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Question(s):

Are lecturers across campus being asked by deans and/or the provost to submit external letters of review as a component of the evaluation process for promotion?

Rationale:

Many faculty have reported in recent weeks that lecturers have been encouraged to submit external letters of review for their promotion portfolios. The external letters of review policy clearly stipulates that these letters are required only of tenure-track/tenured faculty. In addition, faculty handbook does not have any references to letters for lecturers. Unless formally stipulated in a written policy, external letters or review should not be required or used as a component of the evaluation process for lecturers.

Response:

SEC: Approved to move to the floor. Forwarded to VPAA.

On behalf of Diana Cone (Vice Provost): External letters are not required for Lecturers. Several colleges have made it optional, but not required.