual Relationships between the University and members of the General Faculty.

Contractual relationships exist between individual Faculty members and the University. The relationships described in this section pertain to the Faculty as individuals, and not to the deliberative body known as the General Faculty.

2.1 Deliberative Body

The General Faculty (consisting of those designated in Article I, Section 2 of the Faculty Constitution) is a deliberative body with duties and responsibilities designated in Article II, Section 1 of the Faculty Constitution. Some members of the General Faculty do not hold academic rank, and are not governed by the Faculty Manual.

2.2 Definition of Faculty Status

The General Faculty of the University is composed of:

- A. the President of the University

- B. the Provost of the University
- C. full-time employees of the University who hold the academic rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, or other academic rank designated by the President and approved by the General Faculty
- D. other employees of the University as specified in the Constitution of the General Faculty.

2.2.1 Ranked Full-time Faculty

Full-time Faculty hold the academic ranks of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor. Full-time appointments may be tenured, tenure-track, or non-tenure track, according to the contractual status with the University. A full-time Faculty teaching load generally consists of 24 credit hours in an academic year. Some departments and programs, due to performance- and/or laboratory-based coursework and/or accreditation requirements, calculate full-time Faculty loads according to alternate guidelines. Such guidelines are determined by the Provost in consultation with the department chair/program director and FPC; guidelines can be found in the Office of the Provost. In addition to teaching responsibilities, full-time Faculty participate in the governance of the University by serving on committees, hold voting rights on the General Faculty, serve as academic advisors, and perform other duties by agreement with the Provost of the University. Ranked Full-time Faculty may receive partial or full release from their teaching duties in order to conduct research or perform administrative assignments. Regardless of the contractual arrangement, such releases do not affect the employee's standing as a ranked full-time Faculty member.

[Added definition of full-time Faculty load and statement on guidelines for alternate calculation of load. Approved by the Board of Trustees, per Section 1.0.1, October 2020]

2.2.2 Ranked Significant Part-Time Instructional Staff

Significant Part-Time instructional staff positions are designated by the Provost as having special significance to the academic programs of the University. These positions have responsibilities comprising one-half or more of a full academic teaching load. Significant Part-time instructional staff are eligible for certain benefits, including participation in the employee health-care plan, in accordance with the terms and conditions, and subject to the eligibility requirements, set forth in that plan. Significant Part-time instructional staff are eligible to hold the academic rank of Instructor, or Assistant Professor, subject to qualifications in Section 2.2.7, 2.2.8, and 2.2.9 of the Faculty Manual. Significant Part-time instructional staff are not members of the General Faculty and are not eligible to participate in University governance through committee service unless they are granted membership in the General Faculty according to the provisions of the Constitution of the General Faculty.

2.2.3 Adjunct Instructional Staff

Adjunct instructional staff are contracted to teach on a per-course basis, and normally teach less than a full-time annual teaching load. Adjunct instructional staff are eligible to hold the title of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, or another title proposed by the Provost and approved by FPC. The title of Senior Lecturer is reserved for adjunct instructors who have taught at least 20 courses at Heidelberg or who have taught at the University for at least 10 semesters. Adjunct instructional staff are not considered to have academic rank as designated in Sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2. Adjunct instructional staff are not eligible for University benefits. Adjunct instructional staff are subject to the Criteria for Personnel action and other responsibilities stated

under 2.2.7 and 2.9.

[Added full-time to annual teaching load. Approved by the Board of Trustees, per Section 1.0.1, October 2020]

2.2.4 Emeritus/Emerita Faculty

Upon retirement or later, the title of Emeritus/Emerita Faculty may be conferred by recommendation of the Faculty Personnel Committee to the President and confirmation by the Board of Trustees. Request for appointment to Emeritus may be initiated by the Provost, the Chair/Director, or by individual Faculty members. The request must be accompanied by a Letter of Support to FPC addressing the candidate's outstanding contributions to Heidelberg in any or all of the areas of teaching, service, and scholarship at Heidelberg. Appointment to Emeritus requires a minimum of 10 years service prior to retirement at Heidelberg, at the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor. Appointment to Emeritus Faculty may be at the rank of Emeritus Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Emeritus Professor. Emeritus status confers certain privileges, including:

- A. participation in the University email system;
- B. use of library and campus facilities;
- C. use of office and/or research space, upon availability and assignment by the Provost of the University.

[Add Emeritus Assistant Professor. Approved by the Board of Trustees, per Section 1.0.1, June 2021.]

2.2.5 Administrators with Academic Rank

The President of the University, the Provost of the University, the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (or other designee of the Provost's Office), academic Associate Deans, Deans, and Directors normally hold academic rank, and thus are members of the General Faculty. The President, with or without academic rank, is a member of the General Faculty by the Ohio Revised Code 1713.08. In addition, other employees with administrative appointments who demonstrate adequate professional credentials may be granted academic rank by action of the Faculty Personnel Committee and the President of the University.

2.2.6 Special Academic Staff and Coaches

These positions may involve responsibilities including, but not limited to, athletics, athletic training, forensics/speech, music, or other designated positions which involve specialized work outside the classroom. These employees may be granted academic rank, depending upon the specific requirements of the position, and frequently combine classroom teaching with other work designated by the University. These positions may be full-time or part-time.

2.2.7 Criteria for Personnel Action

Criteria to be used at Heidelberg University for consideration personnel actions are as follows. These criteria may be modified or superseded by a Memorandum of Understanding from the Provost in collaboration with FPC as specified in Section 2.2.9.5.4 of the Faculty Manual or by the University's adoption of requirements of an outside accrediting agency.

Full-time teaching Faculty members are considered to be a subset of Ranked Full-time Faculty as defined in Section 2.2.1. Specifically, full-time teaching Faculty members are defined as full-time University employees who (1) hold academic rank, (2) have regular teaching duties, and (3) do not have a 12-month administrative appointment that specifies regular teaching duties. A full-time teaching Faculty member may have a reduced teaching load as specified in Section 2.2.1.

All criteria in this section apply unless otherwise specified in a Faculty member's letter of appointment and/or memorandum of understanding. Such exceptions must be determined by the Provost in consultation with FPC.

2.2.7.1 Teaching—Applies to All Academic Instructional Staff, Regardless of Employment Status

All academic instructional staff are required to fulfill the Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching (2.2.7.1.1) and to demonstrate Excellence in Teaching (2.2.7.1.2).

2.2.7.1.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching; all of the following:

- A. distributing a course syllabus according to guidelines established by the University and the instructor's academic unit;
- B. conducting classes during the times assigned by the Registrar's Office, including the final exam period, and meeting the Ohio Department of Higher Education requirements for formalized instruction;
- C. maintaining office hours and/or availability to students outside of scheduled class times. Office hours/appointment slots must be available in the modality of each course taught; a minimum of three hours per week for full-time faculty;
- D. communicating with students regarding academic progress throughout the semester;
- E. covering material consistent with the course description;
- F. utilizing and clearly articulating assessment and grading practices that accurately measure student learning and align with course outcomes;
- G. submitting grades and other student information required by administrative offices (e.g., Registrar's Office, Student Affairs, Owen Center for Teaching & Learning) by the deadlines established by those offices);
- H. participating in the establishment of academic program learning outcomes and, in the University's, assessment program;
- I. fulfilling Faculty-mandated course components for courses in the general education program and courses fulfilling graduation requirements;
- J. administering an institutionally Approved Method for soliciting student input;
- K. complying with all reasonable accommodations issued by the Office of Student Accessibility Services.
- L. completing all assigned components of the faculty evaluation process, by stated deadlines.

[Added responsibility D. Approved by the President, per Section 1.0.1, March 2020]

[Added learning outcomes to responsibility H. Approved by the President, per Section 1.0.1, May 2020]

[Revised responsibility B, C, G; added responsibility F & L, per Section 1.0.1, August 2025]

2.2.7.1.2 Excellence in Teaching; indicators may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. clearly articulating and helping students to meet the learning outcomes described in the course syllabus;
- B. utilizing pedagogy matching best practices in one's discipline;
- C. employing imaginative, innovative pedagogy;
- D. expanding student exposure to current or cutting-edge trends within the discipline or interdisciplinary connections;
- E. challenging students through intellectually stimulating course content and classroom practices.
- F. utilizing equitable and accessible course design and teaching practices;
- G. reflecting on assessments, the Approved Method of student input, professional development, alumni outcomes, and other data to continually adapt and improve courses.

[Added introduction; eliminated original criteria D; added new criteria D; added new criteria F & G. August 2025]

2.2.7.2 Professional Development and Activity—Applies to All Full-Time Teaching Faculty

All Full-Time Teaching Faculty are required to demonstrate both Professional Development Related to Teaching (2.2.7.2.1) and Professional Development and/or Activity Related to the Faculty Member's Academic Fields (2.2.7.2.2).

The list of indicators for each sub-criterion is illustrative and not definitive or restrictive; other indicators may be supplied. The University expects engagement in both areas of professional development and activity but makes no requirements as to amounts or types of engagement in either area.

2.2.7.2.1 Professional Development Related to Teaching; indicators may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. participating in professional development opportunities on campus, in addition to the opening faculty workshops;
- B. participating in a peer mentoring program;
- C. participating in a classroom-observation program;
- D. participating in conferences, programs, workshops, courses, training, or other professional activities related to teaching, in general, or specifically to the teaching of their academic field;
- E. presenting at, organizing, or leading any of the above.

[Revised criteria A; deleted criteria D-F; added new criteria D. August 2025]

2.2.7.2.2 Professional Development and/or Professional Activity Related to the Faculty Member's Academic Fields or to the Scholarship of Teaching; indicators may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. publishing peer-reviewed books, book chapters, articles, creative works, text books, or other materials related to their academic fields or to the scholarship of teaching;
- B. publishing non-refereed materials related to their academic fields or to the scholarship of teaching;
- C. participating in professional performances, exhibits, presentations or similar activities related to their academic fields or to the scholarship of teaching;
- D. engaging in research or creative production related to their academic fields or to the scholarship of teaching;
- E. engaging in programs of study aimed at improving knowledge in their academic fields or to the scholarship of teaching;
- F. participating in professional organizations (committee membership, executive positions, review panels, etc.);
- G. submitting and/or obtaining grants to fund research or other professional activities.
- H. Mentoring student scholarly activity, related to any of the above categories.

[Added criteria H. August 2025]

2.2.7.3 Engagement in the Life of the University—Applies to All Full-Time Teaching Faculty

All Full-Time Teaching Faculty are required to fulfill the Basic Responsibilities Related to Participating in the Life of the University (2.2.7.3.1) and to demonstrate engagement in the life of the University relative to each of the sub-criteria: Participation in the Shared Governance and other service to the University (2.2.7.3.2); Attendance at Academic, Cultural, Artistic and/or Athletic Events on Campus (2.2.7.3.3); Service to the Faculty Member's Academic Unit (2.2.7.3.4); and Service to the Community Beyond the University (2.2.7.3.5).

[Revised August 2025]

2.2.7.3.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Engaging in the Life of the University; all of the following:

- A. making themselves available on campus, unless otherwise specified in a letter of appointment or MOU, for teaching assignments, meetings, workshops and other activities on Monday through Friday of each week during the academic year when classes are in session;
- B. participating in the academic advising program according to the guidelines established by the University and the instructor's academic unit or, for Faculty members with predominantly graduate teaching responsibilities, participating in academic advising for their respective programs;
- C. attending department and other academic unit meetings, General Faculty Meetings, Commencement, and Convocation.
- D. participating in Faculty Opening Workshops for fall and spring semesters
- E. responding to communications from administration, faculty, staff, and students in a timely manner.

The University expects engagement in all sub-criteria but makes no requirements as to amounts or types of engagement in any of them. The list of indicators for the sub-criteria are illustrative, not definitive or restrictive; other indicators may be supplied.

[Revised criteria A & C; added criteria E August 2025; added final paragraph August 2025]

2.2.7.3.2 Participation in the Shared Governance of the University; indicators may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. standing for election to and, if elected, serving on elected Faculty committees and/or appointed committees and task forces, including search committees. Seeking additional opportunities to contribute to university service, if not elected to a faculty committee;
- B. standing for election to and, if elected, serving as Faculty Chair, Faculty Secretary, Parliamentarian, or Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees;
- C. participating in recruitment and admissions activities, such as Scholars Days, open houses, prospective student meetings, etc.;
- D. advising student organizations;
- E. participating in Welcome Week activities;
- F. participating in or planning student-sponsored or University-sponsored events;
- G. cultivating and maintaining relationships with donors in cooperation with the Office of Institutional Advancement;
- H. participating in task forces, ad hoc committees, or other forms of university service.

[Revised criteria A and B; eliminated criteria D; added criteria D, E, F, G & H. August 2025]

2.2.7.3.3 Attendance at academic, cultural, artistic and/or athletic events on campus.

Attendance at academic, cultural, artistic, and athletic events on campus is crucial for faculty as it fosters a deeper connection with the campus community and enhances their engagement with students beyond the classroom, as well as their faculty and staff colleagues. By participating in these events, faculty can gain insights into student interests and talents which can enrich their teaching and mentorship. Additionally, their presence at such events models the value of lifelong learning and community involvement, demonstrating to students the importance of a well-rounded educational experience.

[Added explanatory paragraph August 2025]

2.2.7.3.4 Service to the Faculty Member's Academic Unit (department, division, school, etc.); indicators may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. participating in programmatic assessments;
- B. contributing to department/program reports to appropriate accrediting bodies as assigned;
- C. participating in student recruitment activities-specific to the academic unit;
- D. engaging with alumni and/or potential donors specific to the academic unit;
- E. contributing to curriculum updates, or developing new courses or programs;

- F. taking on new, or additional, teaching responsibilities when needed;
- G. completing other duties appropriate to furthering the goals of the academic unit.

[Eliminated original criteria A & B; added criteria D, E, F. August 2025]

2.2.7.3.5 Service to the Community Beyond the University; indicators may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. incorporating service learning into coursework;
- B. participating in University-sponsored service opportunities;
- C. participating in community organizations;
- D. attending community events;
- E. representing Heidelberg at community events.

[Eliminated 2.2.7.3.5 Service to the University (incorporated elsewhere) August 2025. Renumbered Service to the Community Beyond the University August 2025]

2.2.7.4 Professional and Ethical Relationships—Applies to All Academic Instructional Staff, Regardless of Employment Status

Instructors must maintain professional and ethical relationships with students, Faculty colleagues and instructors, administrators, and staff members of the University. The University identifies components of “professional and ethical relationships” in adopting the following Statement on Professional Ethics of the American Association of University Professors. The components of the AAUP Statement are illustrative and aspirational, not definitive or restrictive; other indicators may be supplied, and the University makes no requirements as to any specific component of the AAUP Statement.

- A. Professors, guided by a deep conviction of the worth and dignity of the advancement of knowledge, recognize the special responsibilities placed upon them. Their primary responsibility to their subject is to seek and to state the truth as they see it. To this end professors devote their energies to developing and improving their scholarly competence. They accept the obligation to exercise critical self-discipline and judgment in using, extending, and transmitting knowledge. They practice intellectual honesty. Although professors may follow subsidiary interests, these interests must never seriously hamper or compromise their freedom of inquiry.
- B. As teachers, professors encourage the free pursuit of learning in their students. They hold before them the best scholarly and ethical standards of their discipline. Professors demonstrate respect for students as individuals and adhere to their proper roles as intellectual guides and counselors. Professors make every reasonable effort to foster honest academic conduct and to ensure that their evaluations of students reflect each student’s true merit. They respect the confidential nature of the relationship between professor and student. They avoid any exploitation, harassment, or discriminatory treatment of students. They acknowledge significant academic or scholarly assistance from them. They protect their academic freedom.
- C. As colleagues, professors have obligations that derive from common membership in the community of scholars. Professors do not discriminate against or harass colleagues. They respect and defend the free inquiry of associates. In the exchange of criticism and ideas

professors show due respect for the opinions of others. Professors acknowledge academic debt and strive to be objective in their professional judgment of colleagues. Professors accept their share of faculty responsibilities for the governance of their institution.

- D. As members of an academic institution, professors seek above all to be effective teachers and scholars. Although professors observe the stated regulations of the institution, provided the regulations do not contravene academic freedom, they maintain their right to criticize and seek revision. Professors give due regard to their paramount responsibilities within their institution in determining the amount and character of work done outside it. When considering the interruption or termination of their service, professors recognize the effect of their decision upon the program of the institution and give due notice of their intentions.
- E. As members of their community, professors have the rights and obligations of other citizens. Professors measure the urgency of these obligations in the light of their responsibilities to their subject, to their students, to their profession, and to their institution. When they speak or act as private persons, they avoid creating the impression of speaking or acting for their university. As citizens engaged in a profession that depends upon freedom for its health and integrity, professors have a particular obligation to promote conditions of free inquiry and to further public understanding of academic freedom.

The above list of Criteria for Personnel Action are considered as the responsibilities associated with instructional positions, as referenced in 2.9.2

2.2.8 Qualifications for Appointment to Rank

The following minimum academic requirements (in terms of graduate credit and time of service) shall be regarded as prerequisites for initial appointment to academic rank. The applicability of “equivalent professional experience” in this section is determined by the Provost in consultation with FPC on a case-by-case basis and may include non-academic experience at Heidelberg or elsewhere.

Qualifications for promotion to rank are described in 2.2.9.

The prerequisite qualifications for appointment to the several academic ranks shall be as follows:

2.2.8.1 Qualifications for appointment to rank of Instructor:

Minimum of a Master’s Degree in teaching area; completion of most or all of the requirements for the doctorate or equivalent; prior teaching experience highly desirable.

2.2.8.2 Qualifications for appointment to rank of Assistant Professor:

Doctoral degree or terminal degree equivalent recognized by Heidelberg in the Faculty member’s teaching area, or twenty semester hours of graduate study beyond the Master’s degree in the teacher’s major field and/or in fields which bear directly on the major field, to be completed either in a school or with a professional mentor/artist teacher. Successful teaching experience in higher education or equivalent professional experience is desirable.

2.2.8.3 Qualifications for appointment to rank of Associate Professor:

Doctoral degree or terminal degree equivalent recognized by Heidelberg in the Faculty member’s teaching area; Evidence of outstanding achievement in teaching, service, and professional activity. A minimum of

six years of full-time work at the rank of Assistant Professor, or equivalent professional experience is expected.

2.2.8.4 Qualifications for appointment to rank of Professor:

Doctoral degree or terminal degree equivalent recognized by Heidelberg in the Faculty member's teaching area; Evidence of continuing excellence in teaching, service, and professional activity. A minimum of six years of full-time work at the rank of Associate Professor or equivalent professional experience is expected.

2.2.8.5 Criteria for Equivalent Professional Experience of Faculty

Heidelberg has established the following criteria as the minimum threshold for faculty members (whether full-time, part-time, or adjunct) to qualify via equivalent professional experience if they do not hold at least a Master's degree in the subject area:

A Bachelor's degree and evidence of at least two of the following:

- A. at least four years of significant professional experience in a field related to the discipline to be taught
- B. Current licensure or certification in the discipline
- C. Two or more years teaching in the discipline at the collegiate level
- D. For foreign language instructors: Demonstrated fluency (using the proficiency standards of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) in the foreign language being taught
- E. At least 18 credit hours of graduate-level academic coursework in the field of the course being taught
- F. A current body of relevant scholarly or creative work
- G. Earned continuing education units in the discipline
- H. Other experiences or credentials that provide the prospective instructor with a perspective that will benefit students in the discipline

The Faculty Personnel Committee, in conjunction with the Provost and the applicable Chair/Director, will assess evidence provided by the candidate to determine if the above criteria have been met and provide the Provost, the Chair/Director, and the Chief Human Resources Officer with a written statement noting the Committee's determination and rationale. The Provost, in consultation with the Chief Human Resources Officer, will include this information in a memorandum of understanding.

2.2.9 Qualifications for Promotion to Rank

The following minimum academic requirements (in terms of graduate credit and time of service) shall be regarded as prerequisites for serious consideration for promotion, but do not in themselves constitute an automatic claim to promotion. The applicability of "equivalent professional experience" in this section is determined by the Provost in consultation with FPC on a case-by-case basis and may include non-academic experience at Heidelberg or elsewhere. In determining eligibility for promotion of an instructor with Significant Part-Time status, the following equivalence will apply: no less than two years of Significant Part-Time work shall equal one year of full-time work, as determined by the Provost in consultation with FPC.

Outstanding achievement in teaching, service, and/or professional activity shall provide the basis for consideration for promotion. Additional criteria are listed in 2.2.7.

The prerequisite qualifications for promotion to the several academic ranks shall be as follows:

2.2.9.1 Qualifications for promotion to rank of Assistant Professor:

Terminal degree or terminal degree equivalent recognized by Heidelberg in the Faculty member's teaching area, or twenty semester hours of graduate study beyond the Master's degree in the teacher's major field and/or in fields which bear directly on the major field, to be completed either in a school or with a professional mentor/artist teacher. Appropriate professional activity and a minimum of two years successful teaching experience or equivalent professional experience is required to apply.

2.2.9.2 Qualifications for promotion to rank of Associate Professor:

Doctoral degree or terminal degree equivalent recognized by Heidelberg in the Faculty member's teaching area; Evidence of outstanding achievement in teaching, service, and professional activity. A minimum of six years of full-time work at the rank of Assistant Professor or equivalent professional experience is required to apply. For Faculty hired prior to July 2016, a minimum of four years teaching experience is required.

2.2.9.3 Qualifications for promotion to rank of Professor:

Doctoral degree or terminal degree equivalent recognized by Heidelberg in the Faculty member's teaching area; Evidence of continuing excellence in teaching, service, and professional activity. A minimum of six years of full-time work at the rank of Associate Professor or equivalent professional experience is required to apply.

2.2.9.4 Requests for Promotion

After consultation between the Faculty member and the Chair/Director, requests for promotion are sent by the applicant to the Faculty Personnel Committee, with a Promotion Portfolio supporting the request.

2.2.9.4.1 What the Promotion Portfolio Includes:

- A. An introduction to the portfolio (see 2.2.9.4.2);
- B. A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Promotion (see 2.2.9.4.3);
- C. Documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle for years since the last Tenure Progress Portfolio or Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio, or appointment;
 - 1. Full-time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.A and 2.6.3; Note that included in the documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle, Full-time Teaching Faculty Members completing their Faculty Self-Evaluations are required to refer to the results of an Approved Method in completing their discussion of teaching.
 - 2. Instructors Other than Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.B and 2.6.4
- D. Curriculum vitae;
- E. Statement of Teaching Philosophy;
- F. Letter(s) of Support from colleagues (optional);

- G. Appendices to the Promotion Portfolio;
- H. Other materials as specified by FPC and the Provost.

[Added reference to Non-Tenure-Track Portfolios in (C). Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

2.2.9.4.2 Introduction to the Portfolio:

The introduction to the portfolio, no longer than 3500 words, should provide an overview of the materials contained in the portfolio, highlighting any items—including appendices—the candidate wishes to emphasize. The introduction must address specifically how any deficiencies noted in any documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle (see 2.6.3 and 2.2.9.4.4) have been addressed and corrected. Faculty members are encouraged to review their personnel files prior to submitting tenure progress portfolios.

2.2.9.4.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Promotion:

A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for a Promotion Portfolio is different than the Evaluation by a Faculty Evaluator written as a part of the two-year evaluation cycle. For the Letter of Evaluation, the Chair/Director shall consult with the full-time tenured Faculty of the department. If the applicant is the Chair/Director, the Provost will designate a full-time Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg to fill the Chair/Director's role as outlined in this section. The Provost may approve another designee based on a recommendation from the Chair/Director or the Faculty Personnel Committee.

In the case of departments with fewer than three full-time tenured Faculty, the Chair/Director and the Faculty member will each designate one Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg from a disciplinarily related department to provide input. The consultation may be via a group meeting, written contact, or meeting with individual Faculty members. The letter shall reflect input from and be signed by all contributors.

In addition, any full-time Faculty member in the applicant's department may submit letters to FPC concerning the promotion request. The letters will be added to the Portfolio.

[Revised contributors to the Departmental Letter. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2021.]

2.2.9.4.4 Documents Related to the Two-Year Faculty Evaluation Process Cycle

The portfolio must include all relevant materials from each portion of the faculty evaluation process as detailed in Appendix C.

[Revised title; eliminated of criteria, added pointer to Appendix C. August 2025]

2.2.9.4.5 Materials Considered in the Recommendation Regarding Promotion

The Faculty Personnel Committee must base its recommendation regarding promotion solely on materials submitted in the Promotion Portfolio. In some instances, the Provost may bring additional information or documents—including materials from the applicant's Faculty Personnel File—to the attention of the Faculty Personnel Committee prior to them making their recommendation, but the Provost must provide the candidate a written description of the information that he or she shared with the Faculty Personnel

Committee within one week of the Provost's communication with the Faculty Personnel Committee.

The candidate shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the candidate has been provided with a written description of the information shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee to submit a written response to the Faculty Personnel Committee.

2.2.9.4.6 Recommendation Regarding Promotion

After examining all materials, the Faculty Personnel Committee will vote on the promotion request and send a recommendation to the Provost of the University, who will then make a recommendation to the President. The Provost will notify the Faculty member, FPC, and Chair/Director/Dean of the result of the promotion request after confirmation by the Board of Trustees.

[Added reference to FPC and Dean in last paragraph. Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

2.2.9.5 Alternative Standards for Appointment, Promotion or Tenure

The University reserves the right to establish alternative standards for the appointment, promotion and tenure of individuals.

2.2.9.5.1 Written request for alternative standards

A Department Chair or Search Committee wishing to establish alternative standards for the appointment, promotion or tenure of members of the instructional staff or new hires to fill a vacancy or newly created position shall submit a written request to FPC with a copy to the Provost. The written request of the Department Chair or Search Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. a complete listing of the desired alternative standards;
- B. a statement of the rationale for the alternative standards;
- C. the type of appointment and the academic ranks for which the individual receiving the appointment may eventually qualify, with a statement of the proposed requirements for promotion to each rank;
- D. an explicit statement as to whether the alternative standards will require new, different or additional study and academic credentials and, if so, a statement as to what those may include; and
- E. a statement as to whether the alternative standards are to be in addition to the Criteria For Personnel Action set forth in Sections 2.2.7, 2.2.8 and 2.2.9 or as permitted by those sections, in lieu of those requirements.

2.2.9.5.2 FPC review of request for alternative standards

FPC, in reviewing the written request, may consult with such other Faculty Committees and Faculty members as they deem may be helpful, including but not limited to the Department Chair and/ or the members of the Search Committee making the request, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and, where appropriate, Graduate School personnel and committees. In preparing their comments and recommendations on the request for the Provost, FPC shall give due consideration to, among other factors:

- A. the nature of the position to be changed, created or filled;

- B. the academic needs or projected academic or program needs the position to be filled, created or changed would meet;
- C. the need for flexibility, including hiring and retention flexibility, in the department or cross-department academic program in which the position exists or into which it is to be placed; and
- D. the need for the University to exercise financial care and prudence in the making of hiring and retention commitments.

2.2.9.5.3 Provost's recommendation about request for alternative standards

The Provost, after consultation with FPC and after having received FPC's written recommendation, shall decide whether to recommend approval or denial of the request and forward the recommendation to the President. FPC may also send its written recommendation to the President. The President shall thereafter make the final determination as to whether to approve or deny the request and inform the Provost, FPC, and the Department Chair or Search Committee of his/her decision.

2.2.9.5.4 Memorandum of Understanding

If the request of the Department Chair or Search Committee is approved by the President, the Provost, after consultation with FPC and the Department Chair or Search Committee shall prepare and issue a Memorandum of Understanding which will include the information required in 2.2.9.5.1 above. The Memorandum of Understanding will be kept in the personnel file of any individual whose employment is in any way covered by the provisions of the Memorandum, and a copy will be retained in the Provost's office. No appointment, contract or employment action involving an individual covered by the Memorandum shall contravene the provisions of the Memorandum unless such variances are approved in writing by the individual involved after consultation with the appropriate Department Chair and FPC. Modifications may be made to the Memorandum during the term of any appointment or contract made pursuant to its terms only with the approval of the individual to which it applies made after consultation with FPC.

2.2.9.5.5 Faculty member review of Memorandum of Understanding

If the Provost should wish to establish alternative standards for any Faculty member or academic position, the Provost shall provide a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to FPC for consideration and comment. The proposed Memorandum shall include the same information as is required by the provisions of 2.2.9.5.1 above.

2.2.9.5.6 Resolving issues with alternative standards

If FPC notifies the Provost that it has significant reservations as to the need and/or rationale for the proposed establishment of alternative standards for a Faculty member or academic position, the Provost shall meet with FPC and endeavor to resolve the issues raised by FPC. If the issues, in whole or in part, cannot be resolved, FPC and the Provost may each submit a written statement of their respective positions to the President along with their recommendations for action. After receipt of the written position statements and the recommendations of FPC and the Provost, the President shall make a final determination. Any such proposal will be considered by the President on an individual basis and upon its own merits. Such determination by the President shall be made before the establishment of any alternative standards for any Faculty member or academic position.

2.2.9.5.7 Memorandum of Understanding for extension of time

A Memorandum of Understanding may also be prepared allowing up to two additional years to complete requirements for promotion of an individual from the rank of Instructor to Assistant Professor. The request for a Memorandum for extension of time must be made by the individual Faculty member or the Faculty member's Chair/Director to the Provost with a copy being provided to FPC. The request must include a statement specifying progress being made toward promotion and a plan for completing the requirements and must be endorsed by the Faculty member's Chair/Director. After consultation with and receipt in writing of the recommendation of FPC, the Provost may approve or deny the request. If the request is approved, the Provost shall issue the Memorandum after consultation with FPC.

2.3 Types of Instructional Appointments

Instructional appointments are either full-time, part-time, supplemental, or adjunct. Full-time Faculty appointments are to positions designated either as tenure-track, in which the Faculty member is eligible for an appointment with continuous tenure upon meeting the designated criteria in Section 2.7, or to non-tenure track positions which do not lead to tenure or a tenure decision. This status will be clearly indicated in the letter of appointment.

2.3.1 Term

2.3.1.1 Part-time, Supplemental, and Adjunct

All part-time, supplemental, and adjunct contracts are issued on a limited-term basis, with the term clearly specified in the contract. Supplemental contracts apply only to full-time employees. Instructional duties may be part of an administrative appointment or compensated under a separate instructional contract. If a member of the part-time or adjunct instructional staff is later offered full-time employment, the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Provost may consider giving credit toward promotion and/or tenure for time served under term contracts. This will ordinarily be limited to two years credit. Adjunct instructional staff are not eligible for University benefits.

2.3.1.2 Non-tenure track, full-time

Full-time non-tenure track contracts are issued on a limited-term basis, with the term clearly specified in the contract. These are generally one- to three-year contracts. Term contracts originally issued after 2016 are not renewable unless explicitly stated in the original appointment agreement. Otherwise, employment will be terminated after the sixth year of service, with notice given in compliance with Section 2.8.2. In unusual cases, exceptions to this maximum may be made by the President in consultation with the Provost and FPC. If a Faculty member holding a non-tenure track full-time contract is later offered a tenure-track contract, the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Provost may consider giving credit toward tenure consideration for time served under the previous status. This ordinarily will be limited to two years credit.

2.3.2 Tenure-Track

Tenure-track contracts are considered probationary, with the performance of the Faculty member being evaluated by the department, the Faculty Personnel Committee, and the Provost of the University at the

conclusion of the second, fourth, and sixth years of employment. Criteria for the awarding of tenure are described in Sections 2.2.9.1 and 2.7.

2.3.3 Continuous Tenure

A tenured appointment is a means to certain ends: freedom in teaching, research and extramural activities and a sufficient degree of economic security to make the profession attractive to persons of ability. In that sense, tenure is essential to Heidelberg University as it seeks to fulfill its obligations to its students, its faculty and to society. Tenure may be awarded as described in Section 2.7. Tenured Faculty members receive continuing contracts in accordance with the terms of tenure and the terms of separation from the University described in Section 2.8.

2.4 Search, Appointment, Orientation

2.4.1 Procedures for Filling Faculty Positions

In an effort to ensure consistency and to dispel ambiguity and misunderstandings in the appointment of persons to fill Faculty positions at Heidelberg University, the following steps are to be followed:

2.4.1.1 Chair/Director Prepares and Submits Position Request Forms

A Chair/Director, in consultation with the appropriate Dean, will prepare and submit such position request forms as are required and forward them to the Faculty Personnel Committee with copies to the Provost.

2.4.1.2 FPC Reviews Position Request Forms

FPC, in consultation with the Provost, will review the position request forms and recommend in writing to the Provost (i) whether to approve the request and (ii) whether the position to be filled be (a) a tenure track position; (b) a non-tenure track position.

[Removed references to the possibility of conversion of a position to tenure-track. Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

2.4.1.2.1 Criteria for FPC Review

In making this recommendation, FPC should consider the nature of the position, the academic program needs the position is projected to meet, and the specific reasons for filling the vacant position at the present time.

2.4.1.2.2 Timeframe and Conversion Criteria

In the case of a non-tenure-track position with the possibility of conversion to tenure-track, the FPC recommendation shall include the timeframe and criteria by which a conversion decision should be guided. Such criteria may include:

- A. individual academic oriented considerations;
- B. enrollment, academic relevance and financial viability of department curriculum;

- C. changes in academic programs related to the position;
- D. consideration of the need of the University to retain flexibility in meeting changing academic demands and coping with long and short term financial challenges without detracting from its core academic curriculum; and
- E. contributions of the new hire to enhancing the department's academic programs.

2.4.1.3 Provost Makes Recommendation to the President

The Provost shall forward the position request forms, FPC's recommendation, and the Provost's recommendation to the President for final determination.

2.4.1.4 Notification of Conversion

If a decision is made to convert a position to tenure-track, the current holder of the position shall be notified of the decision within three days and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.8.2, whether they will be appointed or considered in the recruitment process.

2.4.1.5 Provost Initiates Hiring and Search Committee Formed

The Provost is responsible to initiate and oversee the hiring process. A Search Committee shall be formed when filling a full-time Faculty position. For significant part-time or one-year replacement positions, the Provost in cooperation with FPC will determine whether a Search Committee is necessary. Adjunct positions and part-time positions do not ordinarily require a Search Committee.

2.4.2 Appointment Procedures

A written appointment agreement will be issued by the Provost. The terms and conditions of appointment shall be stated in the appointment agreement. Any special understandings, arrangements, obligations or expectations of the Faculty member shall be clearly stated in the appointment agreement. For tenure track appointments, the agreement shall state any credit towards tenure and when the tenure decision will be made. For non-tenure track appointments, the agreement shall state when the position will be evaluated for conversion to tenure track. For non-tenure track appointments that are fixed in length and are not tenure-eligible, the agreement shall state the length of the appointment. Statements made by University personnel during the interview and appointment process, or at a later time during employment, are considered to be part of the appointment agreement only if (i) they are appended in writing to the appointment agreement, and (ii) the Faculty member, prospective or employed, is presented with a copy of the amended appointment agreement and acknowledges its receipt in writing to the Provost.

2.4.3 Orientation

New Faculty members attend an Orientation program, unless excused by the Provost. The orientation program takes place prior to the beginning of Fall semester classes. Orientation will serve as an introduction to policies and procedures of the University, including expectations for Faculty members, library and media resources available, Faculty member development and mentoring, registration and grading, and an overview of Academic Affairs. In addition to the New Faculty Orientation, further activities are coordinated by the Faculty Development Committee.

2.4.4 Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Policy

Heidelberg's Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Policy is available on the University's website.

2.4.5 Employment Conflict of Interest

The position of a Faculty member as a professional, and the special relationship between Faculty members and students require that the University and Faculty members take reasonable precautions to reduce the possibility of conflict of interest or compromising circumstances.

Although not all-encompassing, the following guidelines are intended to minimize conflicts of interest. Combined with appropriate professional judgment and compliance with the University's policy regarding conflicts of interests applicable to all employees, the following will further assist in eliminating questions of propriety toward the Faculty member and the University.

- (a) Billing for all instruction by a Faculty member is through the Business Office. This includes instruction under University auspices, using University facilities, or other instruction which parallels University instruction. Faculty members may not receive direct payment for instructional services from students, their parents, or their agents.
- (b) Faculty members may not offer independent arrangements of a regular class or independent study to a family member without prior written approval from the Provost of the University.
- (c) Full-time Faculty may teach beyond the full-time contract, whether at the University or elsewhere, only with written notification to the Provost.

2.4.6 Special Appointment Categories

Certain positions may combine administrative and teaching responsibilities. These employees may be granted academic rank and be eligible for promotion, according to requirements in Sections 2.2.8 and 2.2.9. Recognizing the individual nature of such appointments, FPC may develop alternate criteria for promotion for individuals in this category.

2.5 Personnel Records

Each Faculty member of Heidelberg University will have a Personnel File in the Office of the Provost. No other official Faculty member file will be maintained by Heidelberg University, with the exception of the Human Resources Office, where a copy of the appointment letter and other records necessary for payment, benefits, and tax purposes may be kept. The Human Resources file shall be considered a subset of the Personnel File, kept for specific purposes. The Provost shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all Personnel Files. The Personnel File may never leave the Office of the Provost unless it is in the possession of the Provost or the President.

Documents to be found in each Faculty member's official personnel file are, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Letter of application
- B. Appointment and acceptance letters, and subsequent personnel actions
- C. The Faculty member's letters of appointment agreement
- D. Letters of recommendation
- E. Academic transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- F. Selected student course comment sheets or information from an Approved Method for gathering student input as described in 2.6.2.1.2 indicating appropriate grounds to investigate the instructor for incompetence, misconduct, breach of contract, or other sanctionable offenses
- G. Current curriculum vitae
- H. Annual Faculty Evaluation Forms or Documents Related to the Two Year Evaluation Cycle (2.2.9.1.4)
- I. Records of awards, grants, and exceptional service to the institution
- J. Records of occasions requiring discipline or official warnings to the Faculty member from the Provost or President. The Faculty member must receive copies of any entry under this category and FPC may submit a written objection to the inclusion of any entry under this category.
- K. Appropriate background checks conducted by Human Resources. -
- L. Other documents, as approved by the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Provost

A Faculty Member has the right to (1) be notified whenever anything is placed in their record, (2) be notified of what it is that has been placed in the record, with opportunity to see that material (in Provost's office, as noted), and (3) have the right to put in a written comment or response to any material the Faculty member deems unfair, inaccurate, or incomplete.

FPC recommendations for personnel action are normally based only upon items in the Personnel File and Promotion and Tenure Portfolios, but may include information provided to FPC by the Provost from the Provost's informal records as specified in Section 2.5.2.

Faculty Personnel Files may be viewed only by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the President, the Provost, the Chief Human Resources Officer, Associate Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Deans, the Provost's Administrative Assistant, Administrative Assistants in the President's and Provost's offices for filing purposes, and the Faculty Personnel Committee. A Faculty member whose name appears on a Personnel File may review the contents of that File upon written request to the Provost. Such review shall occur in the Office of the Provost. In instances of employment disputes, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and/or members of the Board of Trustees may have access to an employee's personnel file but only when shared with them by the Chair of the Board of Trustees or the President and/or Provost. The file may not be taken from the Provost's Office unless by the President or Provost.

Electronic and paper copies of certain Faculty member's records, including student course comment sheets and letters of appointment, are also kept in appropriate administrative offices.

2.5.1 Promotion and Tenure Portfolios

Promotion, Tenure Progress, Tenure Application, and Non-Tenure-Track Portfolios are submitted to FPC according to a published schedule. Records of initial appointment status, including initial rank and tenure eligibility, and subsequent promotion, tenure, and appointment renewal decisions are part of the Personnel file. Guidelines for completion of Promotion, Tenure Progress, Tenure Application, and Non-Tenure-Track Portfolios are provided by the Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC).

[Added references to Non-Tenure-Track Portfolios. Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

2.5.2 Other Records

In addition to the Personnel File, the Provost is required by the President to maintain in his or her office informal records of meetings and conversations with Faculty, memos and emails relating to University matters whether or not from Faculty members, issues raised by outside constituencies, and other issues relating to the University and/or instructional staff matters brought to the attention of the Provost.

2.6 Faculty Evaluation

The evaluation procedures in this Manual apply to both untenured and tenured Faculty, as well as other classes of academic instructional staff such as full-time employees teaching under supplemental contracts, part-time instructors, adjunct instructors, and other types of instructional staff as described in Section 2.2.1.

While disciplinary processes less than termination are referenced in the section concerning tenured Faculty (see 2.8.4.1(2) below), such sanctions also apply to non-tenured instructional staff. Termination procedures are stated in Sections 2.8.3 and 2.8.4.

The evaluation of all academic instructional staff is covered by criteria described in Section 2.6.1. The evaluation process for full-time teaching Faculty members is described in Section 2.6.3. The evaluation process for all other academic instructional staff is described in Section 2.6.4.

2.6.1 Criteria

Faculty evaluation is based upon the Criteria for Personnel Action, described in Section 2.2.7. Academic instructional staff who are not full-time teaching Faculty members are evaluated based upon the criteria related to Teaching in Section 2.2.7.1 and Professional and Ethical Relationships in Section 2.2.7.4.

2.6.2 Student Input

The Faculty recognizes the importance of student input for developmental purposes and for the discovery of instances of instructional staff not fulfilling the Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching as laid out in 2.2.7.1.1 or engaging in misconduct of other sorts.

2.6.2.1 Approved Methods for Soliciting Student Input

For each section of each course taught, all instructional staff must administer a method for soliciting student input approved by the General Faculty and Academic Affairs (henceforth referred to as an “Approved Method”). Should Faculty members in a department wish to collect student input by a method that has not yet been approved by the General Faculty, a written request should be made to the Faculty Personnel Committee of the proposed method and a brief rationale. The Faculty Personnel Committee will present this to the General Faculty for a vote, and the change may be approved by a simple majority. Instructors who want to develop methods for soliciting student input in addition to the Approved Methods may do so as described in Section 2.6.2.2.

2.6.2.1.1 Results of an Approved Method

Results from an Approved Method are reported directly to the instructor, the instructor's Chair/Director/Dean and the Office of the Provost (for inclusion in the instructor's personnel records, see 2.5.F). Such results are primarily for the developmental use of the instructor through consultation with their Chair/Director/Dean. However, the Chair/Director/Dean and/or the Assistant/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (AVPAA) will review the results to determine if students have used an Approved method to report the instructor's departure from basic responsibilities or any misconduct. If the Chair/ Director/Dean discovers a report of departure or misconduct, they will submit it to the AVPAA. The AVAPAA will follow the procedure outlined in 2.6.2.1.2. Full- time Teaching Faculty Members completing their Faculty Self-Evaluations are required to refer to the results of an Approved Method in completing their discussion of teaching.

2.6.2.1.2 Information Regarding Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching or Misconduct

Students may report an alleged departure from professional behavior by any academic instructional staff, including, but not limited to, faculty of any status, instructors, staff, and any other person who teaches a class at the University (the "Instructor") in accordance with this section. A departure from professional behavior may include, but not be limited to:

- Failure to meet Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching in Section 2.2.7.1.1.
- Failure to follow University policies that apply to all employees including, but not limited to, unprofessional, unethical, or illegal behavior, including harassment or discrimination of any kind.

Students are directed to report alleged violations of University policies regarding harassment, discrimination, ADA/504 compliance, and Title IX to appropriate campus offices in compliance with University policy.

Students are directed to report all other alleged departures from professional behavior to the Assistant/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (AVPAA). In the absence of an AVPAA, students shall report the alleged departure to either an ombudsperson or designee appointed by the Faculty Personnel Committee. The AVPAA or ombudsperson or designee appointed by the Faculty Personnel Committee shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Reviewer". If the allegation addresses matters covered by the departures listed above, then the Reviewer shall meet with the Instructor, the reporting individual(s), and any other applicable individuals, such as the department chair, to determine if there is sufficient cause to forward the allegation of a departure to the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Provost for further investigation. Allegations that do not fall under the specific topics listed within this section may be dismissed by the Reviewer and, when appropriate, directed to another University procedure for redress.

If the Reviewer forwards the report of alleged departure, then the Faculty Personnel Committee, in consultation with the Provost, shall determine whether the matter should: 1) stay in Academic Affairs and charge the Reviewer to conduct an investigation; 2) be referred to the Chief Human Resources Officer; or 3) be dismissed. If a determination to investigate is made, the Provost shall notify the Instructor of the intent to investigate. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Reviewer will make a report to both the Provost and the Faculty Personnel Committee.

The Faculty Personnel Committee shall then make a recommendation for personnel action to the Provost

based on the evidence from the investigation. The Provost may, in their discretion, prepare and submit a Personnel Action Letter to the Instructor that presents requirements that the instructor must meet. The Provost shall send a copy of the Personnel Action Letter to the Instructor and to the Faculty Personnel Committee, and include a copy in the Instructor's personnel file. The investigation conducted under this section may lead to adverse employment action against the Instructor (See Section 2.8).

[Section revised to clarify process. Approved by Board of Trustees June 2024]

2.6.2.2 Other Methods for Soliciting Student Input

Instructors are free to employ other methods for soliciting student input concerning their courses. The results of such methods are to be used in whatever manner the instructor deems appropriate.

2.6.3 Evaluation Process for Full-time Teaching Faculty Members

This section applies only to academic instructional staff who are Full-Time Teaching Faculty as defined in Section 2.2.7. All full-time teaching Faculty members, tenured or non-tenured, are required to participate in the Approved Method for Faculty Evaluation as defined by the Faculty Personnel Committee and approved by the General Faculty and Academic Affairs. ([See Appendix C](#))

The Approved Method of Faculty Evaluation can provide information to:

- Recognize outstanding contributions of faculty members to their classrooms, the campus, and the community at large;
- Identify deficiencies and pathways to remediate those deficiencies in faculty fulfillment of responsibilities;
- Produce materials to be used in merit pay or personnel decisions including renewal of the letter of appointment, tenure progress and decision, promotion, and/or separation from the University.

[Details of this section moved to [Appendix C](#). Approved by the Board of Trustees June 2023.]

2.6.4 Evaluation Process for Instructors Other Than Full-Time Teaching Faculty

This section applies only to academic instructional staff who are not Full-Time Teaching Faculty as defined in Section 2.2.7, or are Full-Time Teaching Faculty with a term appointment of an academic year or less.

The evaluator is defined as the Chair/Director/Dean of the department or program in which the instructor is teaching, or is the Chair/Director/Dean's designee. The designee must have completed at least three years of service at Heidelberg as a Full-Time Teaching Faculty member in the department or program, or the equivalent as determined by the Faculty Personnel Committee.

Instructor Evaluation in First Semester of Service at Heidelberg University:

1. Formal Review of Instructional Materials (2.6.4.1)

2. Evaluative Classroom Observation (2.6.4.2)

Instructor Evaluation in Subsequent Semesters of Service at Heidelberg University: Both of the evaluations above will be conducted at least once annually.

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2.6.4.1 Formal Review of Instructional Materials

During the first semester of service, and in each subsequent year of service, the evaluator will conduct a formal review of instructional materials submitted by the instructor.

2.6.4.1.1 Materials Provided to the Evaluator

The instructor will provide the evaluator with the course syllabus (or syllabi) within the first week of the semester and one assignment handout from the course(s) within the first month of the semester.

2.6.4.2 Evaluative Classroom Observation

The evaluator will conduct an evaluative classroom observation during the first semester of service, and at least once annually thereafter. The observation must be completed no later than October 1 or March 1, given the semester of service. The evaluator will attend the class session and take notes.

2.6.4.3 Evaluation of Instructional Materials and Classroom Observation

The evaluator will keep a written record of the evaluation of instructional materials and the classroom observation. If the evaluator is the Chair/Director's designee, the evaluator will provide a copy of that record to the Chair/Director. The evaluator will communicate the evaluation of the instructional materials and the classroom observation with the instructor either in writing or in a meeting with the instructor. In the latter case, the evaluator will keep a written record of the occurrence of the meeting.

2.6.4.3.1 Perceived Major Deficiencies

If there are perceived major instructional deficiencies demonstrated either in the materials or in the conduct of the class during the classroom observation, the evaluator must state them explicitly in the written record of the evaluation.

2.6.4.3.2 Instructional Alerts

If the evaluator observes (1) any perceived major instructional deficiencies, or (2) any unusual circumstances that may require removing the instructor before the completion of the semester or term, the evaluator must immediately communicate those observations along with the evaluation records to the Provost. The Provost or designee will notify the instructor of the receipt of the evaluator's findings.

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2.6.4.4 Summer Terms and Other Terms Outside the Fall and Spring Semesters

The formal review of instructional materials specified in Section 2.6.3.1 or Section 2.6.4.1 and evaluative classroom observation specified in 2.6.3.2 or Section 2.6.4.2 must occur no later than the middle of the given academic term. If the summer term or out-of-sequence term is the first term of service at Heidelberg, the instructor will not be offered subsequent service opportunities until the evaluator has completed his or her evaluation of the instructional materials and of the classroom observation.

2.6.5 University Employee Information and Response Regarding an Alleged Departure from Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching or Misconduct by Instructors

This policy applies to all academic instructional staff including faculty of any status, instructors, staff, and any other person who teaches a class at the University (the “Instructor”) and addresses alleged departures from responsibilities that are not addressed by the Faculty Evaluation Process and/or Portfolio reviews. Such departures include but not limited to:

- Failure to meet Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching in Section 2.2.7.1.1.
- Failure to follow University policies that apply to all employees including, but not limited to, unprofessional, unethical, or illegal behavior, including harassment or discrimination of any kind.

University Instructors and all other employees shall report alleged violations of University policies regarding harassment, discrimination, ADA/504 compliance, and Title IX to the appropriate campus offices in compliance with University policy.

University Instructors and all other employees shall report all other alleged departures as described in this section to the Assistant/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (AVPAA). In the absence of an AVPAA, University employees shall report the alleged departure to either an ombudsperson or designee appointed by the Faculty Personnel Committee. The AVPAA or ombudsperson or designee appointed by the Faculty Personnel Committee shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Reviewer”. If the allegation addresses matters covered by the departures listed above, then the Reviewer shall meet with the Instructor, the reporting individual(s), and any other applicable individuals, such as the department chair, to determine if there is sufficient cause to forward the allegation of a departure to the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Provost for further investigation. Allegations that do not fall under the specific topics listed within this section may be dismissed by the Assistant/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, ombudsperson, or designee and, when appropriate, directed to another University procedure for redress.

If the Reviewer forwards the report of alleged departure, then the Faculty Personnel Committee, in consultation with the Provost, shall determine whether the matter should: 1) stay in Academic Affairs and charge the Reviewer to conduct an investigation; 2) be referred to the Chief Human Resources Officer; or 3) be dismissed. If a determination to investigate is made, the Provost shall notify the Instructor of the intent to investigate. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Reviewer will make a report to both the Provost and the Faculty Personnel Committee.

The Faculty Personnel Committee shall then make a recommendation for personnel action to the Provost based on the evidence from the investigation. The Provost may, in their discretion, prepare and submit a Personnel Action Letter to the Instructor that presents requirements that the instructor must meet. The Provost shall send a copy of any Personnel Action Letter to the Instructor and to the Faculty Personnel Committee. The Provost shall also include a copy in the Instructor’s personnel file. The investigation

conducted under this section may lead to adverse employment action against the Instructor (See Section 2.8).

If either the Instructor or the reporting individual who is a Faculty member are not in agreement with the investigation's outcome, the Grievance Policy in Section 2.15 should be followed.

[Added section. Approved by the Board of Trustees June 2024]

2.7 Tenure Policies; Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio System

2.7.1 Tenure Acquisition

2.7.1.1 Timing of Portfolio Materials Submissions

Tenure-track Faculty submit additional materials as part of a Tenure Progress or Tenure Application Portfolio after completing the second, fourth, and sixth year of service (see 2.2.9.1 and 2.7.1).

Tenure, if granted, is usually decided after the conclusion of the sixth year of service. In the normal tenure evaluation process, Faculty members collect materials for a Tenure Progress Portfolio after the second and fourth years of service. Second and Fourth Year Portfolios are intermediate steps which lead to the tenure application.

2.7.1.2 Second and Fourth Year Tenure Progress Portfolios

2.7.1.2.1 What the Tenure Progress Portfolio Includes:

- A. An introduction to the portfolio (see 2.7.1.2.2);
- B. A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure Progress(see 2.7.1.2.3);
- C. Documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle for years since the last Tenure Progress Portfolio or appointment;
 - 1. Full-time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.A and 2.6.3; Note that included in the documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle, Full-time Teaching Faculty Members completing their Faculty Self- Evaluations are required to refer to the results of an Approved Method in completing their discussion of teaching.
 - 2. Instructors Other than Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.B and 2.6.4
- D. Curriculum vitae;
- E. Statement of Teaching Philosophy;
- F. Letter(s) of Support from colleagues (optional);
- G. Appendices to the Tenure Progress Portfolio (optional);
- H. Other materials as specified by FPC and/or the Provost.

2.7.1.2.2 Introduction to the Portfolio:

The introduction to the Portfolio, no longer than 3500 words, should provide an overview of the materials contained in the portfolio specifically with respect to 2.2.7, Criteria for Personnel Action, highlighting any items—including appendices—the candidate wishes to emphasize. Faculty members are encouraged to review their personnel files prior to submitting tenure progress portfolios.

[Clarified requirements for Portfolio Introduction. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2021.]

2.7.1.2.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure Progress:

A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for a Tenure Progress Portfolio is different than the Evaluation by a Faculty Evaluator written as a part of the two-year evaluation cycle. For the Letter of Evaluation, the Chair/Director shall consult with the full-time tenured Faculty of the department. If the Chair/Director, the Provost will designate a full-time Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg to fill the Chair/Director's role as outlined in this section. The Provost may approve another designee based on a recommendation from the Chair/Director or the Faculty Personnel Committee.

In the case of departments with fewer than three full-time tenured Faculty, the Chair/Director and the Faculty member will each designate one Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg from a disciplinarily related department to provide input. This consultation may be via a group meeting, written contact with the Faculty, or meeting with individual Faculty members. The letter shall reflect input from and be signed by all contributors. The letter shall reflect input from and be signed by all contributors.

In addition, any full-time Faculty member in the tenure probationer's department may submit letters to FPC concerning the Tenure Progress Portfolio. The letters will be added to the Portfolio.

[Revised contributors to the Departmental Letter. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2024.]

2.7.1.2.4 Documents Related to the Faculty Evaluation Process (FEP)

The portfolio must include all relevant materials from each portion of the Faculty Evaluation Process (FEP):

- A. Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members (see 2.6.3): Formal Review of Instructional Materials (2.6.3.2), Evaluative Classroom Observation (2.6.3.3), Faculty Self-Evaluation (2.6.3.4), Evaluation by the Faculty Evaluator (2.6.3.5), and materials related to any Deficiencies and Action Plans (2.6.3.6).
- B. Instructors Other Than Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members (see 2.6.4): Formal Review of Instructional Materials (2.6.4.1), Evaluative Classroom Observation (2.6.4.2), Evaluation of Instructional Materials and Classroom Observation (2.6.4.3), and materials related to any Perceived Major Deficiencies (2.6.4.3.1) and Instructional Alerts (2.6.4.3.2).

2.7.1.2.5 Materials Considered in the Tenure Progress Portfolio Review Process

The Faculty Personnel Committee must base its recommendation regarding a tenure progress portfolio review solely on materials submitted in the Tenure Progress Portfolio. In some instances, the Provost may bring additional information or documents--including materials from the applicant's Faculty Personnel File--to the attention of the Faculty Personnel Committee prior to them making their recommendation, but the Provost must provide the candidate a written description of the information that he or she shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee within one week of the Provost's communication with the Faculty Personnel Committee.

The candidate shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the candidate has been provided with a written description of the information shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee to submit a written response to the Faculty Personnel Committee.

2.7.1.2.6 Tenure Progress Portfolio Review Process

The Second and Fourth Year Portfolios are reviewed by the Faculty Personnel Committee, which recommends to the Provost one of the following actions:

Action 1: continuation of probationary status, indicating acceptable progress toward tenure;

Action 2: continuation of probationary status with warning of unacceptable progress toward tenure, which requires formulation and completion of an Action Plan to improve perceived minor deficiencies;

In the case of Action 2, the probationary Faculty member will formulate the Action Plan in consultation with the Chair/Director. The Faculty member will deliver the Action Plan to FPC by a date specified by FPC. FPC will review the proposed Action Plan in consultation with the Provost and recommend any needed changes in the plan to the probationary Faculty member. If the Action Plan is required as a result of the Second Year Portfolio Review, FPC will specify an Action Plan completion date that is prior to the Fourth Year Portfolio submission due date. If the Action Plan is required as a result of the Fourth Year Portfolio Review, FPC will specify an Action Plan completion date that is prior to the Tenure Application submission due date. If the Action Plan is required by an off-year Portfolio Review, FPC will specify an appropriate Action Plan completion date not less than one full semester later. The Faculty member will notify FPC upon completion of the Action Plan or of the intent to withdraw from tenure probation. Completion of the Action Plan will be an additional criterion of evaluation by FPC in making its Fourth Year or Tenure Application recommendation.

Action 3: termination of probationary status because of perceived major deficiencies, in accordance with Section 2.8.2.

The Provost will determine what action shall be taken and notify the Faculty member, FPC, and Chair/Director/Dean.

[Approved by the Board of Trustees, October 2024.]

2.7.1.2.7 Amended Tenure Progress Portfolio Recommendation

FPC may amend a Second, Fourth, or off-year Portfolio Review recommendation to the Provost in cases of incomplete or inaccurate information made available to FPC in the Portfolio at the time of review. The Provost will consider the amended recommendation, taking any necessary action as specified in Section 2.7.1.2.2.

2.7.1.3 Tenure Application:

2.7.1.3.1 What the Tenure Application Portfolio Includes:

- A. An introduction to the portfolio (see 2.7.1.3.2);
- B. A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure (see 2.7.1.3.3);
- C. Documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle for years since the last Tenure Progress Portfolio or appointment;
 - 1. Full-time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.A and 2.6.3; Note that included in the documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle, Full-time Teaching Faculty Members completing their Faculty Self- Evaluations are required to refer to the results of an Approved Method in completing their discussion of teaching.
 - 2. Instructors Other than Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.B and 2.6.4
- D. Curriculum vitae;
- E. Statement of Teaching Philosophy;
- F. Letter(s) of Support from colleagues (optional);
- G. Appendices to the Tenure Portfolio;
- H. Other materials as specified by FPC and/or the Provost.

2.7.1.3.2 Introduction to the Portfolio:

The introduction to the portfolio, no longer than 3500 words, should provide an overview of the materials contained in the portfolio specifically with respect to 2.2.7, Criteria for Personnel Action, highlighting any items—including appendices—the candidate wishes to emphasize. The introduction must address specifically how any deficiencies noted in any documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle (see 2.6.2 and 2.2.9.4.4) have been addressed and corrected. Faculty members are encouraged to review their personnel files prior to submitting Tenure Application Portfolios.

[Clarified requirements for Portfolio Introduction. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2021.]

2.7.1.3.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure Application:

A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for a Tenure Application Portfolio is different than the Evaluation by a Faculty Evaluator written as a part of the two-year evaluation cycle. For the Letter of Evaluation, the Chair/Director shall consult with the full-time tenured Faculty of the department. If the applicant is the Chair/Director, the Provost will designate a full-time faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg to fill the Chair/Director's role as outlined in this section. The Provost may approve another designee based on a recommendation from the Chair/Director or the Faculty Personnel Committee.

In the case of departments with fewer than three full-time tenured Faculty, the Chair/Director and the Faculty member will each designate one Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time teaching experience at Heidelberg from a disciplinarily related department to provide input. This consultation may be via a group meeting, written contact with the Faculty, or meeting with individual Faculty members. The letter shall reflect input from and be signed by all contributors.

In addition, any full-time Faculty member in the tenure probationer's department may submit letters to FPC concerning the Tenure Application Portfolio. The letters will be added to the Portfolio.

[Removed erroneous copy-paste references to "promotion" and "progress." Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

[Revised contributors to the Departmental Letter. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2024.]

2.7.1.3.4 Documents Related to the Two-Year Evaluation Cycle

The portfolio must include all relevant materials from each portion of the two-year evaluation cycle:

- A. Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members (see 2.6.3): Formal Review of Instructional Materials (2.6.3.2), Evaluative Classroom Observation (2.6.3.3), Faculty Self-Evaluation (2.6.3.4), Evaluation by the Faculty Evaluator (2.6.3.5), and materials related to any Deficiencies and Action Plans (2.6.3.6).
- B. Instructors Other Than Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members (see 2.6.4): Formal Review of Instructional Materials (2.6.4.1), Evaluative Classroom Observation (2.6.4.2), Evaluation of Instructional Materials and Classroom Observation (2.6.4.3), and materials related to any Perceived Major Deficiencies (2.6.4.3.1) and Instructional Alerts (2.6.4.3.2).

2.7.1.3.5 Materials Considered in the Tenure Application Portfolio Review Process

The Faculty Personnel Committee must base its recommendation for or against the granting of continuous tenure solely on materials submitted in the Tenure Application Portfolio. In some instances, the Provost may bring additional information or documents—including materials from the applicant's Faculty Personnel File—to the attention of the Faculty Personnel Committee prior to them making their recommendation, but the Provost must provide the candidate a written description of the information that he or she shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee within one week of the Provost's communication with the Faculty Personnel Committee.

The candidate shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the candidate has been provided with a written description of the information shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee to submit a written response to the Faculty Personnel Committee.

2.7.1.3.6 Tenure Application Portfolio Review Process

After examining the material eligible for consideration in the tenure application portfolio review process (see 2.7.1.3.5), the Faculty Personnel Committee will vote on the tenure request and send a statement to the President and the Provost no later than 30 calendar days prior to that meeting of the Board of Trustees that occurs closest to, but not after, the expiration of the tenure applicant's current appointment. The statement will contain one of the following recommendations, or a rationale for failing to reach a decision:

- A. the granting of continuous tenure;
- B. one year's notice of non-renewal.

If the FPC recommendation is not unanimous, the differing opinions will be forwarded to the President.

The Provost also submits to the President his or her recommendation. The Board of Trustees has authority in the awarding of tenure, as described in 2.7.5.

2.7.1.3.7 Notifications and Explanations

The Provost will notify the Faculty member and Chair/Director/Dean of the result of the tenure request after action by the Board of Trustees. Upon request by the Faculty member, FPC will provide a letter explaining its recommendation. However, no letter shall be issued before the final decision on tenure by the Board of Trustees.

2.7.1.3.8 Credit toward Tenure for Prior Experience

In some cases, Faculty members may be given credit in the initial letter of appointment agreement for experience prior to appointment at Heidelberg, including a shortened calendar for tenure consideration. Such credit will be clearly specified in the letter of appointment agreement. In these instances, the preliminary (second-year and/or fourth-year) portfolio(s) may be waived.

2.7.2 Requests for Early Tenure Consideration

Although tenure evaluation is most often completed after the conclusion of the sixth year of service (or other term specified in the initial letter of appointment agreement), Faculty members may request such consideration earlier by following the procedure described in 2.2.9.5.

2.7.3 Chair/Director Evaluator

If a Chair/Director is eligible for tenure review, he or she will select a tenured Faculty member, subject to the approval of the Provost in consultation with the Faculty Personnel Committee, to act as an evaluator for the Chair/Director for the purpose of tenure consideration. The evaluator will consult with the Faculty of the department and issue a recommendation to FPC in lieu of the Chair/Director's recommendation.

2.7.4 Tenure Advocate

A candidate for tenure may choose an advocate from the voting Faculty to meet with FPC to discuss the Committee's consideration of the candidate. The advocate may present a written statement of recommendation for the candidate, may speak with the Committee, and shall have access to the documents given to the Committee regarding the candidate's tenure request.

2.7.5 Board Authority in Awarding Tenure

After receiving the tenure recommendation from FPC, and the recommendation of the Provost, the President makes recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The President's recommendation includes the recommendations of FPC and the Provost. The Board of Trustees has sole authority for the granting of tenure. The Board will either grant tenure, or direct a notice of non-renewal.

2.7.6 Grievances in the Tenure Process

If tenure is not granted, the Faculty member may pursue the grievance procedures described in Section

2.15.

2.7.7 Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio System

2.7.7.1 Acceptable Non-Tenure-Track Employment Status

2.7.7.1.1 Timing of Portfolio Materials Submissions

Non-tenure-track Full-time Teaching Faculty submit materials as part of a Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio after completing the second and fourth years of service.

Appointment renewal, if granted, is usually decided in advance of the end of contracted service. In the normal Non-Tenure-Track evaluation process, Faculty members collect materials for a Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio after the second and fourth years of service.

2.7.7.1.2 Second and Fourth Year Non-Tenure-Track Portfolios

2.7.7.1.2.1 What the Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio Includes:

- A. An introduction to the portfolio (see 2.7.7.1.2.2)
- B. Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio (see 2.7.7.1.2.3);
- C. Documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle for years since the last Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio or appointment;
 - 1. Full-time Teaching Faculty Members, see Sections 2.2.9.4.4.A and 2.6.3; Note that included in the documents related to the two-year evaluation cycle, Full-time Teaching Faculty Members completing their Faculty Self-Evaluations are required to refer to the results of an Approved Method in completing their discussion of teaching.
- D. Curriculum vitae;
- E. Statement of Teaching Philosophy;
- F. Letter(s) of Support from colleagues (optional);
- G. Appendices to the Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio (optional);
- H. Other materials as specified by FPC and/or the Provost.

2.7.7.1.2.2 Introduction to the Portfolio:

The introduction to the Portfolio, no longer than 3500 words, should provide an overview of the materials contained in the portfolio specifically with respect to 2.2.7, Criteria for Personnel Action, highlighting any items—including appendices—the candidate wishes to emphasize. Faculty members are encouraged to review their personnel files prior to submitting non-tenure-track portfolios.

[Clarified requirements for Portfolio Introduction. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2021.]

2.7.7.1.2.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio:

A Departmental Letter of Evaluation for a Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio is different than the Evaluation by a Faculty Evaluator written as a part of the two-year evaluation cycle. For the Letter of Evaluation, the Chair/Director shall consult with the full-time tenured Faculty of the department. If the applicant is the Chair/Director, the Provost will designate a full-time Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg to fill the Chair/Director's role as outlined in this section. The Provost may

approve another designee based on a recommendation from the Chair/Director or the Faculty Personnel Committee.

In the case of departments with fewer than three full-time tenured Faculty, the Chair/Director and the Faculty member will each designate one Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg from a disciplinarily related department to provide input. This consultation may be via a group meeting, written contact with the Faculty, or meeting with individual Faculty members. The letter shall reflect input from and be signed by all contributors.

[Revised contributors to the Departmental Letter. Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2024.]

2.7.7.1.2.4 Documents Related to the Two-Year Evaluation Cycle

The portfolio must include all relevant materials from each portion of the two-year evaluation cycle:

- A. Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members (see 2.6.3): Formal Review of Instructional Materials (2.6.3.2), Evaluative Classroom Observation (2.6.3.3), Faculty Self-Evaluation (2.6.3.4), Evaluation by the Faculty Evaluator (2.6.3.5), and materials related to any Deficiencies and Action Plans (2.6.3.6).

2.7.7.1.2.5 Materials Considered in the Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio Review Process

The Faculty Personnel Committee must base its recommendation regarding a Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio review solely on materials submitted in the Portfolio. In some instances, the Provost may bring additional information or documents--including materials from the applicant's Faculty Personnel File--to the attention of the Faculty Personnel Committee prior to them making their recommendation, but the Provost must provide the candidate a written description of the information that he or she shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee within one week of the Provost's communication with the Faculty Personnel Committee.

The candidate shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the candidate has been provided with a written description of the information shared with the Faculty Personnel Committee to submit a written response to the Faculty Personnel Committee.

2.7.7.1.2.6 Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio Review Process

The Second and Fourth Year Portfolios are reviewed by the Faculty Personnel Committee, which recommends to the Provost one of the following actions:

Action 1: continuation of employment status, indicating acceptable performance as a Non-Tenure-Track Faculty member;

Action 2: continuation of employment status with warning of unacceptable performance as a Non-Tenure-Track Faculty member, which requires formulation and completion of an Action Plan to improve perceived minor deficiencies;

In the case of Action 2, the Non-Tenure-Track Faculty member will formulate the Action Plan in consultation with the Chair/Director. The Faculty member will deliver the Action Plan to FPC by a date specified by FPC. FPC will review the proposed Action Plan in consultation with the Provost

and recommend any needed changes in the plan to the Faculty member. If the Action Plan is required as a result of the Second Year Portfolio Review, FPC will specify an Action Plan completion date that is prior to the Fourth Year Portfolio submission due date. If the Action Plan is required as a result of the Fourth Year Portfolio Review, FPC will specify an Action Plan completion date that is prior to the current end of the employment agreement. If the Action Plan is required by an off-year Portfolio Review, FPC will specify an appropriate Action Plan completion date not less than one full semester later. The Faculty member will notify FPC upon completion of the Action Plan or of the intent to end employment as a Faculty member at Heidelberg University. Completion of the Action Plan will be an additional criterion of evaluation by FPC in making its Fourth Year or subsequent Non-Tenure-Track appointment continuation recommendation.

Action 3: termination of employment because of perceived major deficiencies; a notice of non-renewal, in accordance with Section 2.8.2.

The Provost will determine what action shall be taken and notify the Faculty member, FPC, and Chair/Director/Dean.

[Added reference to FPC in last paragraph. Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

2.7.7.1.2.7 Amended Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio Recommendation

FPC may amend a Second, Fourth, or off-year Portfolio Review recommendation to the Provost in cases of incomplete or inaccurate information made available to FPC in the Portfolio at the time of review. The Provost will consider the amended recommendation, taking any necessary action as specified in Section 2.7.7.1.2.6.

2.8 Separation

2.8.0.1 Disciplinary Action

The University reserves the right as the Faculty member's employer to take any disciplinary action at any time with regard to the Faculty member in accordance with the Faculty Manual, Policies Handbook, and Ohio law, as it may determine.

[Section added. Approved by Board of Trustees June 2022]

2.8.1 Retirement and Resignation

Faculty members who choose to terminate their appointment through retirement or resignation should notify the Provost in writing of their intention. Such notice should be sent as early as possible, preferably by January 1 for an appointment ending in May, or where applicable, six months prior to the end of the contract term for appointments ending during the academic year.

Faculty members who retire from the University might be eligible for certain benefits, as described in Section 2.2.4.

2.8.2 Notification of Expiration of Appointment

Notice of non-reappointment without Cause (Cause is defined in Faculty member's appointment letter or, in the absence of such a definition, as defined in Section 2.8.3.), or of intention not to recommend reappointment without Cause, will be given according to the following timeline:

- A. Not later than March 1 of the first academic year of service, if the appointment expires at the end of that year; or, if a one-year appointment terminates during an academic year, at least three months in advance of its termination.
- B. Not later than December 15 of the second academic year of service, if the appointment expires at the end of the year; or, if appointment terminates during an academic year, at least six months in advance of its termination.
- C. Not later than July 31, after two or more years of service in the institution, at least twelve months before the expiration of an appointment.

Faculty members who do not intend to return to the University for the succeeding year should notify the Provost or the President as soon as possible, and preferably by January 1.

2.8.3 Termination of Contract

Faculty contracts may be terminated for Cause, which is defined as: (1) conviction or plea of nolo contendere to the commission of a felony; (2) conviction or plea of nolo contendere to the commission of a misdemeanor involving fraud, theft or embezzlement; (3) commission of an act of fraud, theft or embezzlement; (4) failure to adequately perform responsibilities or duties, as determined by the University in its sole discretion, which failure has not been cured in all material respects within the timeframe specified by the University in a written Action Plan; (5) violation of a University policy

relating to discrimination, harassment (including but not limited to sexual harassment), violence or substance abuse; (6) breach of contract; or (7) professional negligence, moral turpitude and/or unethical or dishonest behavior, as determined by the University in its sole discretion. Such termination shall be recommended to the President by the Provost of the University in conjunction with the Faculty Personnel Committee and in compliance with 2.6.2.1.2 and 2.6.5. The President must make the formal termination recommendation for approval by the Board of Trustees. Termination for Cause will ordinarily result in an immediate cessation of teaching responsibilities.

2.8.4 Termination of Tenure

Tenure appointment refers to a condition of continuous appointment that may be terminated for the following reasons only:

- A. Flagrant and/or continuing failure to fulfill the criteria for personnel action described in Section 2.2.7, failure to perform assigned duties, or violation of University policies;
- B. Moral turpitude or illegal or dishonest conduct unacceptable to the University, as defined in 2.8.3;
- C. Demonstrable bona fide financial exigency declared in good faith by the Board of Trustees. During the process of arriving at such determination, the Board of Trustees may consult with Faculty committees appropriate to the determination, especially in the areas of resources and programs;
- D. Changes in the educational program approved by the Board of Trustees. Such changes normally will originate in appropriate Faculty committees, be approved by the General Faculty, and forwarded for action to the Board of Trustees. However, this shall not preclude the authority of the Board to initiate changes.

Persons on tenure appointment who are dismissed for reasons described in 2.8.4 (c) and (d) will receive their salaries and benefits (subject to the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements of any applicable benefit plan documents) for at least one year from the date of notification of dismissal, whether or not they are continued in their duties at the institution. Salary and benefit continuation following a dismissal is contingent upon the individual's timely execution and delivery to the University of written separation and general release agreement, which will be prepared by the University. Persons who receive a termination of tenure for reasons described in 2.8.4 (a) or (b) will not receive salaries or benefits after the time of the termination unless otherwise required by applicable law or the applicable benefit plan document.

2.8.4.1 Termination of Tenure for Cause

No action involving possible loss of tenure under Section 2.8.4 (a)-(b) may be undertaken unless initiated by the Provost of the University or the President. Such officer shall submit to the Chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee, in writing, either a formal charge or a request for an appropriate investigation, together with a summary of the grounds for the complaint.

The Chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee shall promptly notify the Faculty member, in writing, of the complaint and offer that member the opportunity to meet with the Faculty Personnel Committee and any parties bringing the complaint. Faculty members will have the opportunity to be heard in their own defense by all bodies that pass judgment upon their cases. Faculty members are permitted to have with them a Heidelberg University colleague of their own choosing who may act as advocate. Advocates have the right to speak on behalf of the Faculty member, to question all witnesses, to examine adverse

evidence, and to present evidence on behalf of the Faculty member.

The Chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee shall promptly assemble the Committee for the purpose of setting in motion a formal investigation, with the purpose of assembling and examining evidence. The investigation may lead to a hearing. If FPC finds, as a result of the formal investigation, that the charge is without sufficient merit or evidence, the Committee by majority vote may dismiss charges without a hearing. If held, the purpose of the hearing will be to examine the charge(s) against the Faculty member, to report the results of the formal investigation, and to allow the Faculty member an opportunity to speak and/or present evidence on their own behalf. The hearing will be attended by members of the Faculty Personnel Committee, the Faculty member and advocate, the person(s) originating the charge, and the Provost of the University. Minutes of the hearing will be kept by FPC, and a full record will be made available to the parties concerned. In hearings where the charge involves failure to fulfill the criteria for personnel action or to perform assigned duties, the testimony should include that of teachers and other scholars, either from Heidelberg or from other institutions.

At the conclusion of its investigation of the charges, the Faculty Personnel Committee shall decide one of the following actions:

- A. dismissal of the complaint without prejudice to the Faculty member;
- B. a formal reprimand of the Faculty member with possible recommendations for disciplinary actions;
- C. removal of the Faculty member from tenured status and immediate termination of appointment.

The Chair of FPC will convey the committee's decision to the President. If the decision is to remove the Faculty member from tenured status and to terminate the contract, the President shall refer the FPC decision to the Board of Trustees. If the Faculty Personnel Committee decision is not unanimous, all opinions shall be forwarded to the President.

The Chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee will send a letter to the Faculty member explaining the Committee's decision.

If it is not possible to assemble a quorum of the Full Board, the Executive Committee may act for the Board. Termination of tenure will be by action of the Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

2.8.4.2 Termination of Tenure for Financial Exigency or Program Change

The President shall recommend to the Board of Trustees the termination of tenure and appointment of Faculty members under 2.8.4 (c)-(d) after consultation with the Faculty Personnel Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and/or Graduate Studies Committee, and the Strategic Budgeting Committee, or their designated representatives, on the basis of such criteria as educational needs, teaching flexibility, quality of performance or length of service.

Termination of tenure will be by action of the Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees. If the Board approves such termination of tenure, the Faculty member will be given a twelve-month notice of termination of tenure and appointment, consistent with Section 2.8.2. A copy of the President's recommendation to the Board of Trustees will be sent to the Faculty member, who may pursue the grievance procedures under Section 2.15.

The University will make every effort to place the Faculty member in another position with the University, consistent with the Faculty member's competencies.

Further, a position abolished under 2.8.4 (c) or (d) will not be re-established for three years from the date of the Board of Trustees abolishment. If, within that time, the University should re-establish that position, or a portion thereof, the Faculty member released under these provisions shall be offered the position, or established portion thereof, before employment is offered to any other individual.

2.9 Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

In addition to other rights, all members of the campus community have the right to be treated fairly and professionally by students, colleagues, and the administrative officers of the University.

2.9.1 Academic Freedom

Members of the Faculty are entitled to all rights secured to them by applicable law, and by the principles of academic freedom as they are generally understood in higher education. These principles of academic freedom include:

- A. The right to discuss in the classroom material which has a significant relationship to the subject matter identified in the course description printed in the University Catalog;
- B. The right to determine course content, grading, and procedures for the classrooms in which they teach;
- C. The right to engage in scholarly and creative endeavors related to their teaching appointments;
- D. The right to publish or present research findings, and the products of creative work;
- E. The right to engage in service activities;
- F. The right to participate in institutional governance as defined in the Faculty Constitution.
- G. The University teacher is a citizen, a member of a learned profession, and a professional member of an educational institution. As persons of learning and educational leaders, Faculty members must remember that the public may judge the profession and the institution by their words and deeds. For these reasons, they must comply with applicable University policies and should strive at all times to be accurate, to exercise appropriate restraint, to allow for and respect the opinions of others, and must indicate that they are not speaking for Heidelberg University and that their statement(s) are their own and do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of Heidelberg University.

2.9.2 Faculty Responsibilities

Along with the academic freedoms described in 2.9.1, Faculty members have required responsibilities associated with their positions. These responsibilities are delineated in Section 2.2.7, Criteria for Personnel Action. Other faculty responsibilities are described in the employment contract and any supplementary appointment agreements or Memoranda of Understanding.

2.10 Faculty Development

Professional development of the faculty and staff is essential to maintain academic vitality. Both the individual and the University benefit from the professional growth of the Faculty and the cost and responsibilities for the professional development program must be shared by both.

The University attempts to sustain an atmosphere which is conducive to the professional growth of individual Faculty members and of the Faculty as a whole, and financially supports professional development programs including travel abroad opportunities. However, for true professional development the most important factor is the initiative, motivation, scholarly interest, and enthusiasm of Faculty members who voluntarily contribute their time, energy, and resources in seeking professional improvement and advancement. Without these factors a professional development program will not be successful no matter how well planned, intentioned, or financed.

Professional growth of individual Faculty members is encouraged and recognized both on and off campus. On-campus opportunities include mentoring programs, academic classes, convocations, special lectures and performances, special workshops, seminars, funds for inviting individuals of special competence to campus, library support for research, funds and one-course release for support of research projects, and other matters related to intellectual inquiry. Off-campus opportunities include sabbatical leaves, leaves of absence and support for participation in professional meetings and workshops.

2.10.1 Sabbatical Leave

Sabbatical leaves are designed to contribute to the professional growth and all-around effectiveness of Faculty members and thereby to the value of their subsequent services to Heidelberg University. Such leaves, when granted, are to be used for the pursuit of scholarly activities, such as study, research and/or writing.

After consultation with the Chair/Director or appropriate administrative officer, any full-time Faculty member may apply to the Faculty Personnel Committee for a sabbatical leave after a minimum of six years of full-time service, or after completing six years of service since the individual's last sabbatical. FPC will announce each fall the deadline for submitting sabbatical proposals. The applicant must supply in writing the objectives and plan of the Faculty member's proposed program, including expected outcomes of the plan. The application must also indicate a plan for coverage of the applicant's teaching responsibilities during the sabbatical period. The Faculty Personnel Committee, in consultation with the Provost, shall determine the relative merits of the proposed program. If FPC and the Provost approve the proposal, FPC will send to the President a recommendation for granting of sabbatical. All leaves must be approved by the President of the University and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. Preference for sabbatical leaves will be given to Faculty who possess a terminal degree.

Sabbatical leaves may be either for one year with half-salary, or for one semester at full salary. The University will continue its contributions to all supplementary benefits in force at the time the leave is granted, subject to the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements of any applicable benefit plan documents. Potential sources of support or other remuneration, if known, should also be included in the application letter.

If additional funding or support for the maintenance of two households and related expenses is required, the Faculty member should indicate a need for such funds in the letter of application for the sabbatical. The granting of sabbatical leaves shall be subject to budgetary considerations and the personnel needs of the departments involved.

At the conclusion of their leaves, recipients of sabbatical leaves will be required to file a full report of their sabbatical activities with the Provost of the University and will be expected to give a presentation of these activities to faculty colleagues.

Recipients of sabbatical leaves agree to return to their position with the University for a minimum of one year at the completion of the sabbatical.

2.10.2 Leaves of Absence

After consultation with the Chair/Director or appropriate administrative officer, any Faculty member may apply to the Faculty Personnel Committee for a Leave of Absence without pay. FPC will announce each fall the deadline for submitting proposals for Leaves of Absence. The applicant must supply in writing the rationale for requesting the leave. The application must also indicate a plan for coverage of the applicant's teaching responsibilities during the leave period. The Faculty Personnel Committee, in consultation with the Provost, shall determine the relative merits of the requested leave. If FPC and the Provost approve the proposal, FPC will send to the President a recommendation for granting of Leave of Absence, including the duration of the leave.

Leave of Absence without pay is usually granted to complete a degree, perform a research project, participate in a public service project, or for other types of professional development. Leaves of Absence are ordinarily for a period of one semester or one full academic year. Longer terms will be considered under special circumstances. All leaves must be approved by the President of the University and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

During Leave of Absence, the University will ordinarily continue contributions to retirement, hospitalization, and other insurance costs based upon base salary at the time of the leave, provided the participant maintains individual contributions to the plans. Upon recommendation of the President, the Board of Trustees may determine that such Leave of Absence is not of benefit to the University. In such cases, Heidelberg will not continue contributions, but participants may continue the insurance and retirement plans in full force by paying the entire premium. Any benefit continuation during a Leave of Absence is subject to the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements of the applicable plan documents.

A Leave of Absence will not count toward service time for the consideration of sabbatical leaves. However, all service time prior to the Leave of Absence shall remain in effect, and count toward service time for sabbatical considerations.

2.10.3 Faculty Professional Development Release Time Awards

To help stimulate and support the professional development of faculty, the University has developed a program of release time awards for professional activities. Up to five awards, subject to budget and personnel constraints, will be made annually. Each award provides release time from one 3-credit course (or its equivalent) for a semester. The awards are intended to supplement the existing sabbatical leave policy by providing additional opportunities for the pursuit of scholarly growth.

Faculty from all disciplines within the University are encouraged to consider participation in the program. A wide range of professional activities will be supported, including research, writing, study, and public performance. Activities may focus on content or pedagogy within one's discipline, including the development of new courses. Activities normally considered to fall within the scope of faculty responsibilities, such as preparation for current courses or for committee assignments, will not be considered for release-time awards.

Applications should be made to the Faculty Personnel Committee according to a published schedule, for either semester of the succeeding year. Letters of application should include a brief description of the professional development activity and how that activity would be enhanced by a release-time award. Recommendations of awards will be made by the Faculty Personnel Committee to the Provost of the University who will announce recipients by April 15.

Only full-time Faculty members with teaching responsibilities are eligible to participate in the program. Faculty participants are not eligible to receive a supplemental contract during the semester of release-time. Preference for awards will be given to individuals with a terminal degree and to those who have not received a release-time award within the preceding two years. The granting of an award pre-supposes that the Faculty member intends to serve on a full-time basis during the year subsequent to the receipt of the release time award.

Participants are required to submit a brief written report of the semester's professional activities to the Faculty Personnel Committee after the completion of the semester for which release-time was awarded. Participants also may be requested to present their activities at a Faculty Forum or other public event.

2.10.4 Conferences and Professional Travel

The University encourages annual attendance at regional and national professional meetings or workshops. The Provost will determine the policy for financial support and reimbursement of costs associated with conference attendance. Support will be available to all qualified faculty, subject to budgetary limitations. University support for professional travel may be reimbursed up to 100% of the cost. Faculty members seeking support for conference attendance and professional travel submit requests to the Chair/Director, showing expected expenses. Chair/Directors forward requests to the Provost for approval.

2.10.4.1 Grangaard-Noss Faculty International Travel Award

The amount available for spending from the Fund shall be used on an annual basis to provide international travel funds for qualified Heidelberg faculty who meet the criteria outlined below.

Faculty may use funds to travel for research; to create new courses; to present papers; to attend symposiums or conferences; to visit archives or to gain professional development.

- A. Applicants must briefly describe their activities during the time funded by addressing the nature of this activity, level of participation, roles as scholars, teachers, researchers, etc.
- B. An appointed Faculty committee will recommend a finalist to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, who will make the final decision.
- C. Applicants must be full-time Faculty.
- D. Applicants must apply in October of the academic year preceding the academic year of their planned travel. Awards will be announced in February following the October in which applications were submitted. Funds for travel will not be released until after May 1st of that same year.
- E. The committee is to be comprised of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs or an alternate senior administrator and one member each from FPC and FDC.
- F. If an apparent conflict of interest is noted (e.g. a spouse), the appointed Faculty member will be excused from the process. A replacement member will be appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost.
- G. This award is separate and freestanding from other awards; there are no prerequisites to receiving the Grangaard-Noss award.
- H. To qualify for this award, travel is required and the Faculty member must travel away from the North American continent.
- I. No more than two awards will be funded.
- J. If travel does not take place within the year following the award, funds must be returned to the Fund.

2.10.5 Faculty Awards

Heidelberg supports four major awards for Faculty, awarded on an annual basis: the Ream-Paradiso Distinguished Teaching Award, the Distinguished Scholarship/Research Award, the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship in the Humanities, and the Faculty Service Award.

[Added reference to the Faculty Service Award. Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020.]

Prior to a call for nominations for Faculty Awards, the Provost will compile a list of Faculty members eligible for each award; the Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC) will then review the list and distribute it to the Faculty with the call for nominations, which will include the nomination deadline, criteria for each award, and nominating instructions: each nomination must be signed by the nominator and should include a one-paragraph rationale for the nomination that addresses the criteria. A nomination by email will be accepted as an electronic signature. Within one week following the nomination deadline, the chair of each selection committee will contact all nominees for that award, asking for acceptance of nominations and soliciting materials for the committee's consideration. Chairs must submit a selection/recommendation on behalf of their committees by the deadline specified by the Faculty Personnel Committee. All selection committee deliberations are confidential.

2.10.5.1 Ream-Paradiso Distinguished Teaching Award

History: Each year since the 1995-1996 academic year, one Faculty member has been selected by his or her colleagues to receive the prestigious Ream-Paradiso Distinguished Teaching Award.

Award and Expectation: The award, which consists of a cash award of \$2,000, is presented at the Faculty Awards Reception and Dinner held early in the spring semester. The recipient is expected to give a presentation to the Faculty and campus community, generally at the Academic Honors Ceremony.

Nominations and Eligibility: The Selection Committee (described below) has the flexibility to determine its method of soliciting nominations in addition to the FPC call for nominations noted in 2.10.5. Any Faculty member or member of the administration may follow the instructions noted in to nominate a full-time Faculty member in at least his or her fourth year of teaching at Heidelberg University who has not won the award in the last three years.

Selection Committee Composition: The Ream-Paradiso Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee consists of one elected Faculty member from each of the following standing committees: the Community Engagement Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, and the Faculty Personnel Committee. When possible, the Selection Committee also includes the last three recipients of the award available to serve. Faculty from the ranks of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Full Professor should be represented on the Committee. If each of these ranks is not included, the Provost of the University, in consultation with the Selection Committee, will appoint as necessary. When possible, the recipient of the award from two years past shall serve as Chair of the Selection Committee.

Selection Committee Deliberation and Reporting Process: The Selection Committee has the flexibility to determine its method of evaluating how well the nominees meet the below-stated criteria for selection. Generally, after reviewing all nominations, the Committee determines up to five finalists and asks each to submit a three-to-five page professional self-evaluation addressing how he or she has met the four principal criteria for selection:

- A. Teaching effectiveness, including stimulating classroom methods; successful guidance in independent student work, including research; imaginative pedagogy; and willingness to experiment with teaching methodology.
- B. Professional activities and development, including involvement in research; publications and performances; and participation in professional organizations. .
- C. Service as mentor to Faculty and/or students, including presence in the department providing a model for students; and contributions to the Heidelberg community providing a model for Faculty.
- D. Service to the community, including service to the University which has improved the quality of the institution; and service to the community outside the campus.

The Chair of the Selection Committee should report the name of the Committee's choice for recipient of the Award to the Provost early in the second semester, according to the schedule published by FPC.

2.10.5.2 Distinguished Scholarship/Research Award

History: Each year since the 1997-1998 academic year, one Faculty member has been selected by his or her colleagues to receive the prestigious Distinguished Scholarship/Research Award for outstanding research, scholarship, or other creative accomplishments.

Award and Expectation: The award, which consists of a cash prize of \$2,000, is presented at the Faculty Awards Reception and Dinner held early in the spring semester. The recipient is expected to give a presentation to the Faculty and campus community, generally at the Academic Excellence Recognition Dinner.

Nominations and Eligibility: The Selection Committee (described below) has the flexibility to determine its method of soliciting nominations in addition to the FPC call for nominations noted in 2.10.5. Any Faculty member or member of the administration may nominate a full-time Faculty member in at least his or her fourth year of teaching at Heidelberg University.

Selection Committee Composition: The Distinguished Scholarship/Research Award Selection Committee consists of the Provost of the University or designee, and one elected Faculty member from each of the following standing committees: the Faculty Development Committee, the Community Engagement Committee, and the Faculty Personnel Committee. When possible, the Selection Committee also includes the last three recipients of the award available to serve, and the recipient of the award from two years past shall serve as Chair of the Selection Committee.

Selection Committee Deliberation and Reporting Process: The Selection Committee has the flexibility to determine its method of evaluating how well the nominees meet the below-stated criteria for selection.

After receiving nominations, the Selection Committee will request that nominees submit a summary of his or her scholarly work, composition, or research completed while at Heidelberg; a one-page synopsis of the most meaningful item of scholarship or research conducted by the nominee; a curriculum vitae enumerating the nominee's cumulative scholarly and research achievements; and relevant external review documents.

The criteria for selection concern the quality and significance of the nominee's scholarly endeavors or research, including:

- A. Significance within the respective academic discipline.
- B. Regional, national, and international importance.
- C. Overall contribution to knowledge, culture, or professional practice.
- D. Applicability and service to the University community (e.g., recognition resulting from work), professional organizations, and the surrounding local communities.

The Chair of the Selection Committee should report the name of the Committee's choice for recipient of the Award to the Provost early in second semester, according to the schedule determined by FPC.

2.10.5.3 The Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship

History: Each year since the 2000-2001 academic year, the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship in the Humanities has been awarded to foster educational excellence in Humanities teaching at Heidelberg University and to recognize Humanities and other Faculty whose teaching excellence and scholarship make the Humanities such a strong component of a liberal arts education at Heidelberg.

Award: The Jane Frost-Kalnow Chair/Professorship in the Humanities is a permanent endowment of \$150,000 established to provide from the earnings and interest a stipend/honorarium, in addition to base salary, of \$2,500 each to two senior members of the Heidelberg Faculty, and an award of \$1,000 to those same Faculty members for the purpose of funding their faculty development activities during the two-year period in which they hold the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship.

One recipient is chosen annually, named at the Faculty Awards Reception and Dinner held early in the spring semester. Each Faculty member named to the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship holds that distinction for a period of two years, so there are always two Faculty members designated as holders of the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship.

Nominations and Eligibility: Any Faculty member or member of the administration may nominate a full-time Faculty member who holds the rank of Professor and an earned Doctoral or terminal degree from an accredited University or university. Nominees should represent excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service to the Heidelberg University community, as well as a commitment to the value of the Humanities in academic and human endeavors; nominees will be considered from among Faculty in the Humanities disciplines recognized by the University, as well as in the social sciences, education, arts, and music.

Previous recipients are eligible for nomination/consideration after at least three years following the completion of their prior term in the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship.

Selection: The Faculty Personnel Committee will review nominations and recommend up to three finalists to the Provost. The Provost will recommend one of the finalists to the President of the University, who will select the recipients of the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship in the Humanities. If the top candidates for selection are judged to be equally deserving, preference for appointment to the Jane Frost-Kalnow Professorship will be given to Faculty in the Humanities.

2.10.5.4 Faculty Service Award

Each year since the 2017-2018 academic year, one faculty member has been selected by his or her colleagues to receive the prestigious Faculty Service Award for outstanding service to the Heidelberg community. The award is presented early in second semester, according to a schedule determined by FPC. The Faculty Service Award Selection Committee consists of the Faculty Chair, a representative from the Community Engagement Committee, and a representative of the Faculty Personnel Committee. When possible the selection committee also includes the last three recipients of the award, who are ineligible to receive the award while serving on the selection committee.

Any Faculty member or member of the administration may nominate a full-time Faculty member who is in at least their third year of teaching at Heidelberg University. In addition to regular teaching responsibilities and/or research, the Faculty Service Award recipient will have gone above and beyond in service that benefits students and/or Heidelberg University, such as:

- A. Service as mentor
- B. Service as an expert when needed for the good of the university
- C. Service to the Heidelberg Community

The Chair of the Selection Committee should convey the name of its choice for winner of the Award to the Provost of the University early in second semester according to a schedule determined by FPC.

2.11 Other Types of Leave

The details of particular policies relating to employee leave are subject to change by applicable state and federal laws, and by a vote of the Heidelberg University Board of Trustees. While every effort is made to keep the Faculty Manual current, in the case of a discrepancy, the policies most recently approved by the Heidelberg University Board of Trustees will govern, in accordance with state and federal laws. For more information, consult the Benefits Handbook, which is available on the Heidelberg website at <https://inside.heidelberg.edu/offices/hr/benefits-handbook>, or may be requested from the Office of Human Resources. Any changes to policies relating to employee leave will be announced to members of the General Faculty and other teaching faculty to whom the policies apply in writing and within 60 days of the date of the change.

2.12 Working Conditions

2.12.1 Academic Regalia

Heidelberg Faculty utilize appropriate academic regalia for designated formal occasions during the academic year, including opening ceremonies and graduation ceremonies. Faculty wear the gown and hood appropriate to their highest degree. Academic regalia may be rented from the University store for individuals who do not yet own regalia.

2.12.2 Heidelberg University Intellectual Property Policy

2.12.2.1. Introduction

Heidelberg University Faculty, staff, and student personnel are regularly involved in a wide range of scholarly activities that stem from the core teaching, learning, research, and service missions of the University. While the primary focus of such efforts is the advancement of the purposes of the University, the products of scholarship often have implications for wider and differing applications. These products or intellectual properties thus may be of benefit to the individuals involved, to the University, and to the larger society in which we live. By establishing policy on Intellectual Property, Heidelberg University seeks to support faculty, staff, and students in identifying, protecting, and administering Intellectual Property matters and defining the rights and responsibilities of all involved. In doing so, it intends to promote the following goals:

- A. To sustain a University environment that encourages learning and the generation of new knowledge by faculty, staff, and students.
- B. To motivate the development and dissemination of intellectual property by providing appropriate financial rewards, flexible arrangements, and assistance to the creator (an individual or team throughout this policy) and to the University.
- C. To facilitate wide transfer of useful Intellectual Property to society for public benefit.
- D. Intellectual Property is the ownership and associated legal rights of creations, which are developed or guided chiefly by the intellect of their creators and which may be either tangibles or intangibles. In particular, Intellectual Property is created when something new has been conceived and developed or when a non-obvious result, which can be applied to some useful purpose, has been discovered using existing knowledge.

The purpose of this document is to provide the overarching policy framework under which Heidelberg University will manage the Intellectual Property resources of the University community consistent with Heidelberg's mission. This policy statement does not and should not provide all the necessary specific details required to administer successfully Intellectual Property for the entire University. Rather, the Board of Trustees in approving this policy statement delegates the implementation and administration of this policy, along with the development of appropriate and necessary processes, to the President of the University.

This policy shall apply to all persons in the employ of Heidelberg University in any capacity and to all students enrolled in Heidelberg University. Furthermore, this policy applies to all Intellectual Property created by Heidelberg University employees and students.

2.12.2.2. Ownership

The broad principles governing ownership of all Intellectual Property created by all persons in the employ of Heidelberg University in any capacity and to all students enrolled in Heidelberg University are specified in this section. Ownership is the critical issue for the dissemination of Intellectual Property and the distribution of rewards from it.

The ownership principles established in this section are intended to help the Heidelberg community take maximum advantage of new opportunities to create Intellectual Property. In this spirit the University welcomes opportunities to create external and internal partnerships. The ownership principles provide

constructive opportunities for forming such partnerships to the benefit of Heidelberg faculty, staff and students as well as the University. They also permit the development of specific operating procedures.

The application of these ownership principles shall be consistent with the use of University resources, shall always protect its legal status as a nonprofit institution, and shall never violate any laws of the United States or the State of Ohio.

The ownership principles are focused on the way the property is created, not on the nature of the property, and are presented in a hierarchal structure to make the order of precedence among them clear. Specifically, when any one principle applies to an Intellectual Property matter, higher numbered principles are not applicable to that specific matter. It follows from the last principle of ownership that the University is the default owner of Intellectual Property not covered by the others.

In order of precedence, ownership of Intellectual Property shall be specified as follows:

2.12.2.2.1 Sponsored Project Agreements:

The University may negotiate and sign Sponsored Project Agreements, including contracts and grants between external sponsors such as a corporations, government agencies or foundations and the University that specify completely or partially the ownership of Intellectual Property created as a result of specific sponsored projects. This category includes ownership requirements that result from a government funding source by operation of law (e.g., laws pertaining to Intellectual Property created using federal funds). All individuals working on a project under such a Sponsored Project Agreement shall be notified in advance of the terms of ownership in said agreement for any Intellectual property they may create working on the project. Although most sponsored project agreements would be for funded research projects, they should be available for other kinds of work including pro bono projects.

2.12.2.2.2 Individual Project Agreements:

The University may negotiate and sign Individual Project Agreements between the University and an individual member(s) of the faculty, staff or students that specify completely or partially the ownership of Intellectual Property created as a result of work conducted on a specific project.

Individual Project Agreements by the University and potential creators are encouraged especially in situations that lack precedent and do not naturally fit into standard Intellectual Property practices.

2.12.2.2.3 University Sponsored Projects:

The University may initiate and fund specific projects that produce Intellectual Property and shall own the Intellectual Property created as a result of such projects. Whether or not a project should be undertaken as a University Sponsored Project shall be determined by the purpose of the work and not the form of the Intellectual Property to be created. Intellectual Property produced when University employees or students are assigned or employed to specifically produce designated work shall be considered work for hire, and the University shall own all rights to the property. The financial terms or other terms of support for University Sponsored Projects can vary from project to project as long as the participants are properly informed of the terms of the agreement for the project before they begin work on it.

2.12.2.2.4 Traditional Academic Rights:

In keeping with academic traditions at the University, the creator shall retain ownership to the following types of Intellectual Property, without limitation unless part of an agreement under the above principles of ownership: books (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, textbooks etc.); articles; poems; published standardized tests; all class materials including notes, tests, and syllabi; student papers (themes, term papers, reports, exams, etc.); musical works; dramatic works including any accompanying music; pantomimes and choreographic works; pictorial, graphic and sculptural works; motion pictures; video recordings and sound recordings; computer software and computer-related documents. In all cases the student shall own the copyright to his/her master's thesis and similar graduate documents. Consequently graduate advisors must take responsibility to ensure that the contents of graduate papers and/or projects do not fall under Intellectual Property agreements precluding the student owning the copyright to any portion of a graduate document. Intellectual Property, other than the copyright of the thesis/project, created doing research toward a graduate degree is subject to all the other terms of this policy. Heidelberg University reserves the right to maintain archival copies of graduate documents.

2.12.2.2.5 Consulting Agreements:

Intellectual Property created by Heidelberg personnel who are consulting with external entities (corporations, businesses, government agencies, foundations, etc.) without making essential use of University funds, resources or facilities is presumed retained by the external entity or the individuals as specified by the terms of the consulting agreement. Student employment with external entities will be considered as consulting under this policy, and externally employed students will be responsible for respecting the Intellectual Property policies of both Heidelberg and their employers.

2.12.2.2.6 Independent Projects:

Any Intellectual Property created by a University employee that is not part of its creator's employment responsibilities and that is developed on his/her own time without making extraordinary use of University funds, resources or facilities shall be owned by the creator. For the purposes of this policy, extraordinary use will be defined as that which is not commonly available for instructional purposes, and which requires additional significant expenditures on the part of the University. The determination of extraordinary use will be made by the Provost of the University, in consultation with the employee. Projects which require extraordinary use of University funds, resources, or facilities will result in joint ownership between the creator and the University. The creator shall notify the Provost of the need for extraordinary use of resources, and a joint ownership agreement negotiated prior to approval for the use of such resources.

When a student creates Intellectual Property independently, using only resources available in common to all students, such Intellectual Property is owned by the student. However, Intellectual Property created by a student(s) when working for pay or academic credit, or voluntarily working on faculty projects or University Sponsored Projects is subject to the other six ownership principles.

2.12.2.2.7 Other Intellectual Property Generated by University Activities:

University personnel and/or students might produce Intellectual Property from their work within the scope of the mission of the University that is not covered by the above ownership principles. The University shall be the owner of Intellectual Property, when its ownership is not governed by any of the previous items and when said Intellectual Property was created within the normal scope of employment

and/or study or a direct result thereof, and shall share with the creator any revenues from it. The creator of any Intellectual Property that is or might be owned by the University under this policy is required to make reasonably prompt written disclosure of the work to the University. Depending on the nature of this Intellectual Property, it may be subject to patent or copyright policies.

2.12.2.3 Arbitration

In the case of a dispute between the creator(s) and the University regarding ownership of Intellectual Property, both parties agree to submit to binding arbitration. Upon notice of the dispute, the Chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC) in consultation with the Provost will arrange for the appointment of an arbiter. The arbiter should be from outside the university community, and able to rule fairly and impartially upon the dispute. When possible, the arbiter should be a member of the American Arbitration Association.

Upon appointment of the arbiter, both parties shall have up to three working days to accept or reject the arbiter. No more than one arbiter may be rejected by either party. If the arbiter is rejected, the Chair of FPC will designate another individual to serve as arbiter.

Once chosen, the arbiter shall convene the arbitration at an appropriate time and place. The arbitration will be attended by both parties, as well as the Chair of FPC. Within 14 days of the completion of the arbitration, the arbiter shall notify in writing the parties and the Chair of FPC of the ruling.

Heidelberg University will be responsible for all costs of the arbiter, and in no case will the faculty member be held responsible for these costs. The University is not responsible for costs incurred by the Faculty member in the arbitration process, including attorney's fees.

2.12.3 Copyright and Photocopying Policy

Heidelberg recognizes and abides by all applicable law regarding photocopying and fair use of copyrighted documents. Copying machines are available in designated campus locations, including Beeghly Library and the University Copying Center. Faculty members are responsible for adherence to all applicable copyright laws and regulations.

Beeghly Library publishes the following policy regarding Copyright and Fair Use:

Copyright is a constitutionally conceived property right given to creators of literary works; musical works; computer software; dramatic works; pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works; motion pictures; sound recordings and other audiovisual works. Included in The Copyright Act, Title 17, United States Code, is the fair use doctrine, which is the legal right to use copyrighted materials in a reasonable manner without the consent of the author.

Copyright law provides little guidance as to what in particular constitutes educational fair use of copyrighted materials. However library and higher educational groups have developed guidelines, to help determine what does constitute fair use of copyrighted materials in a library or classroom setting. The guidelines address photocopying or scanning of materials, library reserves and interlibrary loan, classroom use, and other uses.

In general, the guidelines address four main factors of the fair use doctrine:

- A. The purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit education purposes. However, even if the use is purely educational there are limits to the amount and uses of copies of the material. (Section 107(1) of the Federal Copyright Statute)
- B. Nature of the copyrighted work, which takes into account the amount of creativity invested in the original work. (Section 107(2) FCS)
- C. Amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole (Section 107(3) FCS)
- D. The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work. This is considered to be the most important when considering whether the use of an item falls under the fair use doctrine. (Section 107(3) FCS)

2.12.4 Human and Animal Research Policy

Research involving human subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board (Section 1.3.4.7) prior to the beginning of the research.

2.13 Benefits

Fringe benefits are applicable to Faculty members on full time appointment or Faculty employed half time or more. Faculty should consult with the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs for additional information regarding fringe benefits.

The University offers certain employees fringe benefits and insurances, including health, dental, and disability benefits, and it may pay a percentage of the costs of such benefits. A summary of benefits offered by the University is set forth in the Benefits Handbook, which is available on the Heidelberg website or may be requested from the Office of Human Resources. Benefit information in the Benefits Handbook, however, is merely a summary. You can find the details of certain benefits in the Plan Documents maintained by the Office of Human Resources and in the summary plan descriptions (SPD). Plan Documents are the official documents regarding employee benefits plans and supersede all references to employee benefits in this manual or the Benefits Handbook. The University, in the course of business, or as mandated by federal or other government statutes, may choose, or be required to amend or revise benefit plans offered to employees. Such amendments or revisions shall not be applied discriminatorily among similarly situated employees. To the extent permitted under applicable law, the University will deduct the employee portion of premiums for benefits elected by an employee from an employee's compensation on a pre-tax basis.

2.13.1 Mandatory Benefits

Heidelberg participates in all mandatory benefits for faculty, including workers compensation, social security, and unemployment compensation programs.

2.13.2 Admission to University Events

During the academic year, Faculty members and their families are admitted free to most campus

activities such as athletic contests, music performances, guest performances and lectures. Procedures for obtaining free tickets for events which require tickets will be announced. Certain activities and/or performances carry a designated charge for admission, and are exempt from this policy.

2.13.3 Professional Insurance Coverage

Heidelberg University provides two forms of professional insurance coverage to faculty: professional liability and travel. Professional liability applies to a claim for damages caused by a “wrongful act” while the Faculty member is performing professional duties appropriate to his/her contractual obligations. A “wrongful act” is defined as any actual or alleged act, error, omission, misstatement, misleading statement, neglect, or breach of duty by a Faculty member in the discharge of his/her duties. Coverage includes legal representation for the Faculty member. There are a number of exclusions to this coverage, the most pertinent of which includes a legal determination that the Faculty member knowingly engaged in a dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious action or recklessly violated any governmental regulation.

Travel insurance provides coverage for Faculty traveling on University business, excluding commuting to and from campus. Coverage begins at the actual start of an anticipated trip from the Faculty member’s place of employment, home, or other location. Coverage terminates upon return to the place of employment or home, whichever occurs first. The policy provides payment for losses due to accident and also includes provisions for disability and medical expenses. There are a number of exclusions to this coverage. Examples include intentional, self-inflicted injuries by the Faculty member or the Faculty member being under the influence of alcohol or a “controlled substance,” as legally defined, unless administered on the advice of a physician.

Additional details for both types of coverage are included in the applicable insurance plan document(s). In the event of any inconsistency between the applicable plan documents and this manual, the plan document shall control.

2.13.4 Reimbursement

The University will reimburse persons for use of privately-owned vehicles on University-related business at a designated rate per mile. Requests for reimbursements for travel expenses should be accompanied by receipts and must be approved by the Chair/Director.

Reimbursement for designated moving expenses is available to new faculty. Contact the Vice President for Business Affairs for further information.

2.13.5 Retirement

Heidelberg provides a Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-University Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) retirement plan for all faculty and administrative personnel. The terms, conditions and eligibility requirements of that plan are set forth in applicable plan documents and agreements.

Upon enrollment in TIAA-CREF, participants will receive an enrollment packet with information about the TIAA-CREF system. Information booklets are available upon request.

Each retirement annuity plan written in accordance with this plan will be the property of the individual participant; the agreement is between the participant and TIAA-CREF.

Heidelberg reserves the right to discontinue its contributions toward retirement annuity premiums and its supplementary benefit payments at any time, as determined by the Board of Trustees.

By action of the Heidelberg University Board of Trustees, the effective date of this retirement plan shall be September 1, 1938, as amended June 11, 1965.

Those who plan to retire should meet with the appropriate Vice President to formulate retirement plans and celebrations.

2.13.6 Tuition Remission Benefits

Eligible children of Faculty members employed on a full-time basis during and after the 1974-1975 academic year will be permitted to attend Heidelberg University without payment of tuition.

- A. Children must be unmarried, not over twenty-three years of age unless having served in the military, and dependent upon the parent employed by Heidelberg University.
- B. Children dependent on the employee as a result of adoption or marriage are eligible.
- C. No more than eight semesters or twelve quarters of full-time undergraduate work are permitted.
- D. Students in this program must stay in good academic standing as defined by the institution.

Full time Faculty members who retire with a minimum of 10 years of full time service are eligible for the Tuition Remission program for dependent children, subject to the stipulations given above.

If the death of a Faculty member occurs after a minimum of seven years of full time service, the Tuition Remission program will apply to the Faculty member's dependent children according to the stipulations above.

A Faculty member or the spouse of any Faculty member may attend Heidelberg University without charge for tuition except for course work taken by an Independent Course Contract.

Heidelberg participates in two tuition exchange programs: Tuition Exchange and the Council of Independent Universities' Tuition Exchange Program. Both of these programs have restrictions which are not controlled by Heidelberg. As long as the program is available, children of persons hired after the 1974-1975 academic year meeting criteria 2.13.10 (1) – (4) above may participate. Information may be obtained from the Vice President for Business Affairs.

In all cases, the Faculty member shall contact the Vice President for Business Affairs one year in advance of participation in Tuition Remission or Tuition Exchange programs.

Eligible children of Faculty members may participate in the High School Options program without charge. Participation does not count toward the eight semester limitation for tuition remission or tuition exchange.

Eligible children and spouses of Faculty members may receive tuition remission for Heidelberg

summer classes which have sufficient enrollment. Participation does not count toward the eight semester limitation for tuition remission or tuition exchange.

Eligible children of Faculty members employed on a full-time basis by the University/University during the 1973-1974 academic year are permitted to attend Heidelberg University without payment of tuition, or, if they choose to attend another University, Heidelberg will pay the tuition at that University, provided the Faculty parent was so employed during the 1973-1974 academic year, including authorized leaves of absence.

2.14 Compensation Policies

Compensation is paid on a twelve month basis, on the first day of every month. Pay checks are ordinarily paid through electronic deposit at the financial institution of the Faculty member's choice. While contracts are in effect throughout the designated academic year, raises or changes in compensation are decided by the Board of Trustees, and take effect January 1, or other time decided by the Board. For more information, contact the Vice President for Business Affairs.

2.15 Grievance Policy

2.15.1 General Considerations

This Faculty Hearing Procedure pertains only to those Faculty members with full-time appointment as identified in Section 2.3. This grievance policy shall not apply to concerns regarding harassment or other behaviors noted in the University's harassment policy or to any decision to terminate a Faculty member's employment with the University (except as provided in Section 2.7.6.).

It is expected that all department problems will first be considered by the department involved and that most will be resolved within the department. The following procedure applies only after these resources have been utilized to the fullest extent.

2.15.2 Procedure for the Person Presenting Complaints

The person wishing to present the complaint(s) shall do so first to the Provost of the University. The Provost has the responsibility of consulting with the parties involved and of attempting to resolve the problem.

If a mutually satisfactory resolution cannot be attained through the Provost's office, the person presenting the complaint must formally request, in writing, consideration of the issue by the Faculty Personnel Committee, which shall attempt to resolve the problem. The Committee shall also submit its written report to the President of the University.

If the problem cannot be resolved at this point and if the person presenting the complaint desires a formal hearing, the individual must directly request, in writing, that the Faculty Personnel Committee initiate formal hearing procedures and the formulation of an ad hoc Faculty Hearing Committee. The letter must contain the specific grievances by the individual.

The ad hoc Faculty Hearing Committee shall present its report(s) and conclusion(s) to the President of

the University. If the report and conclusion are not unanimous, separate reports must be filed. The person presenting the complaint shall receive a copy of all reports together with the President's decision.

The President shall consider all reports and prepare a written decision concerning the complaint. The President shall discuss the decision and the supporting documents with the person presenting the complaint. The President shall submit the decision along with all reports to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

In the event that the President is a party to the grievance, the report of the Hearing Committee will be submitted directly to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

2.15.3 Establishment of the ad hoc Faculty Hearing Committee

All full-time teaching Faculty members at Heidelberg University are eligible.

The Secretary of the Faculty shall choose, by random methods, thirty members who shall be available as a panel. The names of those on the panel shall be known only to the Secretary.

Upon receiving instructions from the Faculty Personnel Committee, the Secretary of the Faculty will choose, by random methods, four names from the panel. These names are to be chosen in the presence of the involved parties, if they so desire. These four names shall constitute the list of the Hearing Committee, providing the following conditions are met:

- A. No Faculty member who is in the same department(s) as the involved parties or who is involved in the hearing shall serve.
- B. Each party has the right to strike the name of one member of the original four and that person will be replaced by another randomly selected member.

No Faculty member shall serve on such a committee more than once in two consecutive academic years.

The Hearing Committee shall be discharged upon receipt of its report(s) by the President.

2.15.4 Procedures of the Hearing Committee

A member of the Faculty Personnel Committee shall serve on the Hearing Committee in any capacity that the Hearing Committee chooses. The Faculty Personnel Committee member shall be present throughout the formal hearing and shall insure the confidentiality of all records of the hearing. Upon completion of this responsibility, the Faculty Personnel Committee member shall not be involved in the deliberations of the Hearing Committee.

The involved parties have the right to select a Heidelberg colleague of their own choosing who may act as advocate. Advocates have the right to speak before the Hearing Committee, to question all witnesses, to examine adverse evidence, and to present evidence on behalf of the Faculty member.

There shall be a single session in which all parties involved shall make their statements before the Hearing Committee. If the Hearing Committee feels that it needs further information or clarification, the Committee may call other sessions to which all involved parties must be invited. From the time of the original request for the hearing to the final recommendations, the hearings should be completed as speedily as schedules and conditions will allow. Excluding vacation periods, this period of time shall not

exceed sixty days.

Testimony and all documents and information regarding the hearing are viewed as confidential. Any tapes or transcripts are the property of the Faculty Personnel Committee and are not for duplication or distribution. However, all parties to the complaint may have access to the records under the supervision of the Faculty Personnel Committee.

3 Academic Policies and Services of Interest to the Faculty

3.1 Grading, Grade Changes and Grade Appeals

3.1.1 Grading

Assigning grades is a right and responsibility of faculty. Once a student's grade has been officially recorded, the instructor may change it only by verifying with the Department Chair and the Provost of the University that an error in computing or in recording the grade has occurred.

Written documentation of the computational error may be requested by the Provost. If the instructor discovers a computational or recording error that would affect the course grade, the instructor is required to initiate a grade change request.

Beyond the above circumstances and those cases of grade change detailed in the Heidelberg University Grade Change Policy (see 3.1.2 below) and the Student Grade Appeal Policy (see 3.1.3 below), the Faculty may be called upon, on an emergency basis, to act as a committee of the whole regarding an instructor's grades. Specifically, upon recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee in consultation with the Provost of the University, the General Faculty assembled at a regular meeting shall have the authority to determine, by a two-thirds majority, (1) the existence of truly rare and extraordinary circumstances surrounding an instructor's erroneous, capricious, or discriminatory grading of his or her students, and (2) what, if any, grade changes shall be made. In no case shall this power of the Faculty as a whole subvert or overrule the student grade appeal process.

The grading system is outlined in the current University Catalogue.

A calendar of dates for course grades and interim academic appraisals is issued each semester by the Registrar. It is the responsibility of each Faculty member to check these due dates. At any time in the semester a special report should be sent to the Academic Success Center for students who seriously neglect their work.

All records should be kept carefully and grades reported accurately.

Credit can be granted to students only for courses in which they have been registered. The instructor should insure that all students' names appear on the class list and grade report submitted to the registrar at the end of the term.

Under no circumstances should an instructor deviate from the rule that an incomplete (I) is granted only when students, through no fault of their own, are unable to complete the work assigned. An incomplete should never be given to students who have fallen behind through negligence, excessive attention to extra-curricular activities, etc. A form supplied by the Registrar's Office and signed by the student and

Faculty member must be filed with the Registrar for each incomplete grade.

The instructor should not permit a student to improve a grade by taking another examination or by doing additional work unless that opportunity is offered to the entire class.

3.1.2 Grade Change Policy

Heidelberg course grades are calculated and assigned by the instructor who teaches the course. Once a student's final course grade has been officially recorded by the Registrar, the grade may be changed if, and only if, (1) a new grade has been determined under the Heidelberg Student Grade Appeal Policy in Section 3.1.3 of the Faculty Manual, or (2) a grade of Incomplete is replaced with a letter grade as specified in the current Heidelberg undergraduate and graduate catalogs, or (3) the Provost of the University has assigned a lower grade in an academic honesty violation as specified in Section 3.2.2, or (4) an error in computing or in recording the grade has been identified by the instructor and has been verified by the instructor, the Chair/Director and the Provost, or (5) the Faculty has acted under the powers specified in Section 3.1.1 of the Faculty Manual.

3.1.3 Student Grade Appeals

If a student believes that a final course grade has been assigned in an erroneous, capricious, or discriminating manner, the student may appeal the grade. No grade appeal may be initiated until the Registrar has released the official grade to the student. Grade appeals must move through the following stages until a satisfactory resolution to the problem is reached.

The appeal process begins with the instructor who assigned the grade. The student should meet with the instructor and attempt to resolve the dispute informally. Any such resolution of a grade appeal must be approved in writing by the instructor's Chair/Director and the Provost of the University.

Should an informal resolution of the grade appeal be inconvenient or undesirable to either the student or the instructor, the student shall submit a written letter of appeal to the Chair/Director. The student's written appeal shall state the basis (or bases) of the appeal--i.e., error in computation or recording, capriciousness, or discrimination—and provide evidence in support of the appeal. The latter two of these three claims are very serious and should be undertaken only in cases where the student has considerable evidence to substantiate the claims. Appeals must be accompanied by copies of all pertinent graded work, the course syllabus, and any relevant course handouts (such as assignment prompts). The letter(s) of appeal and supporting evidence will comprise the appeal portfolio and will remain in the custody of the Chair/Director or the Provost of the University until the dispute is resolved, at which time all materials belonging to the student will be returned. The student should keep a copy of all appeal materials.

Upon receipt of the appeal letter, the Chair/Director will notify the instructor and provide the instructor with a copy of the materials from the appeal portfolio. The Chair/Director will conduct an investigation, including a review of the student's work included in the appeal portfolio and interviews of the student and the instructor, within 15 working days of the receipt of the appeal letter. The Chair/Director's ruling shall indicate either that the instructor's grade shall stand or that the instructor's grade shall be changed to a different grade. In the latter case, the Chair will obtain grade-change approval from the Provost and

then submit a change of grade form to the Registrar, indicating that the grade has been changed on appeal.

If either the student or the instructor believes that the Chair/Director has erred in his or her decision, the student or the instructor may submit a written appeal of the Chair/Director's decision to the Provost of the University. The letter of appeal must state specifically how the Chair/Director erred in his or her decision and must be accompanied by evidence to substantiate that claim. The Provost shall investigate the charge of error and respond in writing to the student, the instructor, and the Chair/Director, within 15 working days of the receipt of the appeal. The Provost's ruling shall indicate either that the instructor's original grade shall stand or that the instructor's grade shall be changed to a different grade. In the latter case, the Provost will submit a change of grade form to the Registrar, indicating that the grade has been changed on appeal.

If the student or the instructor believes that the Provost has erred in his or her decision, the student or instructor may submit a written letter of appeal to the Academic Policy Committee. The letter of appeal must state specifically how the Provost erred in his or her decision and must be accompanied by evidence to substantiate that claim. The committee shall investigate the charge of error and respond in writing to the student, the instructor, the Chair/Director, and the Provost, within 15 working days of the receipt of the appeal. The committee's ruling shall indicate either that the instructor's original grade shall stand or that the instructor's grade shall be changed to a different grade. In the latter case, the Chair of the committee will submit a change of grade form to the Registrar, indicating that the grade has been changed on appeal. The decision of the committee is final.

Should the Chair/Director, Provost of the University, or a member of the Academic Policy Committee be the instructor of record of the course under appeal, the Provost, or the Associate Provost, will name an alternate to hear the appeal, if necessary. The alternate shall be either a Faculty member within the department or in a related discipline, or another Chair/Director.

In a case where the instructor is absent from campus or is no longer employed by the college, the appeal shall begin directly with the Chair of the department in which the course was taken. The chair will attempt to notify the instructor of the appeal, in writing, within five working days of the receipt of the appeal. The instructor will have 30 calendar days from the date of the Chair's notice to respond. It is the responsibility of the instructor to ensure that the Chair receives the response in 30 days. After 30 days, the Chair will follow the procedure above, if necessary.

In counting time, "working days" are Monday through Friday when the University is in session during the regular Fall and Spring semesters. The grade appeal process must be started within the first regular semester following assignment of the final course grade.

Requests for an extension of a deadline shall be made in writing to the Provost of the University.

Interpretation of this appeal process shall be conducted by the Provost of the College in consultation with the Academic Policy Committee. The Provost's decision shall be final in extending deadlines and interpreting this policy.

3.2 Academic Honesty Policy

The University values honesty and integrity as fundamental to learning and personal success. All members of the University should respect the integrity of another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property. Violations of the Academic Honesty Policy include any dishonest behavior by students that impacts (or potentially impacts) their grade in a course, or assisting another student (intentionally or unintentionally) in such behavior.

Individual course instructors are free to set their own policies regulating the use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in their courses, including allowing or disallowing some or all uses of such tools. Course instructors should set such policies in their course syllabi and clearly communicate such policies to students. Students who are unsure of policies regarding generative AI tools are encouraged to ask their instructors for clarification.

Absent a clear statement from a course instructor, use of or consultation with generative AI shall be treated in the same way as assistance from another person. Any use of AI should be cited. Using generative AI tools to substantially complete an assignment or exam (e.g. by entering exam or assignment questions) is not permitted.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES IN SUPPORT OF ACADEMIC HONESTY

1. Instructor – Inform students of the Academic Honesty Policy and any specific rules, procedures, and/or expectations pertinent to their particular course.
2. Student – Reach out to instructors when they have a problem distinguishing between acceptable behavior and possible violations of the Academic Honesty Policy.

3.2.1 Reporting Academic Honesty Violations

The University expects members of the academic community to complete their work honestly and to report suspected violations of the Academic Honesty Policy. Violations may be reported by faculty, staff, or students. Reports must be filed via the Incident Communication Form via <https://inside.heidelberg.edu> and select the Academic Honesty Incident Report Form for the report type.

STEPS FOR REPORTING ACADEMIC HONESTY VIOLATIONS

For Instructors or Staff reporting a student: When an instructor or staff discovers a possible violation of the Academic Honesty policy, or is informed of a possible violation, the following steps need to be followed:

1. Within one week of observing the suspected violation or being notified of a suspected violation, the instructor must attempt to meet with the student to discuss the suspected violation, sanctions, and the appeal process.
2. The instructor will present the evidence of the violation (maintaining the privacy of other students when possible) and allow the student to explain their behavior.
3. After meeting with the student(s), if the instructor determines that a violation of academic honesty policy took place, they will file the official Academic Honesty Incident Report Form with recommended sanctions in line with the policy (see below).
4. A designee of the Provost will review the report and consider previous violations in the student's record. After consultation with the instructor, the designee will then determine the tier level of the

offense and submit a formal letter establishing the tier of the offense to: i) the student, ii), the instructor, and iii) if the sanctions include penalties beyond changes to the course grade - to the Provost. This process should be completed within one week of receiving the Academic Honesty Report.

5. Upon receiving this response, the instructor will impose any sanctions in the class consistent with the tier of the offense. The instructor will notify the student via official Heidelberg email of those sanctions. Instructors must also notify students that they have the option of appealing the sanction to the UAPC (for undergraduates) or GSC (for graduates). Appeals must be filed within one calendar week of receiving the instructor's sanction via the Appeal of Academic Honesty Violation form (<https://inside.heidelberg.edu/appeal-academic-honesty-violation>).

Note, that if grades are due at the end of the semester such that there would not be sufficient time for the full process to be followed (as might happen when an academic honesty violation is detected on a final exam), instructors will assign the grade based on their best interpretation of the policy, and then proceed with the normal procedure (starting at Step 1 above). If the final resolution of the academic policy process results in a different grade than one assigned, a change of grade form will be submitted by the instructor.

For students reporting another student: Students who witness acts of academic dishonesty are encouraged to report this via the Incident Communication Form via <https://inside.heidelberg.edu> and select the Academic Honesty Incident Report Form for the report type. The designee of the Provost will then review the report, and if deemed potentially credible, send the appropriate information to the instructor of record who will proceed at step #2 above by meeting with the accused and filing their own report if the instructor believes there is sufficient evidence of an academic honesty violation.

3.2.2 Appeal of an Academic Honesty Violation

Students wishing to appeal an Academic Honesty Violation decision must submit the Appeal of Academic Honesty Violation form (<https://inside.heidelberg.edu/appeal-academic-honesty-violation>) within one calendar week of the sanction.

Undergraduate student appeals will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee and graduate student appeals will be reviewed by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Upon review, the committee may:

1. Choose to uphold the original determination, or
2. Gather more information by interviewing the student, the instructor, the designee of the Provost, and/or witnesses. Upon review of the relevant information, the committee will determine if a fair and just outcome has been reached. If a fair and just outcome has not been reached, the committee can make appropriate changes to the previously applied penalties.

The Chair of the applicable Committee will inform the student, instructor(s), advisor(s), Department Chair/Director, and the Provost of the Committee's decision in writing within 3 calendar weeks of the receipt of the appeal. All Committee decisions are final.

3.2.3 Determination of Violations and Sanctions

The University recognizes that not all violations of the Academic Honesty Policy are committed with the same intent, and the University's response to policy violations should be commensurate with offenses and educate students on the value of academic integrity. For consistency, all parties engaged in determining consequences for documented violations of Academic Honesty will follow the guidelines in the Academic Honesty Policy.

3.2.4 Explanation of Violations

Tier 1 violations are those that result from scholarly negligence or inexperience with academic integrity principles and are the lowest level of violations. Tier 1 violations should be treated as a learning experience for the student. Examples of Tier 1 violations include improper citation (whether from text or generative AI), re-using the student's own assignments across different classes (when unaware that this is a violation), coordinating with another student on an assignment without plagiarism (when such coordination is not allowed by the instructor), sharing an assignment with a student so they can use it as a guide. Tier 1 violations, if repeated, can be upgraded to Tier 2 if a warning was issued for a previous violation.

For a Tier 1 violation, instructors may reduce the student's grade on the assignment in question by up to one letter grade (at the discretion of the instructor).

Tier 2 violations are knowingly dishonest in character and should be treated as serious violations that include some punitive measures as well as opportunities for the student to make amends. Examples of Tier 2 violations include any of the following except when expressly allowed by the instructor: copying from another student during a proctored exam or quiz, giving copies of an assignment to a fellow student (e.g. essay sharing), using notes on a take-home exam, minor incidents of plagiarism (e.g. copying and pasting a paragraph in a paper, whether from text or generative AI), sharing an assignment with a student with the expectation that they will plagiarize it. Tier 2 violations are upgraded to Tier 3 if the student has a previous record of any Tier 2 violation.

For a Tier 2 violation, instructors may impose a penalty up to a 0% for the assignment(s) in question.

Tier 3 violations are those that demonstrate flagrantly dishonest character and involve significant planning and deliberation, or are serious breaches of professional and personal integrity. Tier 3 violations should be treated as serious violations and include punitive measures. Examples of Tier 3 violations could include: sending someone else to take an exam, purchasing essays, turning in a paper that was generated entirely by AI, copying the majority of a paper, stealing or using an exam answer key, using a fraudulent medical excuse, or forging documents.

For Tier 3 violations, instructors may impose any penalty up to and including a failing grade for the course. If the academic honesty violation is so egregious that it should be permanently marked on the transcript, the faculty may choose to give an FAHV (Failure for Academic Honesty Violation). Note that students who fail due to an academic honesty violation (grade FAHV) will have this on their permanent transcript, whereas students who receive an F will have no permanent record of the academic honesty violation. In addition, the designee of the Provost may recommend that the Provost take further actions such as student suspension, student dismissal, revocation of degree, or other punishments.

[Section revised to clarify process. Approved by Board of Trustees June 2022]

3.3 Student Attendance Policy

Individual Faculty members determine the attendance policy for their classes. Attendance policies are to be given to students in writing as part of the syllabus for the course. The policy will include steps for implementing the policy. Faculty members are required to maintain records of student attendance, and to report the last day of attendance when recording grades for the semester.

3.4 Responsibility for Meeting Classes As Scheduled.

Classes are to be taught at the time shown in the schedule of classes, except in extenuating circumstances. A change in the class meeting time should be made primarily to meet educational objectives, and may be made only if the change is acceptable to all students in the class. Any departure from the scheduled meeting time, other than those of a temporary nature, should be approved by the Department Chair/Director and coordinated with the Registrar.

3.4.1 Absence of Faculty members

Planned absence from campus should be approved in advance. The Department Chair/Director may approve absences of one or two class days. Absences longer than two class days must be approved by the Provost of the University. Requests for absence must be submitted in writing, well in advance of the planned absence.

When possible, Faculty members should make prior arrangements for anticipated absences. When this is not possible, the Faculty member should first attempt to notify the Department Chair/Director. If unable to reach the Chair/Director, the Faculty member may contact another qualified member of the department and ask that individual to teach the class or make suitable alternate arrangements for meeting the obligations of the class. Classes should be cancelled only when alternate arrangements are not possible.

3.4.2 Cancelled classes

Classes cancelled by a Faculty member should be made up in an appropriate manner, either by scheduling alternate meeting times for the classes, or by other work appropriate to the educational purposes of the class.

3.4.3 Examinations during faculty absence

If a Faculty member cannot be present for an in-person examination, test, or quiz in one of their classes, then they must arrange with a Faculty or non-student staff colleague to serve as a proctor.

3.4.4 Final examinations

Final examinations are to be given in all classes unless an exam is not appropriate for the course. If an exam is not given, the final examination time period should be used to receive papers or to discuss papers or projects. Any exceptions to the adopted calendar and/or final examination schedule must be approved by the Provost of the University prior to the announcement to the class of the change. For courses with multiple sections, faculty members may request permission from the Provost to schedule a

single exam time for those sections.

3.4.4.1 Changing Final Exam Times

Students should review their final examination schedule before making any end-of-semester travel or family vacation arrangements. Students are responsible for being available during class times until the final date of the Final Exams. It is not the instructor's responsibility or obligation to provide opportunities for students to take a final examination outside of the scheduled final examination time.

Exam changes will not be made for personal convenience reasons (e.g., personal travel, adjustable work schedules).

Students may request a change to their final exam schedule under two circumstances only:

1. The student has 3 or more final examinations scheduled on one day, or
2. The student has an unavoidable conflict (unavoidable work schedule, school-sanctioned event, etc.) with an exam time,

All requests for exam changes must come through the Office of Academic Affairs. All requests for exam changes must come through Academic Affairs, via the online request for a change of final exam form. Submission of a request does not guarantee a change of exam time; the decision is at the discretion of the Office of Academic Affairs. Students should also notify their instructors when they submit the change form. The Office of Academic Affairs will communicate the decision to both the faculty and the student.

In an emergent situation, students will need to communicate with the faculty member as soon as they are able. The faculty member will determine the appropriate course of action and inform the Office of Academic Affairs.

[Added time line in first paragraph, changed (C) to read “emergency.” Approved by the President, per Section 1.0.1, March 2020; fully revised by UAPC October 2025.]

3.5 Communications with University’s Legal Counsel

All contacts with the university’s legal counsel should be made only with clearance by the Provost or the President. Vice Presidents are empowered to contact the attorney as needed or to delegate this task as appropriate.

3.6 Fund Raising

Fund raising activities are coordinated through the Office of Institutional Advancement. Any fund raising activity which involves constituencies external to the University must be approved by the Office of Institutional Advancement. Faculty are encouraged to submit fund-raising requests through the Office of the Provost.

3.7 Public Speech and writing

Faculty members retain all rights of expression guaranteed to them by the constitution of the United States, and by applicable federal and state statutes. When engaging in public speech or writing outside the campus community, faculty members should identify themselves primarily as individual citizens, and make clear that their views do not necessarily represent those of Heidelberg University. Faculty members should identify themselves as associated with Heidelberg University only when acting in their

professional capacity, or when authorized to speak or write on behalf of the university.

Appendix A: Faculty Constitution

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL FACULTY OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

Approved April 1, 2008

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ARTICLE I – DEFINITION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General Faculty defined

The General Faculty of Heidelberg University is a deliberative assembly. This Constitution comprises the policies and procedures the Faculty has selected to govern itself, and defines the membership, responsibilities, and operational components of the General Faculty. As rules of a deliberative assembly, the provisions of this Constitution do not address the employment relationship between the University and an individual member of the General Faculty, and do not extend, limit, interpret, or otherwise concern the employment contract.

Section 2. Membership of the General Faculty

The membership of the General Faculty is defined as follows:

- A. the President of the University;
- B. the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University—herein “the Provost;”
- C. full-time employees of the University who hold the academic rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, or other academic ranks designated by the President and approved by the General Faculty;
- D. full-time employees of the University who hold the title of Director of Library Services, Registrar, Director of the Owen Center, or other ranks or titles designated by the President and approved by the General Faculty;
- E. one undergraduate student appointed by Student Senate; and
- F. other persons contributing to the teaching and research missions of the college, for example, instructors with Significant Part-time contracts, who are appointed to the General Faculty on a term basis at the first regular meeting of the General Faculty each fall for that academic year.

Section 3. Faculty members

In the context of this Constitution and the *Heidelberg University Faculty Manual*, the term “Faculty member” is used to designate only a member of the General Faculty holding the academic rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor, or the administrative title of President of the University, and excludes other instructional staff. Further meaning and application of the term “instructional staff” is provided in the *Heidelberg University Faculty Manual*.

Section 4. Non-voting administrative representatives

Non-voting administrative representatives to the General Faculty are defined as follows:

full-time employees of the University who do not hold the academic rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor but who hold the title of Vice President, Dean of Students or other administrative titles designated by the President and approved by the General Faculty.

Section 5. Faculty members on leave

Faculty members on leave retain all privileges of General Faculty membership and shall be included in the semiannual Secretary's Report to the General Faculty.

Section 6. Eligibility for election

Only Faculty members as defined in Section 3 of this Article are eligible to be elected by the General Faculty as officers of the General Faculty as defined in Article IV, to be elected to General Faculty committees or task forces as defined in Article V, or to be elected by the General Faculty to University committees and councils as defined in the *Heidelberg University Faculty Manual*, Section 1.3.4.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1.

The duties and responsibilities of the General Faculty of Heidelberg University shall be to establish and implement policies concerning the academic life of the University, to advise the Board of Trustees, the President, the Provost of the University, and others concerning the academic life and general welfare of the University, and to implement University objectives established in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, the President, and the Provost of the University.

At the request of the General Faculty, the General Faculty's decisions and recommendations shall be reported by the Chairperson of the General Faculty to the Provost of the University the President or to the Board of Trustees through the President. Whatever action the Provost, the President, or the Board of Trustees takes with respect to such recommendations and decisions shall be promptly reported by the Chairperson of the General Faculty.

Section 2.

The General Faculty discharges its duties when assembled under the provisions of Article IV, through standing and ad hoc committees and task forces as provided in Article V, and through the various academic departments as provided in Article III.

ARTICLE III – ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL FACULTY MEMBERS

Section 1.

Members of the General Faculty holding academic rank are organized into administrative schools and divisions. Each school or division is in turn organized into academic departments and programs. The academic divisions and departments of the University have academic functions under the provisions of this Constitution as well as administrative functions defined by their own internal policies, by the administrative policies of Heidelberg University specified in the Heidelberg University Faculty Manual and other documents, and by administrative policies established by the Provost of the University.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

Section I. Chairperson of the General Faculty

The position of Chairperson of the General Faculty is normally filled by succession of the Chairperson *pro tempore* as provided for in Article IV, Section 2. When necessary, the Faculty shall elect a Chairperson, at or before the first General Faculty meeting of the academic year or as necessary to fill the position. The term of office shall be for one year, beginning with the first day of the Fall semester.

The Chairperson of the General Faculty shall

- A. preside at all meetings of the General Faculty;
- B. be an *ex officio* non-voting member of all General Faculty committees except the Faculty Personnel Committee;
- C. call all meetings of the General Faculty, including special meetings, in accordance with Article IV Section 8;
- D. construct the agenda for all meetings of the General Faculty;
- E. distribute the agenda, receive and distribute the Secretary's minutes, receive and distribute minutes from Faculty committees and other relevant materials for all General Faculty meetings pursuant to Article IV Section 7 and Article V Section 9(d);
- F. receive any written proposal to amend the Constitution of the Faculty and distribute it to the General Faculty pursuant to Article VIII Section 1;
- G. at the request of the General Faculty, the Faculty's decisions and recommendations shall be reported by the Chairperson of the General Faculty to the Provost of the University, the President, or to the Board of Trustees through the President;
- H. on behalf of the General Faculty, seek reports from the Provost pursuant to Article IV Section 6;
- I. invite student members of General Faculty committees to hear and comment on their respective Committees' reports;
- J. invite other persons of the University community to address the General Faculty assembled; and
- K. perform other duties as the General Faculty shall so direct.

Section 2. Chairperson *pro tempore*

The General Faculty shall elect a Chairperson *pro tempore*, at or before the first General Faculty meeting of the academic year or as necessary to fill the position. The Chairperson *pro tempore* shall preside at the General Faculty meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and on other occasions when it is necessary for the Chairperson to vacate the chair. The term of office shall be for one year, beginning with the first day of the Fall semester. The incumbent Chairperson *pro tempore* shall then become the Chairperson of the General Faculty in the following academic year.

Section 3. Secretary

The General Faculty shall elect annually, at or before the first meeting of the academic year, a Secretary whose duties shall include

- A. recording minutes of all General Faculty meetings;
- B. keeping and making available for inspection the records of General Faculty bodies;
- C. maintaining a Faculty Register pursuant to Article VII Section 3; and
- D. such other duties as the General Faculty shall direct.

The Secretary shall seek administrative support for necessary clerical assistance in the discharge of his or her duties.

Section 4. Parliamentarian

The General Faculty shall elect annually, at or before the first meeting of the academic year, a Parliamentarian whose principal duty shall be to advise the presiding officer on procedure.

Section 5. Faculty Advisory Representatives to the Board of Trustees

The General Faculty shall elect, at or before the first meeting of the academic year, Faculty members to serve two-year terms as Faculty Advisory Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the University as follows: two Faculty members to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board, initially one one-year and one two-year; and two Faculty members to the Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Committee of the Board, initially one one-year and one two-year. The reporting duties to the General Faculty by the Faculty Advisory Representatives to the Board shall be prescribed by the General Faculty, consistent with the policies of the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Report from the Provost

The General Faculty shall seek a report from the Provost regarding the disposition of all matters brought to the Provost by the General Faculty according to the provisions of this Constitution.

Section 7. Sessions of the General Faculty

The General Faculty is in session from the first day of class in the Fall semester through the last day of the final examination period in the Spring semester, excluding those days when the University is not in session. The General Faculty shall establish a schedule of regular monthly meetings to be held at a designated time during the academic year while the University is in session.

The Chairperson of the General Faculty shall notify members of the General Faculty in writing not less than 48 hours in advance of regular meetings. This notification shall include a list of the matters which may come before that meeting, as well as the minutes of the previous regular meeting and of any special or emergency meetings which may have intervened.

Section 8. Meetings of the General Faculty

All meetings of the General Faculty are called by the Chairperson of the General Faculty. Special meetings may be directed by the Provost or by petition of at least ten members of the General Faculty. The petition shall be brought to the Chairperson of the General Faculty who will then call the special meeting. The Chairperson of the General Faculty shall notify members in writing not less than 48 hours in advance of special meetings. That notification shall include a complete list of the petitioners and a brief statement of the matters to be considered at the special meeting.

Meetings may be called under special conditions as defined by the Provost of the University with less than 48 hours' notice.

Section 9. Quorum

At all meetings of the General Faculty a quorum shall be 40 percent of the current membership of the General Faculty.

Section 10. Passage of motions

At all meetings of the General Faculty passage of any motion shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of those members voting. An abstention from voting is not a vote. A record of the number of affirmative votes, negative votes, and abstentions from voting shall be kept for all motions with respect to which a division of the assembly has been requested.

Section 11. Secret ballot

At all meetings of the General Faculty a secret ballot shall be taken on any question at the request of any member of the General Faculty.

Section 12. Vacancies of elected officers

In the event of a vacancy of an elected officer of the General Faculty, an election shall be held at the next regular meeting of the General Faculty, to fill the unexpired term of the vacator.

Section 13. Open meetings

The General Faculty aims to set the example of making its regular meetings open to observation by interested persons of the University community. Nonmembers may address the General Faculty assembled only upon request of a member in attendance or upon invitation of the Chairperson of the General Faculty. The right of participating in deliberation is reserved for members of the General Faculty and non-voting administrative representatives to the Faculty as defined in Article I, Section 4.

ARTICLE V - FACULTY COMMITTEES

Section 1. Types of committees

General Faculty committees are either standing committees, or ad hoc committees and task forces. Standing committees are defined in their entirety through the provisions of this Constitution. Ad hoc General Faculty committees and task forces are defined, created, and dismissed by the General Faculty assembled or by standing committees of the General Faculty, according to the provisions of this Constitution. Both types of General Faculty committees are creatures of the General Faculty, i.e., the nature, composition, scope of duties and responsibilities, and internal function are controlled in their entirety by the General Faculty, subject to the provisions of this Constitution. The President and the Provost are *ex officio*, non-voting members of all General Faculty committees. The Chairperson of the General Faculty is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of all General Faculty committees except the General Faculty Personnel Committee. *Ex officio* members shall not serve as chairs of standing faculty committees.

Section 2. Standing Committees of the General Faculty

The standing committees of the General Faculty of the University shall be the

- A. Academic Assessment Committee,
- B. Community and Academic Engagement Committee,
- C. Faculty Development Committee,
- D. Faculty Personnel Committee,
- E. Graduate Studies Committee,
- F. Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee,
- G. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Section 3. Membership and charges of Standing Committees

Membership and charges of these standing committees shall be as follows:

A. Academic Assessment Committee (AAC)

Membership: Four Faculty members, one or two elected each year for three-year terms; and one undergraduate student appointed by the Student Senate for a term of one year. The individual charged by the Provost with coordinating assessment on campus is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of this committee.

Charges: AAC shall study and make recommendations concerning campus assessment policy and ensure implementation of assessment activities, including but not limited to

- A. Collect general education assessment data annually, evaluate those learning outcomes, and make actionable recommendations to the General Faculty;
- B. Review syllabi for compliance with institutional requirements;
- C. Coordinate academic assessment activities on campus with Academic Affairs
- D. Periodically review programmatic assessment reports.

B. Community and Academic Engagement Committee (CAEC)

Membership: Four Faculty members, one or two elected each year for three-year terms; one student appointed by Student Senate for a term of one year.

Charges: The Community and Academic Engagement Committee shall study and make recommendations to the General Faculty concerning scholarly activities which contribute to the overall growth and development of the campus community, such as:

- A. Coordinating, planning, and promoting the Minds@Work campus-wide Research Conference;
- B. Coordinating, promoting, and making decisions regarding the Hammel Research Fund, Hammel Research Award Funds, and Pepsi Grants;
- C. Coordinating with the Provost and community organizations regarding faculty-sponsored community-wide projects or events, both on and off campus. , planning, promoting, and/or sponsoring events on campus and the greater Tiffin community that further the academic mission of the University.

[Committee name and charge updated from Community Engagement Committee April 2023]

C. Faculty Development Committee (FDC)

Membership: Four Faculty members, one or two elected each year for a three-year term. The Director of the Owen Center or Provost designee is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of this committee.

Charges: The Faculty Development Committee shall study and make recommendations to the General Faculty concerning overseeing and facilitating resources and programs, outside the scope of Faculty member evaluation, that promote a life of learning through growth and development of Faculty members in their instructional, scholarly, and institutional endeavors including, but not limited to

- A. gathering information on advances and new concepts in teaching, both on and off the campus, and organizing workshops, discussion groups, notices, and literature to help Faculty members keep abreast of such information;
- B. planning, implementing, and evaluating mentoring programs for new and continuing Faculty members;
- C. coordinating the selection of Aigler Summer Grant recipients in conjunction with Academic Affairs;
- D. establishing, maintaining, and supporting programs beyond sabbatical leaves, leaves of absence, and release time, that encourage professional activities, growth, and development;

- E. establishing and maintaining programs to promote and facilitate Faculty-member interaction and congeniality;
- F. maintaining a dialogue about educational resource development among the General Faculty, Academic Affairs, and various offices that support teaching and learning.

D. Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC)

Membership: Four Faculty members, three of whom must be tenured, one of whom must be a full professor, and one of whom must be a ranked, non-tenure-track Faculty member with 6 or more years of full-time experience at Heidelberg. One member will be elected each year for a four-year term. Tenure or full professor must be conferred by the start of the next academic year.

Charges: The Faculty Personnel Committee shall study and make recommendations to the General Faculty, and where appropriate, on behalf of the General Faculty to the President and the Board of Trustees, on a wide range of Faculty-member employment and welfare issues including, but not limited to

- A. advising the President and Board of Trustees, through the Vice President for Academic Affairs, on the following matters, including but not limited to
 - 1. promotion
 - 2. tenure
 - 3. initial appointment and re-appointment
 - 4. release time
 - 5. sabbatical leaves and leaves of absence
 - 6. termination
 - 7. other Faculty-member personnel matters determined by the President;
- B. conducting Faculty elections for standing committees, and of Faculty-member representatives to administrative committees;
- C. overseeing all Faculty-member evaluation procedures;
- D. updating the Faculty Manual; and
- E. studying and making recommendations on behalf of the Faculty regarding workload, intellectual property, and the teaching and research environment.

E. Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)

Membership: One Faculty member with graduate teaching experience from each program, one or two elected each year for terms of three years, and one graduate student appointed by the committee chairperson for a term of one year. The Registrar is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of this committee.

Charges: The Graduate Studies Committee shall study and make recommendations to the General Faculty concerning matters of graduate policy and curriculum including, but not limited to

- A. Reviewing, approving and recommending changes in the graduate curriculum and academic programs;
- B. Policies regarding admissions, placement, scholarships, academic probation, suspension, dismissal, academic honesty, student appeals including grade appeals, and matters of student academic life; and
- C. Any educational endeavors which will have a long- or short-range impact on graduate academic programs.

Coordination with Undergraduate Programs: The Graduate Studies Committee shall not propose any policy or curricular changes that will affect the policies or curriculum of the University's undergraduate programs without first consulting the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee and/or the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, as appropriate. This includes review and recommendations regarding the university's academic calendar which are made to Academic Affairs.

F. Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee (UAPC)

Membership: Four Faculty members, one with tenure, one or two elected each year for terms of three years; and one undergraduate student appointed by the Student Senate for a term of one year. The Registrar is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of this committee.

Charges: The Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee shall study and make recommendations to the General Faculty concerning matters of undergraduate academic policy including, but not limited to

- A. Academic policies regarding admissions, placement, scholarships, academic probation, suspension, dismissal, academic honesty, student appeals including grade appeals, and matters of student academic life;
- B. Making decisions regarding academic probation, suspension, dismissal, academic honesty, student appeals including grade appeals, and matters of student academic life;
- C. General matters of academic administrative policy including, the University calendar, and other academic policies as recommended by the General Faculty and/or the Provost; and
- D. Any educational endeavors which will have an impact on long-or short-range academic policy of the University.

Coordination with Graduate Programs: The Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee shall not propose any policy or changes that will affect the policies of the University's graduate programs without first consulting the Graduate Studies Committee. This includes review and recommendations regarding the university's academic calendar, which are made to Academic Affairs.

G. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC)

Membership: Four undergraduate Faculty members, at least one of whom is tenured, one or two elected each year for terms of three years; and one undergraduate student appointed by the Student Senate for a

term of one year. The Registrar is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of this committee.

Charges: The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall study and make recommendations to the General Faculty concerning matters of the undergraduate curriculum including, but not limited to

- A. the undergraduate general education curriculum, majors, minors, concentrations, and other academic programs; and
- B. any educational endeavors which will have a long- or short-range impact on undergraduate academic programs.

Coordination with other Entities: The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall not propose any curricular changes that will affect the curriculum of the University's graduate programs without first consulting the Graduate Studies Committee. Oversight of the undergraduate catalog may require collaboration with the Registrar's Office and with UAPC.

Section 4. Elections to standing committees

General Faculty elections to these standing committees shall take place annually, at the last General Faculty meeting of the academic year. New members are seated immediately following the election, unless provided for otherwise by the General Faculty.

Section 5. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy of an elected Faculty member on any of these standing committees, an election shall be held no later than the next regular meeting of the General Faculty, to fill the unexpired term of the vacator. A committee member who seeks to resign from a committee assignment shall propose a motion, Request to be Excused from a Duty, to the Chairperson of the General Faculty prior to the next regular meeting of the General Faculty.

Section 6. Meetings

Each of these standing committees shall meet at least once a semester during the regular academic year.

Section 7. Duties regarding issues raised

Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution, each of these standing committees has the duty to deliberate, and make a timely report on, matters within its charges raised by itself or

- A. any member of the General Faculty,
- B. the General Faculty,
- C. any body defined within this Constitution.

Section 8. Additional committees

Committees in addition to these standing committees may be established. The size, qualifications of members, and terms of office of members of such committees may be prescribed by:

- A. the General Faculty, or
- B. any of the standing committees of the General Faculty.

Section 9. Procedures and requirements of standing committees

Each of these standing committees, and each committee established pursuant to Section 8 of this Article shall

- A. elect a chairperson at the beginning of each semester, unless another method of selecting a chairperson is provided by this Constitution or by a standing rule of the General Faculty;
- B. establish and make known to the General Faculty in written form the time and place of its regular meetings and the procedures for the conduct of its business pursuant to Article V, at the beginning of each semester;
- C. provide annual budget requests to the Provost in a timely manner, and expend any budgeted funds according to the direction of the General Faculty;
- D. record minutes of all matters which have come before the committee, all actions taken thereon, and all matters which are pending before it. All minutes not submitted since the last meeting of the General Faculty minutes shall be sent to the Chairperson of the General Faculty at least 48 hours before the next Faculty meeting; the Chairperson of the General Faculty will distribute them to the General Faculty; and
- E. submit all reports and vote documents for consideration by the Faculty to the Chairperson of the General Faculty, who shall distribute them to the Faculty at least 48 hours before the General Faculty Meeting at which they are to be considered. The Secretary of the General Faculty shall maintain a permanent file of such reports and vote documents.

ARTICLE VI -- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1.

The General Faculty and committees provided for in this Constitution shall be governed by the rules contained in this Constitution and any Bylaws enacted in accordance with this Constitution.

Meetings of the General Faculty and of all the committees provided for in this Constitution shall be governed by the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, where those rules are consistent with this Constitution. The General Faculty may adopt special rules of order for itself and its committees as it sees fit. Those rules shall supersede any contrary rules of Robert but otherwise shall be consistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII – BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Section 1.

The General Faculty shall make bylaws and standing rules as may be necessary for the proper conduct and regulation of its business, provided those rules do not conflict with this Constitution. Such bylaws and rules shall be adopted or amended and become effective upon an affirmative vote of a majority of those present at a meeting of the General Faculty.

Section 2.

Bylaws may be adopted or amended at a meeting of the General Faculty only when the proposal has been circulated to the General Faculty by the Secretary with the agenda for the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Section 3.

All bylaws and standing rules shall be entered in a Faculty Register by the Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain and publish the Register in paper and electronic form in a manner and location determined by the General Faculty. The Register shall be available to the University community.

ARTICLE VIII -- AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Procedure for amending the constitution

The following procedure is the only method by which the Constitution of the General Faculty of Heidelberg University may be amended:

- A. A written proposal to amend the Constitution of the General Faculty may originate as a petition signed by at least 25% of the membership of the General Faculty, or as a proposal from the Faculty Personnel Committee. In both cases, the amendment proposal shall be filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty.
- B. The Chairperson shall distribute to the General Faculty this written proposal of amendment not more than ten calendar days after it has been filed with the Secretary.
- C. The General Faculty shall vote on the proposed amendment at a meeting not less than four calendar days, nor more than sixty calendar days, from the time the proposal of amendment has been distributed to the General Faculty. The proposed amendment must be read at two consecutive meetings, with the earliest possible vote taken at that second meeting.
- D. For an amendment to become effective it must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all votes cast.
- E. For purposes of amending the Constitution of the General Faculty, the following rules apply:
 - 1. in computing time, summer vacation and all other vacations during the academic year shall be excluded;
 - 2. for the purpose of voting, absentee ballots shall not be counted.
- F. When a motion to amend the Constitution of the General Faculty has received the necessary votes, it shall become effective immediately, unless the proposal itself otherwise provides.

ARTICLE IX -- CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Section 1.

At intervals of five academic years, beginning in 2013, the Faculty shall convene a committee to review the Constitution and to recommend to the General Faculty such amendments as it may deem appropriate.

Section 2.

The provisions of this Constitution shall be consistent with the law, the University Charter and Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, and other Board policies. Any provisions of this Constitution counter to applicable State or Federal Laws shall be null and void.

ARTICLE X -- ENACTMENT

Section 1.

The Constitution of the General Faculty of Heidelberg University shall become effective on April 29, 2008, following its approval by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the votes cast at a meeting for which due notice of the proposal has been given.

[End of the Faculty Constitution]

Dates of Faculty Approval of Amendments on Second Reading:

April 28, 2015 (changes throughout)
November 3, 2015 (Art. IV, Sect. 13)
November 6, 2018 (Art. V, Sect. 3)
May 4, 2021 (Art. V, Sect. 3.D & 3.E)

Appendix B: Revisions to the Faculty Manual

Faculty Manual Section	Date of Last Revision
1.3.3.1.3 Department Chairs and Program Directors	August 2018
1.3.4.6 Honors Committee	August 2018
2.2 Definition of Faculty Status	August 2018
2.2.7 Criteria for Personnel Action	August 2018
2.2.7.1 Teaching	August 2018
2.2.7.2 Professional Development and Activity	August 2018
2.2.7.3 Engagement in the Life of the University	August 2018
2.2.7.4 Professional and Ethical Relationships	August 2018
2.2.9.4 Requests for Promotion	August 2018
2.5.1 Promotion and Tenure Portfolios	August 2018
2.5.2 Other Records	August 2018
2.6 Faculty Evaluation	August 2018
2.6.1 Criteria	August 2018
2.6.2 Student Input	August 2018
2.6.3 Evaluation Process for Full-time Teaching Faculty Members	August 2018
2.6.4 Evaluation Process for Instructors Other Than Full-time Teaching Faculty	August 2018
2.7.1 Tenure Acquisition	August 2018
2.7.2 Requests for Early Tenure Consideration	August 2018
3.1.2 Grade Change Policy	August 2018
3.2 Academic Honesty Policy	August 2018
2.11 Other Types of Leave	October 2018
2.13 Benefits	October 2018
2.5 Personnel Records	October 2018
2.6.4 Evaluation Process for Instructors Other Than Full-time Teaching Faculty	October 2018
2.7.1.3.6 Tenure Application Portfolio Review Process	October 2018
1 Preamble	February 2019
2.7 Tenure Policies; Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio System	February 2019

2.7.7 Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio System	February 2019
2.6.2.1 Approved Methods for Soliciting Student Input	February 2019
3.4.4.1 Changing Final Exam Times	February 2019
2.6.2.6 Deficiencies and Improvement Plans	October 2019
1.0.1 Maintaining and Amending the Faculty Manual	February 2020
2.2.9.4.1 What the Promotion Portfolio Includes	February 2020
2.2.9.4.6 Recommendation Regarding Promotion	February 2020
2.4.1.2 FPC Reviews Position Request Forms	February 2020
2.5.1 Promotion and Tenure Portfolios	February 2020
2.7.1.2.6 Tenure Progress Portfolio Review Process	February 2020
2.7.1.3.1—2.7.1.3.3 What the Tenure Application Portfolio Includes	February 2020
2.7.7.1.2.6 Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio Review Process	February 2020
2.10.5 Faculty Awards	February 2020
2.2.7.1.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching; all of the following	March 2020
3.4.4.1 Changing Final Exam Times	March 2020
2.2.7.1.1 (H) Statement on establishing learning outcomes	May 2020
2.2.1 Definition of full-time Faculty load and alternate guidelines	October 2020
2.2.3 Statement of adjunct as less than a full-time annual teaching load	October 2020
2.2.9.4.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Promotion	June 2021
2.7.1.2.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure Progress	June 2021
2.7.1.3.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure Application	June 2021
2.7.7.1.2.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio	June 2021
2.7.1.2.2 Introduction to the Portfolio	June 2021
2.7.1.3.2 Introduction to the Portfolio	June 2021
2.7.7.1.2.2 Introduction to the Portfolio	June 2021
2.2.4 Emeritus/Emerita Faculty	June 2021

2.2.8.5 Criteria for Equivalent Professional Experience of Faculty	June 2021
2.6.5 University Employee Related to Teaching or Misconduct by Instructors	June 2022
2.6.2.1.2 Student Input Regarding Basic Responsibilities or Instructor Misconduct	June 2022
2.8.0.1 Disciplinary Action	June 2022
3.2 Academic Honesty	June 2022
2.6.3 Evaluation Process for Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members	June 2023
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2.6.4 Evaluation Process for Instructors Other Than Full-Time Teaching Faculty	June 2023
2.6.4.3.2 Instructional Alerts	June 2023
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2.10.1 Sabbatical Leave	February 2024
2.10.2 Leaves of Absence	February 2024
2.2.2 Ranked Significant Part-Time Instructional Staff	February 2024
2.2.3 Adjunct Instructional Staff	February 2024
2.2.6 Special Academic Staff and Coaches	February 2024
2.4.4 Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Policy	February 2024
2.4.5 Employment Conflict of Interest	February 2024
2.5 Personnel Records	February 2024
2.6.2.1.1 Results of an Approved Method	February 2024
2.8.1 Retirement and Resignation	February 2024
3.4.3 Examinations during faculty absence	February 2024
C.1 Criteria for Evaluation	February 2024
1.3.1 Board of Trustees	June 2024
1.3.4.3 Disabilities Identification Team (DIT) (section removed as policies fall under Student Accessibility Services)	June 2024
2.12.3 Copyright and Photocopying Policy	June 2024
2.13 Benefits	June 2024
2.13.3 Disability Insurance (section removed to prevent redundancy with policies found under HR)	June 2024
2.13.4 Flexible Benefit Plan (section removed to prevent redundancy with policies found under HR)	June 2024
2.13.5 Medical Coverage (section removed to prevent redundancy with policies found under HR)	June 2024
2.13.6 Dental Plan (section removed to prevent redundancy with policies found under HR)	June 2024
2.13.3 Professional Insurance Coverage	June 2024

2.15.1 General Considerations	June 2024
2.2.7 Criteria for Personnel Action	June 2024
2.2.7.1.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching	June 2024
2.2.7.3.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Engaging in the Life of the University	June 2024
2.6.2.1.2 Information Regarding Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching or Misconduct	June 2024
2.6.5 University Employee Information and Response Regarding an Alleged Departure from Basic Responsibilities Related to Teaching or Misconduct by Instructors	June 2024
2.7.1.3.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Tenure Application	June 2024
2.7.7.1.2.3 Departmental Letter of Evaluation for Non-Tenure-Track Portfolio	June 2024
D. Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC)	June 2024
3.2 Academic Honesty Policy	October 2024
3.2.1 Reporting Academic Honesty Violations	October 2024
3.2.2 Appeal of an Academic Honesty Violation	October 2024
3.2.4 Explanation of Violations	October 2024
2.8.2 Notification of Expiration of Appointment	October 2024
2.7.1.2.6 Tenure Progress Portfolio Review Process	October 2024
2.8.4 Termination of Tenure	October 2024
2.8.3 Termination of Contract	October 2024
2.9.1 Academic Freedom	October 2024
2.13.9 Retirement	October 2024
2.2.5 Administrators with Academic Rank	February 2025
2.7.1.2.4 Documents Related to the Faculty Evaluation Process (FEP)	February 2025
2.2.7.3.2 Participation in the Shared Governance of the University	February 2025
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2.2.7.3.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Engaging in the life of the University	August 2025
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2.2.7.3.4 Service to the Faculty Member's Academic Unit (department, division, school, etc)	August 2025
2.2.9.4.4 Documents Related to the Two-Year Faculty Evaluation Process Cycle	August 2025
1.3.3.1 Academic Affairs structure and responsibilities revised	October 2025
1.3.4 University Committees and Councils revised, including elimination of defunct committees	October 2025
3.4.4.1 Changing Final Exam Times policy fully revised by UAPC	October 2025
Appendix A, Section 2: Membership of the General Faculty	June 2026
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Appendix C: Evaluation Process for Full-time Teaching Faculty Members

C.1 Criteria for Evaluation

All full-time teaching Faculty members, tenured or non-tenured, are required to participate in the Approved Method of Evaluation as defined by the Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC) and approved by the General Faculty and Academic Affairs and referred to in Section 2.6.3. The process below will be referred to as the Faculty Evaluation Process (FEP). The deadlines for each step of the FEP will be determined by the FPC, and the dates for the deadlines will be published no later than the first day of classes for the academic year. Any Faculty member who is unable to meet a published deadline due to extraordinary circumstances must communicate with FPC, and an extension will be considered.

All full-time faculty will complete the FEP in their first and second year of full-time employment and on a biennial basis thereafter. Faculty evaluation is based upon the Criteria for Personnel Action, described in Section 2.2.7.

All criteria in this section apply unless otherwise specified in a Faculty member's letter of appointment and/or memorandum of understanding. Such exceptions must be determined by the Provost in consultation with FPC.

C.2 Heidelberg Personnel Acting as Faculty Evaluators for the Faculty Evaluation Process

Chairs/Directors/Deans will serve as the primary Evaluators for the Faculty Evaluation Process. A designee of the Provost's Office will serve as Evaluator for Chairs and Directors. Faculty members or Chairs/Directors/Deans may petition to FPC to have a departmental faculty member with greater than six years of experience perform the observation step of the faculty evaluation process.

C.3 The Faculty Evaluation Timeline and Components:

The faculty evaluation process consists of multiple checkpoints to encourage continued growth in teaching and to provide documented evidence for faculty portfolios in regard to teaching, service, professional development and activity, and professional and ethical relationships.

The overarching structure and detailed descriptions of each component are provided in the following table:

Observations can be completed in Summer, Fall or Spring, but must be completed by April 1st

Year	First activity:	Documentation	Second activity:	Documentation
1	Observation by CTL	Record of Observation	Observation and Meeting with Chair/Evaluator that includes review of Approved Method Data	Observation Due April 1st Meeting and Submission due May 1st

2	Written Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting Meeting with Chair	Self-Evaluation due Sept 1st and Meeting with Chair due Oct 1st	Observation and Meeting with Chair/Evaluator that includes review of Approved Method Data	Observation Due April 1st Meeting and Submission due May 1st
3	Two-Year Portfolio Chair/Dept Letter of Evaluation	Due Jan 15th		
4	Written Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting Meeting with Chair	Self-Evaluation due Sept 1st and Meeting with Chair due Oct 1st	Observation and Meeting with Chair/Evaluator that includes review of Approved Method Data	Observation Due April 1st Meeting and Submission due May 1st
5	Four-Year Portfolio Chair/Dept Letter of Evaluation	Due Jan 15th		
6	Written Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting Meeting with Chair	Self-Evaluation due Sept 1st and Meeting with Chair due Oct 1st	Observation and Meeting with Chair/Evaluator that includes review of Approved Method Data	Observation Due April 1st Meeting and Submission due May 1st
7	Tenure and/or Promotion Portfolio Chair/Dept Letter of Evaluation	Due Sept 15th		
8+ every two years	Written Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting Meeting with Chair	Self-Evaluation due Sept 1st and Meeting with Chair due Oct 1st	Observation and Meeting with Chair/Evaluator that includes review of Approved Method Data	Observation Due April 1st Meeting and Submission due May 1st

C.3.1 Observation from a Member of the Center for Teaching and Learning and Letter of Confirmation

During the faculty member's first semester of teaching, they should arrange with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) to be observed in one of their courses. This is to serve as a pre-assessment and to encourage the faculty member to both reflect and to make use of the CTL as a resource to further develop their teaching.

The CTL will issue two letters after the observation: the first remains confidential between the observed faculty and the CTL and contains feedback and suggestions. The second letter is for the faculty member's

year-two portfolio, confirming the date and time of the observation. The faculty member is encouraged to use the feedback from the first letter to improve their teaching and/or to contribute to their goal-setting with their Chair in their second year. They are also encouraged to continue exploring the resources available to them through the CTL.

C.3.2 Observation by Chair or Designee of the Provost and Discussion of the Approved Methods for Soliciting Student Input.

During a faculty member's first year, they should arrange to be observed by their Evaluator by sending five dates and times that they can be observed in a course of their choosing. The faculty member is encouraged to set criteria of what they would like their Evaluator to focus their feedback upon as they teach. The observation should typically be for an entire class session, but no less than 50 minutes. In the case of an asynchronous online course, this may take the form of reviewing a specific Canvas module or files, videos, discussion posts, etc. that would be the equivalent of 50 minutes of faculty guidance to engage students with the course content.

Either the faculty member or the Evaluator may request to conduct a second observation if they feel it is necessary or if they feel the observation is not an authentic representation of the faculty member's teaching ability.

After the observation is complete, the faculty member and their Evaluator should meet to discuss the observation, including strengths and areas of improvement. The evaluator will complete an observation form provided by FPC. The faculty member may post a clarifying note to the form if desired. The evaluator will submit the observation form to FPC and the Provost's office. Additional observations will be completed in years two, four, and six, and every other year after six years of employment.

In addition to the observation, the faculty member and their Evaluator shall discuss the student input provided by the approved method. Unless requested otherwise, the Evaluator will focus on reviewing the student feedback for any evidence that the faculty member has deviated from or met the basic responsibilities for teaching outlined in section 2.2.7.1.1 of the faculty manual. If the faculty member desires it, they and their Evaluator can explore other aspects of the approved method to receive additional feedback toward making improvements and goal setting in the areas of teaching excellence and professional development related to teaching. The Approved Methods for Soliciting Student Input and their Results are discussed in 2.6.2.1. Faculty may also share the results of additional ways they solicit student feedback with their Evaluator as well.

Across their years of service, the faculty member is required to ensure their observations address all the modalities that they teach in (online, in person, lab, etc.). This may mean a faculty member may make a request to be observed in the Summer, Fall, or Spring of the academic year in which it is due.

C.3.3 Self-Evaluation

During the Fall of the faculty member's second, fourth, and sixth year of teaching (and every other year thereafter), they will complete a Self-Evaluation addressing the questions provided by FPC. The content of the Self-Evaluation should cover the activities and efforts of the faculty member since the last Self-Evaluation. The faculty member should address how they have met the four main Criteria for Personnel Action set out in 2.2.7: Teaching, Professional Development and Activity, Engagement in the Life of the University, and Professional and Ethical Relationships. It must include areas of improvement

or growth for the Criteria of Personnel Action and the goals established and updated in their meeting(s) with their faculty Evaluator.

Since key elements of the portfolio process are focused on demonstrating efforts to improve and to incorporate student feedback, the goal-setting component of the faculty evaluation process is to provide evidence of growth while providing further reflection in the faculty member's portfolio process. To this end, the faculty member should set a goal related to teaching given their feedback on the data from the Approved Method of Student Input, the confidential feedback from the Center for Teaching and Learning, and/or the feedback provided by their Evaluator. The goal(s) should be, with guidance from their Evaluator, something that the faculty member can provide documentation of progress on with their following observation, with Approved Method of Student Input data, and/or with their next Self-Evaluation. With each Self-Evaluation, the faculty member can provide updates on previous goals and also set additional, reasonably sized goals regarding teaching, professional development, scholarship, or service.

If any areas of improvement were identified by Evaluators in previous observations or Self-Evaluations, those should be incorporated into the faculty member's goals, and progress must be demonstrated in the next stage of the faculty evaluation process and in the next portfolio.

The faculty member must submit their Self-Evaluation to their Evaluator by the Fall semester dates designated by FPC. The Evaluator will review the Self-Evaluation and goal progress, meet with the faculty member to discuss it before submitting the finalized form to FPC and the Provost's Office. If the faculty member needs to clarify an assertion made by the Evaluator, they can reply to FPC and the Office of the Provost in email with their clarification.

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