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OPERATING RULES AND PROCEDURES
Department of Economics
Gatton College of Business and Economics University of Kentucky

These Rules of Procedure are intended to be consistent with the Governing Regulations and the Administrative Regulations of the University of Kentucky and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and of the United States of America. In the event that these rules of procedure are inconsistent or contrary to the above-mentioned regulations and laws, then those regulations and laws control.

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS

Section 1.1 DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY AND PERSONNEL

- 1.1.1 The Faculty of the Department of Economics includes the permanent personnel of the Department with the following ranks: lecturers, instructors and professors of all ranks in the Regular Title Series, Special Title Series, Research Title Series, Extension Title Series, and joint appointees of these ranks. Visitors and part-time instructors are excluded from this definition of the Faculty.
- 1.1.2 Voting privileges are extended to all full-time members of the Faculty of the Department, where full-time is defined as those whose primary teaching is in the Economics curriculum and research duties are housed in and assigned by the Department of Economics. This includes Faculty on phased retirement. Joint appointees and those Faculty who are not considered full-time are not eligible to vote unless stipulated in their contract. Voting rights on personnel matters including hiring and promotion are further described in 2.1.2.2.
- 1.1.3 Department Personnel includes all full-time and part-time personnel of the Department.
- 1.1.4 The Department of Economics limits the number of lecturers and senior lecturers to twenty percent of the tenured or tenure-eligible faculty or four, whichever is smaller.

Section 1.2 MEETINGS

- 1.2.1 Regular meetings of the Faculty shall be held at least once each semester. Special meetings of the Faculty may be held at the call of the Chair or on petition from one-fourth of the membership.
- 1.2.2 Notification of all meetings of the Department Faculty shall be given by memorandum to the members. Notification of meetings shall be given at least one week in advance of the meeting (except in the case of meetings, such as on recruiting, when prompt action is required) and shall include the agenda of the meeting.

- 1.2.3 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Department Faculty. In all parliamentary questions not otherwise provided for, Robert's *Rules of Order* shall apply.
- 1.2.4 The Chair shall appoint a secretary for purposes of the recording, preparation, and distribution of the minutes of Department meetings. Copies of the minutes shall be distributed to all members of the Department Faculty and shall be made part of the Department Record.
- 1.2.5 The Chair shall preside over all Department meetings except as may be delegated by the Chair or stipulated otherwise by these Rules and Procedures.

ARTICLE 2. ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- 2.1.1 The administrative organization of the Department consists of the Chair, the Director of Graduate Studies, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and the Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research. The Chair may at their discretion appoint an Associate Chair whose duties are assigned by the Chair.
- 2.1.2 The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Department and is an ex-officio member of all department committees. The authority of the Chair is exercised with the assistance of the Associate Chair (if applicable), Director of Graduate Studies, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, committees, and with the Faculty of the Department. Subject to University, College and Department policy and to policy and rules as determined by the faculty, the Chair is responsible for the administrative affairs of the Department. In the event that the Chair is temporarily unable to perform their duties then they shall appoint the Associate Chair or other designee to carry out said duties.
- 2.1.2.1 The Faculty of the Department shall be actively involved in the selection, review and evaluation of the Chair according to the guidelines and procedures established by the University and those adopted by the Faculty of the Department.
- 2.1.2.2 The Chair, with the advice of the Chair's advisory committee, is responsible for recommendations on the appointment of new members of the Department, reappointments, terminal appointments, decisions not to reappoint, and post-retirement appointments, as specified in GR VII B.5. All tenured and tenure-track members shall be consulted on cases of appointment of all new Faculty members of the Department. Lecturers and Research Faculty with full-time appointments as specified in 1.1.2 are consulted on hires of all faculty in the same title series. Joint appointees do not have voting rights on personnel matters.
- 2.1.2.3 The Chair is responsible for recommendations on promotion and the granting of tenure. Procedures and criteria used in preparing the recommendations shall be

those established by the University and the tenured Faculty of the Department. The procedures must include consultation with the tenured members of the Department of equal or higher rank to which the candidate is being promoted. The Chair will appoint a Promotion Advisory Committee consisting of at least two faculty members of appropriate rank. This Committee will provide an oral summary of the candidate's record to the department at a meeting in the spring before the case is to be considered. Following this, the Chair will provide feedback to the candidate on the strength of the department's support. This Promotion Advisory Committee will also advise the faculty at a meeting in the fall once the candidate's portfolio is complete and the majority of external letters have been received. All recommendations on matters of promotion and tenure must include the written judgment of each consulted member of the Department along with the recommendation of the Chair. All faculty members with tenure shall be consulted on recommendations for granting of tenure. Faculty members on approved leave of absence or with a primary administrative, service, or other assignment outside the department may, but are not required to, provide written judgments on recommendations.

- 2.1.2.4 The Chair is responsible for reaching agreement with each faculty member on the allocation of faculty time as officially reported to the University via the Distribution of Effort Agreement. The responsibility lies in ensuring fair and equitable allocation of effort for the individual in comparison with other faculty as well as being in compliance with University and College rules and policies.
- 2.1.2.5 The Chair is responsible for the periodic evaluation of Department faculty and for making recommendations on salaries and salary changes by procedures and criteria established by the University, the College and the Faculty of the Department.

Criteria and procedures for appointment, reappointment, nonrenewal of appointment, terminal appointment, promotion, and faculty merit performance review at the lecturer or senior lecturer rank will be consistent with the criteria and procedures employed for tenured and tenure-eligible faculty. Since lecturer and senior lecturer appointments rarely include research, the criteria and procedures will primarily focus on teaching and service as will their Distribution of Effort (DOE). The portfolio of evidence used in the evaluation process has common characteristics but should also allow for individual evidence of excellence in research, instruction, and service to be assessed. See the Department of Economics Evidence of Meeting Promotion and Tenure Criteria for further information.

- 2.1.2.6 The Chair is responsible for submitting budget requests for the Department and is responsible for administering the budget subject to guidelines established by the University, College and Department.
- 2.1.2.7 The Chair represents the Department. On all issues where the opinion of the Chair differs from that of the majority of the consulted faculty, the Chair must communicate the consulted faculty's opinion as well as his/her own and stating his/her reasons for differing from the consulted faculty's opinion. The consulted

faculty of the Department shall be given a copy of this communication.

- 2.1.2.8 The Chair is appointed by the Dean for a term not to exceed four academic years. On the approval of at least a majority of the Department Faculty, the Chair may be reappointed for up to an additional four years.
- 2.1.3 The Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research shall be appointed by the Chair of the Department after consultation with the Faculty. The Chair shall make recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate School regarding the appointment of the Director of Graduate Studies.
- 2.1.3.1 The Director of Graduate Studies has the responsibility of coordinating all activities pertaining to graduate study such as recruiting, admissions, course offerings, comprehensive examinations, etc.
- 2.1.3.2 The Director of Graduate Studies has the responsibility for advising all graduate students who do not have an advisory committee. The advisory committee chairs advise all doctoral students whose committees they chair.
- 2.1.3.3 The Director of Undergraduate Studies is responsible for coordinating departmental faculty advising, that complements professional advising, for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate major in Economics. The Chair of the Department, in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, shall appoint additional advisors to assist in advising duties. The Director of Undergraduate Studies will also serve on the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the College.
- 2.1.3.4 The Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research is responsible for the operations on the Center within guidelines established by the Department.
- 2.1.4 The Department shall have five standing committees: the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee, the Center for Business and Economic Research Advisory Committee, the Mark C. Berger Seminar and Workshop Committee, and the Chair's Advisory Committee.
- 2.1.4.1 The Undergraduate Studies Committee shall have no fewer than three faculty members, including the Director of Undergraduate Studies, who serves as its chair. It will also include an undergraduate student, who will be selected by the committee and will have full voting rights. Appointments to the committee are for a term of one academic year. Reappointments for additional one-year terms are possible. Committee responsibilities include those issues relevant to undergraduate instruction including approval, oversight and review of the undergraduate program requirements and courses.
- 2.1.4.2 The Graduate Studies Committee shall have no fewer than three faculty members, including the Director of Graduate Studies, who will serve as its chair. The committee will also include one graduate student member who will have full voting rights except on matters pertaining to the offering of financial awards.

Appointments to the committee shall be made by the Chair, in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, for a term of one academic year. Reappointments for additional one-year terms are possible. Committee responsibilities include those issues relevant to graduate programs and instruction including approval, oversight and review of the graduate program requirements and courses.

- 2.1.4.2 The Center for Business and Economic Research Advisory Committee shall consist of no fewer than three faculty members appointed by the Chair in consultation with the Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research. The Director of the Center will serve as Chair of the Advisory Committee. The function of the committee is to provide advice to the Director and general oversight of the operations of the Center.
- 2.1.4.3 The Chair's Advisory Committee shall consist of not less than three tenured members of the faculty appointed by the Chair. This committee also serves as the Merit Review Advisory Committee. The committee's function is to meet with the Chair to discuss, consult, and advise regarding the appropriate merit evaluation to be awarded for each faculty member being reviewed for the biannual faculty performance review. The only exception is that each committee member is recused when his/her review is considered or when a potential conflict of interest arises. In the event that a consensus on the merit evaluation for a faculty member is not reached, the Chair makes the final determination.
- 2.1.4.4 The Mark C. Berger Seminar and Workshop Committee shall consist of not less than three faculty members appointed by the Chair. The Chair will name one of these members as chair of the committee. This committee is responsible for seeking suggestions for seminars and workshops by external speakers, Department faculty, and other faculty on campus whose research may be of interest to the Department.
- 2.1.5 When there is a faculty vacancy to be filled, the Chair shall appoint a recruiting committee consisting of no less than three faculty members including the Chair. The Chair or their designee will serve as chair of the recruiting committee. The recruiting committee will present a recruiting plan to the Department for its approval. Positions will be advertised following University EOE policies and the recruiting committee will screen applicants, interview applicants, and make recommendations to the Chair for inviting candidates for campus visits. Candidates visiting the campus will present a seminar and the faculty will be given an opportunity to meet with the candidates. The recruiting committee will make recommendations to the Department Faculty regarding the extension of offers to candidates.

Section 2.2 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR COMMITTEES

- 2.2.1 Notification of membership on committees shall be distributed to the Faculty within thirty days of the beginning of the Fall Semester.
- 2.2.2 Faculty members with one-half or more of their duties in College or University

administration shall not serve as regular committee members for standing committees, except as noted in the Department Rules and Procedures. Such faculty may serve as ex-officio committee members.

- 2.2.3 Additional ad hoc committees or appointments may be established as necessary by the Chair or elected by the faculty to carry out the activities of the Department or advise the Chair on issues.
- 2.2.4 Each standing committee shall meet at least once each semester.
- 2.2.5 All committee meetings shall be open to any member of the Department Faculty unless otherwise indicated in the Operating Rules and Procedures.
- 2.2.6 All committee meetings shall be conducted in a democratic manner with each official committee member having one vote and passage of motions requiring a simple majority of the votes cast.

Section 2.3 POLICY

The Chair shall be responsible for keeping a current compilation of the Department's policies. These shall consist of all continuing Department policy decisions which do not amend the Department Rules and Regulations.

Section 2.4 ELECTIONS AND VOTING

- 2.4.1 All elections to elected positions shall be done by secret ballot by the eligible faculty members. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a run-off of the two top candidates will be held.
- 2.4.2 Voting on issues may be by show of hand. However, a secret ballot may be called for by any member of the eligible voters.

ARTICLE 3. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Section 3.1 STATEMENT OF PROGRAMS.

The statement of the programs of the Department of Economics are available in the current University of Kentucky Catalogue.

Section 3.2 CHANGES IN PROGRAMS, COURSE OFFERINGS OR COURSES.

- 3.2.1 Changes to the undergraduate course offerings or degree programs are to be made as follows: A faculty member sponsoring the proposal submits the proposal to the Department Undergraduate Studies Committee. The Chair forwards the approved proposal to the Dean's office for College committee and faculty approval and for distribution to the appropriate University Committee.

- 3.2.2 Changes to the graduate course offerings or degree program are to be made as follows: A faculty member sponsoring the proposal submits the proposal to the Graduate Studies Committee. The Chair forwards the approved proposal to the Dean's office for College committee and faculty approval and for distribution to the appropriate University committee.

Section 3.3 SCHEDULING AND STAFFING OF COURSES

- 3.3.1 The Chair or Associate Chair is responsible for scheduling classes after consultation with the faculty on teaching desires and times and with the Directors of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies.
- 3.3.2 The staffing of courses is to be staffed according to priorities established by the Gatton College of Business and Economics as specified in the Rules and Procedures of the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

ARTICLE 4. PERTAINING TO THE OPERATING RULES AND PROCEDURES

Section 4.1 PRIORITY

No rule or procedure of these Operating Rules and Procedures shall be in conflict with College or University Rules and Regulations.

Section 4.2 PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT

- 4.2.1 Any member of the Department Faculty may initiate an amendment to the Operating Rules and Procedures by distribution of copies of the proposal at any regular meeting of the Departmental Faculty. Such distributions shall constitute a first reading of the amendment. Proposals shall be clearly labeled as PROPOSED AMENDMENT.
- 4.2.2 The amendment becomes part of the Operating Rules and Procedures if ratified by majority vote of the Department Faculty attending the next regular meeting.

Section 4.3 REVIEW

The Department shall formally consider the question of Operating Rules and Procedures review at intervals of no greater than five years. At any time within such intervals the Chair may appoint an ad hoc review committee, which shall make a report on the question to the Faculty.

Section 4.4 RATIFICATION

These Operating Rules and Procedures shall be considered ratified when accepted by a vote of the majority of the faculty. The document becomes effective upon ratification and with submission to the Provost of the University for approval for consistency with University rules

and regulations.

Section 4.5 UPDATING

Amendments to the Operating Rules and Procedures shall be included at their proper place in the document, rather than added serially at the end. All wording which has been removed from the document by Amendment shall be deleted from the updated copies.

Section 4.6 DISTRIBUTION

Each member of the Faculty shall be given a copy of the Operating Rules and Procedures. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Department to keep the Operating Rules and Procedures updated. Updated versions shall be distributed to the faculty.

These Rules of Procedure have been created and approved by the Faculty of this Department, pursuant to the authority granted by the Administrative and Governing Regulations of the University of Kentucky. These rules do not become effective -until submission to the Dean of the Gatton College of Business and Economics and to the Provost for approval for consistency with University rules and regulations. Any modification to these rules must also be approved by the Dean and Provost for said consistency. A current copy of the approved rules for this Department is available in the office of the Chair, the Dean of the College, and the Provost's office.

Chair (indicating approval by the Faculty) Date

Dean of Gatton College of Business and Economics Date

Provost of the University of Kentucky Date