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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, 3:30 P.M.
4th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, ANDY HOLT TOWER
REPORT

Present: Michael Zemel (Chair), Robert Compton, Eric Haley, Stephen Kania, Karen Levy, Rudy Santore, Rupy Sawhney.

The following persons were approved by the committee for recommendation to the Graduate Council for approval to direct dissertations:

INITIAL Approval of Tenure-Track Faculty without Tenure (Probationary)
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Bozell, Joseph J. Associate Professor	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	Until Tenure
Cherry, Christopher Assistant Professor	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Until Tenure
Duchon, Dennis Professor	Management	Until Tenure
Finkelstein, David Assistant Professor	Earth & Planetary Sciences	Until Tenure
He, Qiang Assistant Professor	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Until Tenure
He, Wei Assistant Professor	Materials Science & Engineering	Until Tenure
Henning, Jason G. Assistant Professor	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	Until Tenure
Jessup, Micah Assistant Professor	Earth & Planetary Sciences	Until Tenure
Keyer, Patrick D. Associate Professor	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	Until Tenure
Labbe, Nicole Assistant Professor	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	Until Tenure
Lin, Jun Assistant Professor	Animal Science	Until Tenure
Mannella, Norman Assistant Professor	Physics & Astronomy	Until Tenure
Milner, Clare Assistant Professor	Exercise, Sport & Leisure Studies	Until Tenure

Morrow, Jennifer Assistant Professor	Educational Psychology & Counseling	Until Tenure
Odoi, Agricola Assistant Professor	Comparative & Experimental Medicine	Until Tenure
Plowman, Donde A. Professor	Management	Until Tenure
Wang, Shanfang Assistant Professor	Materials Science & Engineering	Until Tenure
Zhao, Qihong Assistant Professor	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Until Tenure

CONTINUING Approval of Faculty with Tenure
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Barnes, Frank (Ted) Professor, Joint ORNL	Physics & Astronomy	10 Years
Bartmess, John E. Professor	Chemistry	10 Years
Dupper, David Associate Professor	Social Work	10 Years
Handler, Thomas Professor	Physics & Astronomy	10 Years
Horn, Sally P. Professor	Geography	10 Years
Kamyshkov, Iouri Professor	Physics & Astronomy	10 Years
Pulsipher, Lydia Professor	Geography	10 Years
Sowers, Karen Professor	Social Work	10 Years

INITIAL OR CONTINUING Approval of Non Tenure Track Faculty
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Henry, Theodore B. Research Assist. Prof.	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	5 Years
Hickling, Graham J. Research Assoc. Prof.	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	5 Years
Parker, Jack C. Research Professor	Civil & Environmental Engineering	5 Years
Yan, Xuedong Research Assist. Prof.	Civil & Environmental Engineering	5 Years

BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

The committee recommended that the Graduate Council approve the following change to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures for the Credentials Committee:

Delete section:

~~2) When a faculty member is awarded tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor, approval to direct dissertations will automatically be granted for a period of 10 years or until promotion to professor, whichever comes first. If, after 10 years, a faculty member is not promoted to professor, approval to direct dissertations will not be extended except on a case by case basis (see #6) below.~~

Amend with **additions**:

3)When a **tenure-track** faculty member is **appointed or** promoted to the rank of **associate or full** professor, approval to direct dissertations will automatically be granted for 10 years and will be reviewed every 10 years thereafter, for so long as approval is sought.

Sections 3 through7 should then be renumbered to 2 through 6.

Justification: The committee members requested that the bylaws permit them to review cases requesting continuing approval to direct for tenured faculty members who have not been promoted to full professor in 10 years. The current bylaws prohibits that review.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.