

## **Revisions to Maximum Probationary Period First Reading**

### **2.2.5.7.3 Elective Extension of Probationary Period for Any Reason in the Year Prior to the Final Probationary Year**

An untenured faculty member (assistant, associate, or full professor) may, in the year prior to his or her final probationary year, request from the provost a tenure-clock extension of one semester or one year for any reason, provided that he or she has not already been granted extensions constituting the maximum of two years (See 2.2.5.8) **probationary period as stated in R&P 2.2.5.8.**

The faculty member will request the extension from the provost in writing as soon as possible after the faculty member decides he or she wishes to request the extension and will inform the department chair of the request for an extension. Notification must be received by the provost prior to the date on which the faculty member's tenure package is required to be sent to external reviewers (that is, on or about August 1 for Fall Cycle tenure review; January 2 for Spring Cycle tenure review).

If granting the extension would not violate the maximum length for the probationary period, the provost shall grant the request and send a letter to the faculty member informing him or her of the revised reappointment and tenure review schedule. The faculty member will sign the letter to confirm acceptance of the new dates. The provost's office will inform the dean and department chair of the new dates.

Expectations for meeting tenure criteria shall not be increased for tenure candidates who receive extensions. During tenure review, therefore, the department chair shall inform internal and external evaluators that the candidate must be evaluated with the same tenure criteria as candidates who have received no extensions and with the same expectations for accomplishments as would be applied to candidates who received no extensions.