

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING FACULTY RELATIONSHIPS ("THE GRAY BOOK")

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

A concern to provide a University atmosphere in which there is freedom to pursue truth and to discuss all relevant questions has led the Board of Trustees of Emory University to accept the general principles and purposes embodied in the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure that was originally cosponsored by the Association of American Colleges and the American Association of University Professors and subsequently endorsed by more than a score of major educational associations and learned societies.

According to the authors: "The purpose of this statement is to promote public understanding and support of academic freedom and tenure, and agreement of procedures to assure them in colleges and universities. Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual faculty member or the institution as a whole. The common good depends on the free search for truth and its free exposition."

The 1940 Statement emphasizes that to ensure maximum effectiveness; faculty members should have security adequate for freedom to teach and to seek truth. This includes security of position after a reasonable period of probation, income commensurate with professional attainments, and assurance of explicit contract. As a citizen, the faculty member is also entitled to the right to participate in activities related to citizenship in a democratic society.

The 1940 Statement further emphasizes the correlative obligations and responsibilities imposed by the special position occupied by the faculty. Most important is the obligation for effective performance of duty. In addition, the 1940 Statement emphasizes that when a faculty member speaks or writes as a citizen, he or she should remember that the public may judge his or her profession and institutions by those utterances. Hence, a faculty member should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should indicate that he or she speaks as an individual and not for the institution.

With the acceptance by trustees, administrative officers, and faculty members of the related principles of freedom and obligation, an individual faculty member is assured of reasonable protection against arbitrary pressures and procedures; and the institution, students, and the general public are assured of reasonable protection against incompetence and irresponsible utterance.

Appointment and Tenure:

1. Appointments to the faculty shall be of two kinds: limited and continuous. A limited appointment is terminated at the close of a period of time specified in writing to the appointee. A continuous appointment is not to be terminated by the university except for adequate cause as specified below or by retirement in accordance with the provisions of the Emory University Retirement Plan.
2. (a) Faculty Appointments of the Bylaws of Emory University: "Limited appointments shall be made by the Dean of the academic unit primarily concerned and shall be reported annually to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Continuous appointments shall be made by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the President, who shall have conferred regarding such recommendation with the Dean of the academic unit primarily concerned and the Provost. The deans shall establish and communicate to their faculty the procedures for expressing faculty opinion in matters of individual appointment, promotion, and termination. The precise terms and conditions of each appointment shall be stated in writing, shall be in accordance with the principles approved and published by the Board of Trustees, and shall be in possession both of the University and the appointee before the appointment is final.”

- (b) Copies of the procedures mentioned above shall be filed with the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, and, when appropriate, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council.

3. *The Continuous Appointment Track:* Except as otherwise provided herein, the following conditions shall apply to full-time appointments in the ranks of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, and instructor:

- (a) Appointments to the rank of professor shall be continuous.
- (b) Appointments to the rank of associate professor may be continuous or limited. Limited appointments at the rank of associate professor shall not exceed five years.
- (c) Appointments to the ranks of assistant professor on the tenure track and instructor shall be limited.
- (d) The duration of a limited appointment at the rank of assistant professor at Emory is established by the school or college in which the faculty member is appointed and is described in the tenure and promotion policies for that school. The time period is typically counted from the date of appointment. In certain cases, the years may be counted from the time the terminal degree is received. When a formal extension of the tenure clock has been granted, the time spent in a limited appointment may be extended beyond the school’s stated time period.
- (e) Standards for appointments at rank, along with promotion and tenure, reflect the expectations that a faculty holds of its members. Each academic unit will set forth specific rules and guidelines for attaining a continuous appointment or promotion. Candidates for appointment or promotion to Associate Professor must show academic excellence, including meritorious scholarship, creative inquiry, and outstanding teaching, as well as have the demonstrated promise to become leaders and transform their field as their career progresses. Candidates for appointment or promotion to Professor must show scholarly excellence and be established, nationally or internationally, as among the most distinctive and recognized voices in their disciplines, consistently examining and addressing their fields’ most pressing questions.

4. *The Limited Appointment Track:* Appointment to the rank of clinical professor, associate clinical professor, assistant clinical professor, research professor, associate research professor, assistant research professor, professor (CRT), associate professor (CRT), assistant professor (CRT), instructor (CRT), professor of practice, associate professor of practice, assistant professor of practice, teaching professor, associate teaching professor, assistant teaching professor, and instructor shall be limited. The instructor title may be the introductory career path title for any of these tracks. Limited appointments as Senior Associate and Associate only are used in the health sciences. Such appointments carry no restrictions on years of service in these ranks and may be reserved for those individuals who serve in specialized capacities in which advancement to continuous appointment would not ordinarily be anticipated. Specific rules and guidelines for appointment and promotion on these limited appointments are set forth by each academic unit.

5. Visiting, part-time, adjunct, Dean's Professors, Artist Affiliate, temporary, and uncompensated appointments are governed by the written conditions of each individual appointment, but shall, in all cases, be limited. Such appointments shall not exceed three years and shall be reported annually to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. In the School of Medicine, two-year appointments of uncompensated adjunct faculty may be renewed based on performance and need.

Appointments using the acting title Acting Associate Professor or Acting Professor shall be used only for new tenure track faculty members at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor whose tenure decision is pending review by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

6. The terms of the limited appointment shall be stated in writing. Written notice of renewal for a limited appointment shall be provided by the Dean of the academic unit primarily concerned and shall be reported annually to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs. Written notice of non-renewal of a limited appointment shall be provided to the faculty member, ideally six months, but at a minimum three months, in advance of the end of the appointment, and shall be reported annually to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs.
7. In each case, the Dean of the academic unit primarily concerned shall have conferred with members of the departmental faculty regarding any recommendation for appointment and promotion of continuous faculty. Nonrenewal of a limited faculty appointment shall be discussed with the faculty member's chair according to procedures, which shall have been previously established and communicated to the faculty.
8. A member of the faculty who intends to resign shall give notice in ample time, preferably at least one academic semester, to permit the university to plan accordingly.
9. A member of the faculty who has served on a regular full-time basis continuously for a period of ten or more years and who is at least age fifty-five, and whose total age and years of continuous service equal at least seventy-five, may retire at the option of the faculty member. Under unusual circumstances, appointments may be extended to retired faculty on a year-to-year basis by the Dean of the academic unit.

A retired member of the faculty who has reached age fifty-five and has served as a member of the Emory faculty for at least ten continuous years, and whose total age and years of continuous service equal at least seventy-five, may be considered for an "emeritus, emerita, or emerit" title that reflects rank and appointment track at the time of retirement. Following rules and guidelines for academic titles, the Dean of the academic unit where the faculty member's appointment is housed may recommend a faculty member to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President, who shall inform the Board of Trustees, if awarded.

10. Continuous appointments may be terminated:

- (a) By resignation;
- (b) By retirement in accordance with the provisions of the Emory University Retirement Plan;
- (c) For one or more of the following reasons: moral delinquency, neglect of academic duty, incompetence, permanent physical or mental incapacity for which there is no reasonable accommodation, or other such adequate cause.

11. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council, in consultation with the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, shall select eight members of the tenured faculty, reflecting a representative from each College or School, to serve as the Faculty Hearing Committee. A panel of five members of the Faculty Hearing Committee shall conduct hearings, make findings of fact, and make recommendations to appropriate university officers when a faculty member's employment is or may be suspended, transferred, or terminated for any reason specified in Paragraph 10(c) above or Paragraph 12 below. When a faculty member seeks review for a reason listed under paragraph 13 below, the jurisdiction of the Faculty Hearing Committee shall be limited to whether the individual faculty member has been treated in a manner that is arbitrary or capricious and shall not extend to an inquiry into the propriety of any action by the Board of Trustees under paragraph 12(a) or of the president under paragraph 12(b). The methods of invoking the jurisdiction of the Faculty Hearing Committee, the procedures to be employed by it, and additional regulation of its membership and responsibilities shall be established by resolution of the Faculty Council and approved by the president of the university.
12. Nothing in the provisions set forth above shall be interpreted as restricting:
 - (a) The right of the Board of Trustees under extraordinary circumstances to discontinue any academic program, department, or unit of the university.
 - (b) The right of the President and the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, after a conference with the appropriate Dean, and when appropriate, department chairs, to assign any faculty member to any appropriate position, provided no such assignment shall carry with it a reduction in rank or change of status as to tenure.
13. It is the express desire and purpose of the President and the Board of Trustees to use the powers expressly reserved (Paragraph 12 above) only in cases of the utmost necessity, when failure to use such powers would adversely affect the interest of the university.
14. A faculty member on continuous appointment, whose appointment is terminated on the initiative of the university for reasons not involving moral delinquency, shall receive his or her salary for one year from the date of notification of termination, or until such time, within one year, as he or she may have entered into other employment, or commenced receipt of disability income insurance.
15. The provisions set forth above shall not apply to administrative offices. Appointment to, or retirement from, such offices shall not deprive faculty members of their tenure in the highest rank in which they have served prior to or during their service in an administrative office.
16. Promotion: Promotion is based upon departmental needs and upon the faculty member's growth in professional competence and increased service to the university. Recommendations for promotion are made by the dean of the school or college primarily concerned, as provided in Paragraph 2 above.
17. Leaves of Absence: Emory strongly encourages faculty members to take such leaves of absence as may benefit themselves and the university. At intervals of at least six years of continuous service at Emory University, leaves of absence may be granted for a half year on full pay or for a year on half pay by the Dean of the academic unit. Other leaves of absence may be granted on such terms as may appear justified in individual cases.
18. In conformity with paragraphs 2(a), 2(b), 3, and 7 of this "Statement of Principles Governing Faculty Relationships," the Dean and Faculty of each School and Division have established more detailed procedures for appointments, promotions, and tenure. Members of the faculty are urged to secure copies of such procedures for their appointments and become familiar with them.
19. *Definition of "year(s)" and "year(s) of service."* Throughout the "Statement of Principles Governing Faculty Relationships," the terms "year(s)" and "year(s) of service" shall be construed based on the start date of employment as a faculty member at Emory.