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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe the methods the College of Business and Technology (CBT) uses to maintain qualified and sufficient faculty resources in support of the CBT mission. For purposes of assessment and accreditation, the business departments of Accounting and Finance, Economics, Management, and Marketing and Management Information Systems are referred to collectively as the Business Division (CBT:BD). The departments of Industrial Technology and Family Studies and Interior Design constitute the Technology Division (CBT:TD). Information in this guide that pertains only to the Business Division is footnoted.
Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission
The College of Business and Technology provides value to Nebraska by preparing our diverse student body to compete in dynamic professional environments and by promoting academic, social, technological, and economic development. The faculty and staff will achieve this mission by:

- Providing student-centered educational opportunities including experiential learning;
- Advancing knowledge through applied and pedagogical scholarship;
- Providing service to our stakeholders.

Vision
The College of Business and Technology aspires to be the destination for personalized, applied, and relevant learning opportunities that empower students with the knowledge and skills for sustained professional success. We will pursue this vision by:

- Providing students with a supportive learning community and create curricula that:
  o Are rigorous and challenging
  o Are enhanced by experiential learning and international opportunities
  o Reflects the state of the art in content and relevance to industry
- Attracting faculty and staff who are committed to teaching and who create an environment that:
  o Is supportive and collaborative
  o Encourages impactful research, professional engagement, and meaningful services activities
  o Enhances relationships with stakeholders
- Engaging employers who recruit our students for their:
  o Professional competency and work ethic
  o Practical, hands-on experience
  o Problem-solving abilities
  o Clear sense of ethics

Values
As Members of the UNK College of Business & Technology, we accept our responsibility to:

- expand our knowledge base and strive for continuous improvement;
- encourage informed, ethical and competent decision making;
- demonstrate honesty and initiative;
- respect the unique and intrinsic value of others; and
- commit to teamwork, cooperation, and collegiality.
Statement of Ethical Conduct

Administrators, faculty, staff, students, and others acting on behalf of the College of Business and Technology are expected to uphold the highest ethical standards by observing applicable policies, practices, regulations, laws and professional standards. When ethical dilemmas arise, administrators, faculty, staff, and students should refer to the UNK Faculty Handbook\(^1\), UNK Employee Handbook\(^2\), and the UNK Student Code of Conduct\(^3\) for guidance.

Statement of Diversity

The College of Business and Technology is committed to the academic value of a diverse university community. We believe a quality university experience must provide opportunities for contact with the broadest possible range of people and cultures. We strongly support the UNK Nondiscrimination Policy which states that the University of Nebraska at Kearney declares and affirms a policy of equal educational and employment opportunities, affirmative action in employment, and nondiscrimination in providing services to the public. Therefore, the University of Nebraska at Kearney shall not discriminate against anyone based upon race, age, color, disability, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, marital status, veteran status, or genetic condition.

Policy on Faculty Qualifications\(^4\)

The College of Business and Technology is committed to maintaining a faculty that is qualified and sufficient to achieve its mission.

At least 90% of faculty members are expected to possess the academic preparations, professional experiences, and sustained academic and professional engagement activities to be classified as Scholarly Academics (SP), Practice Academics (PA), Scholarly Practitioners (SP), or Instructional Practitioners (IP). Please see the \textit{UNK CBT Guidelines for Faculty Qualifications} (Appendix).

To teach Masters of Business Administration courses, faculty members must be eligible for scholarship release and have University of Nebraska Graduate Faculty status.

\(^1\)http://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/faculty_handbook/index.php
\(^2\)http://www.unk.edu/offices/human_resources/employment/employee_handbook.php
\(^3\)http://www.unk.edu/offices/student_life/_files/student_handbook.pdf
\(^4\)CBT:BD only
Policy on Faculty Sufficiency

At least 75% of CBT:BD faculty members (60% in each program area) are expected to be classified as Participating. Please see the *CBT:BD Guidelines for Participating and Supporting Faculty* (Appendix).

Workload Options

With the approval of the department chair and dean, each full-time faculty member will pursue their development plan based on one of the following workload options:

Scholarship Release Track

Faculty on scholarship release will pursue annual development plans based on the following:
- Tenured or tenure-track
- Teach 18 contact hour load (per academic year)
- Meet the *College of Business and Technology Scholarly Productivity Guidelines*
- Be qualified (SA) at time of hire and maintain acceptable status as described in the *UNK College of Business and Technology Guidelines for Faculty Qualifications*.
- Maintain classification of participating faculty

Non-Scholarship Release Track

Faculty on the teaching-focused track will pursue annual development plans based on the following:
- Tenured
- Teach 24 contact hour load (per academic year)
- Be qualified (SA) at time of hire and maintain either SA or PA status as described in the *UNK College of Business and Technology Guidelines for Faculty Qualifications*.
- Maintain classification of participating faculty

Non-Tenure -Track Faculty (Lecturers)

Full-time, non-tenure-track faculty member will pursue annual development plans based on the following:
- Typically teach 24 contact hour load (per academic year)
- Be qualified (IP) at time of hire and maintain either IP or SP status as described in the *UNK College of Business and Technology Guidelines for Faculty Qualifications*.
- Maintain classification of participating faculty

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Opportunity for Conversion to Tenure Track

The College encourages full-time lecturers in good standing to pursue qualified doctoral degrees. Once enrolled in an approved program the faculty member may be granted a course release per semester. Upon completion of the degree, the College will work with the Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs to convert the faculty member to a tenure track line with appropriate salary adjustment. Under some circumstances, this process may require a national search. While this cannot be a contractual obligation, every effort will be made to support this valued professional development.

Guidelines for Deployment of Faculty Resources

Department chairs develop class schedules consistent with the CBT mission. Scheduling decisions include consideration of courses, number of sections, section sizes, class times and frequency of course offerings.

Deployment of Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty

- Department chairs shall consider numbers of preparations, new preparations, and course levels in assigning teaching schedules. Normally, faculty members on scholarship release teach two preparations per semester and a maximum of four preparations during an academic year.
- The normal teaching load for tenured/tenure-track faculty members who satisfy CBT expectations for scholarship release is 18 credit hours per academic year.
- The normal teaching load for tenured/tenure-track faculty members who fail to satisfy CBT expectations for scholarship release is 24 credit hours per academic year.
- Faculty members assigned to teach graduate courses in the Masters of Business Administration program generally must qualify for scholarship release, and have University of Nebraska Graduate Faculty status.
- Compensated overloads normally are assigned only to tenured/tenure-track faculty members who satisfy CBT requirements for scholarship release. Dean approval is required for overload teaching assignments.
- Priority for summer teaching assignments is to tenured/tenure track faculty members who satisfy CBT requirements for scholarship release. ABD faculty will not be assigned to summer teaching.

Deployment of Non-Tenure-Track Faculty

- The normal teaching load for non-tenure-track faculty is 24 credit hours per academic year.
- Non-tenure-track faculty members are normally assigned to lower division and introductory courses. Exceptions require approval of the Dean.

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Faculty Resource Planning Process

This section describes CBT processes to support the overall faculty planning process, including recruitment, selection, orientation, annual evaluation, development, promotion and tenure.

Analysis of Needs

Department chairs determine the faculty requirements for their departments and submit proposed changes, together with supporting data, to the CBT Dean. This evaluation requires the chairs to review all changes which may impact the planning process, including:

- The mission and goals of the CBT and UNK.
- Deployment of appropriately qualified faculty.
- Enrollment trends which will guide the need for increase or decrease in faculty.
- Faculty who have terminated their position in the CBT.
- Any changes in the courses and programs offered which may necessitate a change in the composition of faculty in the CBT.

Timing for such requests depends on circumstances. Course schedules are developed approximately one year in advance for existing academic programs. Planning for new academic programs occurs at least two years in advance of execution.

After the department chairs make their requests, the Dean then determines overall College needs. The Dean develops a prioritized plan for both acquisition of new/replacement faculty and development and enhancement of qualifications of existing faculty. The Dean adopts a comprehensive examination of the strategy of the CBT and UNK, including enrollment trends, appropriate distribution of faculty qualifications across all disciplines, and budgetary considerations, in reaching this prioritization.

Recruitment and Selection Practices

Consistent with the mission, the CBT strives to recruit faculty who are excellent teachers, with a commitment to scholarship and who possess business experience. University Human Resource policies for recruitment and selection of faculty are followed. Following is an overview of the typical process:

1. **Complete Personnel Requisition**: The requisition is approved by the Dean, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs (SVCASA), Budget Office, Human Resource Office, and AA/EEO Director.

2. **Identify Search Committee**: The department chair, Dean, or SVCASA then appoints the search committee and designates a chair.

3. **Complete Recruitment Plan**: The Search Committee meets with the AA/EEO Director about affirmative action goals, policies and procedures, and the Search Committee Chair completes a recruitment plan.
4. **Advertise the Position:** All positions for full-time faculty are nationally advertised by listings in appropriate journals, magazines, websites, and newspapers.

5. **Screen and Interview Applicants:** Applications are reviewed using the hiring criteria established in the personnel requisitions. Initial phone interviews are conducted with select candidates. Following the phone interviews, the top ranked candidates (usually between two to four) are then invited to the campus for personal interviews.

6. **Complete Recruitment Report Form:** Upon completion of the interview process, the Search Committee reports strengths/weaknesses for each candidate to the Dean. The Dean then makes a recommendation to the SVCASA for approval. All hires are subject to approval by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

**Faculty Orientation**

**University-wide Orientation**

UNK holds a comprehensive orientation session with new faculty before the beginning of the fall semester. University procedures relevant to new faculty are presented and speakers from various units of UNK talk about their respective areas. Topics discussed include student services, information technology, compensation and benefits, library services, safety, student records and registration, and international education programs. Incoming faculty also have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives of various departments and groups to gather additional information and ask questions. Faculty are provided a variety of informational pamphlets and brochures, including a copy of the student handbook, the academic calendar, resource lists for enhancement of teaching and learning, and all necessary forms for employee benefit programs.

**College of Business & Technology Orientation**

The CBT orientation consists of a meeting with the Dean and Associate Dean at which time each faculty member receives a copy of the New Faculty Orientation Manual which provides an overview of the CBT, this Faculty Guide, UNK and CBT Guidelines for Annual Evaluation, Promotion and Tenure, and the CBT Constitution and By-laws. Expectations regarding scholarly activity, teaching, and service are reviewed and the annual evaluation, tenure and promotion processes are presented.

**Departmental Orientation**

The department chair meets with new faculty to describe the specialized teaching and research activities of the other faculty in the department. The new faculty members “fit” into the larger framework of the department and College is explored, along with suggestions for potential development activities. The department chair reviews the process for tenure and promotion as well as expectations for scholarship, teaching and service activities. The department chair also provides the new faculty member with information on the faculty mentoring program.
Annual Review Process

Each full-time faculty member follows the established UNK\textsuperscript{10} and CBT\textsuperscript{11} guidelines for annual evaluation, promotion and tenure. This process specifies performance expectations for faculty and provides a mechanism for annual evaluation of performance and to establish development plans. Following is a general description of the annual evaluation process:

1. Each full-time faculty member prepares an annual evaluation report which summarizes:
   a. Teaching performance for the previous calendar year based on peer, student and self assessments and other indicators
   b. Scholarly activity for the past one and five year periods
   c. Service activities for the previous calendar year
   d. Progress towards meeting goals established at the previous annual evaluation
   e. Alignment of scholarship with primary teaching area(s)
   f. Indicators of impact of teaching, research, and service activities
   g. Goals in teaching, research and service for the next year
   h. Resource needs

2. Each full-time faculty member meets with the department chair to:
   a. Review performance in terms of performance targets
   b. Agree on one-year targets and resource support

3. The Dean reviews the evaluation and makes a recommendation to the SVCASA. Depending on the status of the faculty member that recommendation can be reappointment, termination or post-tenure review.

Reappointment Schedule and Process

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\textsuperscript{12} Also applies to Lecturers
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Evaluation of Faculty Qualifications

Tenure-track and tenured faculty may be qualified as Scholarly Academics (SA) or Practice Academics (PA). The department chair and dean includes this evaluation as part of the annual evaluation process. If concerns about qualifications arise the faculty member, chair, and dean agree on a remedy plan. Lecturers and adjunct faculty may be qualified as Instructional Practioners (IP) or Scholarly Practioners (SP). The Faculty Affairs committee regularly evaluates qualifications of lecturers and adjunct faculty with respect to teaching assignments and established criteria. A report is provided to the respective department chair and dean. If necessary, adjustments are made to teaching schedule and/or professional engagement plans.

Criteria for Evaluation, Promotion, and Tenure

Teaching, scholarship, and service are the specific areas to be used by reviewers in determining faculty performance.

*Teaching:* Consistent with the UNK mission, performance in teaching is paramount. Therefore, all teaching faculty applying for promotion or tenure must provide, as a minimum, evidence of excellence in teaching. Teaching excellence will be judged by evidence of content expertise, instructional effectiveness and creativity, and course management. This evidence will include student evaluations and may include, but is not limited to, other means such as teaching portfolios and peer observation. Faculty whose primary assignment is not teaching will be reviewed in a manner consistent with their assignment. The specific CBT criteria for teaching are:

- **Does Not Meet Expectations:** The faculty member’s performance in teaching is generally unsatisfactory and the quality of teaching is minimal. Teaching deficiencies exist that influence overall teaching effectiveness. These teaching deficiencies may include lack of content expertise, unsatisfactory instructional effectiveness and creativity, and poor course management. Evaluations are below the expectations within the college.

- **Meets Expectations:** The faculty member’s performance in teaching is excellent and does not indicate any deficiencies influencing overall teaching effectiveness. There is evidence of quality teaching demonstrated through content expertise, instructional effectiveness and creativity, and course management. Evaluations are positive and meet the expectations within the college.

- **Exceeds Expectations:** The faculty member’s performance in teaching is very high. There is evidence that the faculty member is providing high quality teaching demonstrated
through content expertise, instructional effectiveness and creativity, and course management. Evaluations are positive and exceed the expectations within the college.

Scholarship: Scholarship, which includes the advancement, integration, application, and representation of knowledge, is inherent in effective teaching. Research leading to the advancement of knowledge resulting in publication in peer-reviewed publications is an expectation of faculty. Such publications (and departmentally-approved equivalents) may be associated with teaching and/or service. Additional evidence of scholarship may include (but is not limited to) presentations at scholarly meetings, external research funding received, grant proposals submitted, intellectual properties developed, and awards and other recognitions. The specific CBT criteria for scholarship are:

Does Not Meet Expectations: The faculty member’s scholarly activity and/or research is unsatisfactory. There is minimal evidence of research activity resulting in either peer-reviewed publications or equivalent demonstrations, or juried creative activity that is recognized as the equivalent of peer-reviewed publications. The scholarly engagement and output is minimal and does not meet the expectations within the college.

Meets Expectations: The faculty member’s scholarly activity and/or research is satisfactory. There is evidence of research activity resulting in either peer-reviewed publications or equivalent demonstrations, or juried creative activity that is recognized as the equivalent of peer-reviewed publications. The scholarly engagement and output meets the expectations within the college.

Exceeds Expectations: The faculty member’s scholarly activity and/or research is very high. There is evidence of consistent and continued research activity that shows a history of peer-reviewed publications or equivalent demonstrations, or juried creative activity that is recognized as the equivalent of peer-reviewed publications. The scholarly engagement and output exceeds the expectations within the college.

Service: Service to the University, community, and profession involves the use of a faculty member’s professional expertise and leadership ability to serve various constituencies. Evidence of service may include (but is not limited to) membership on and leadership of department, college, campus, and University committees and task forces; sponsorship of student organizations; participation in or direction of professional conferences, workshops, and clinics; use of professional expertise in the service of community or governmental entities; institutional grant writing; editing or refereeing for professional or scholarly publications; and officership or other service in professional or scholarly societies. The specific CBT criteria for scholarship are:

Does Not Meet Expectations: The faculty member’s service activity is unsatisfactory. There is marginal involvement in service work to the university and profession. While they may be members of university/campus/college/department committees participation is minimal and below the expectations within the college. Service outside the university to the profession/community/region is minimal and below expectations within the college.

Meets Expectations: The faculty member’s professional service to the university and profession is satisfactory and does not indicate any deficiency. There is evidence of
quality service to the university/campus/college/department. There is evidence of service to the profession/community/region that is discipline related. The level of professional service meets the expectations within the college.

*Exceeds Expectations:* The faculty member’s professional service to the university is very high. There is evidence of high quality professional service and leadership to the university/campus/college/department. There is evidence of high quality service to the profession/community/region that is discipline related. There is evidence of professional service that exceeds the expectations within the college.

**Promotion**

Promotion or appointment to **Associate Professor** normally requires the terminal degree (or its appropriate equivalent) and the faculty member must present clear evidence of significant contributions in teaching, scholarship, and professional service beyond the level of accomplishment for promotion to Assistant Professor. In addition, promotion to Associate Professor requires five years of experience in the rank of Assistant Professor and three years in the rank of Assistant Professor at UNK. Any exception to this requirement must be agreed upon and incorporated into the faculty member’s initial letter of appointment. The year of the promotion review process counts in meeting these requirements. Promotion to Associate Professor shall be based upon history of consistent demonstrated performance that meets or exceeds CBT expectations in teaching, scholarship, and service.

For promotion or appointment to **Professor**, there should be clear evidence of sustained and recognized contributions in teaching, scholarship, and professional service significantly beyond the level of accomplishment expected for promotion to Associate Professor. In addition, promotion to Professor normally requires ten years of full-time experience in college-level teaching or its equivalent and five years in the rank of Associate Professor at UNK. The year of the promotion review process counts in meeting these requirements. Promotion to Professor shall be based upon consistently high quality performance, subsequent to promotion to Associate Professor, which meets or exceeds CBT expectation in teaching, scholarship, and service.

**Tenure**

Because of its impact on the future of the institution, tenure is the most significant recognition the University can give a faculty member. Therefore, promise of future performance must be supported by clear evidence of sustained contribution, consistent with the teaching, scholarship and service criteria above, over a period of time. All candidates for tenure must hold the terminal degree or its appropriate equivalent.

Individuals and committees who make recommendations on the granting of tenure should address their expectation that the candidate's future performance will contribute to the effectiveness of the department. The collegial model of shared authority requires responsible participation in the pursuit of department, college, and university objectives.

The granting of tenure shall be based upon history of consistent demonstrated performance that meets or exceeds CBT expectations in teaching, scholarship, and service.
The granting of tenure must conform to *Regent Bylaw 4.10* and *Regent Policy 4.3.1*. To gain tenure, the candidate without credit for prior experience will normally be considered in the sixth year at UNK. The truly exceptional candidate may be considered for and awarded tenure at an earlier time. The date that will be considered as the candidate's sixth year in the tenure process, as per *Regent Bylaw 4.10*, must be specified in the initial letter of appointment. In accordance with *Executive Memorandum No. 18* of the President of the University of Nebraska, the period of service before consideration for tenure may be extended in some cases due to maternity, disability, or family and medical leave.
### Tenure and Promotion Process

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<td>February 1</td>
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### Post Tenure Review

The annual review process is intended to assist faculty on continuous appointment (tenured faculty) in achieving professional goals and maximizing contributions to the University throughout their professional careers. In cases where goals are not being met or contributions should be markedly improved, a post-tenure review under this policy will be conducted. This post-tenure review will emphasize the pattern of past performance, current interests of the faculty member, and the objectives for future contributions of the faculty member. The review will be based upon the principle of peer review and provide added assurance that faculty on continuous appointment are accountable for their performance.
Faculty Development Resources

This section describes resources available to CBT faculty to support professional development.

University Resources

1. Research Services Council (RSC)\textsuperscript{13} is an internal grants program. The Council includes two faculty representatives from each college. RSC has several different programs:
   a. Seed Grants: Non-tenured and new Faculty are especially encouraged to apply to the seed grant program. The goal of this program is to provide the resources necessary to begin a long-term program of research. This program can also be utilized to support projects that are preliminary to larger works, especially those in preparation for an external grant application.
      i. Due dates: September and April
      ii. Funding available: $4,000 plus $2,000 in student wages
      iii. Allowable expenses: Supplies, travel, operating costs, transcription, participant payments, and student research assistant wages. Please note that faculty wages are unallowable expenses.
   b. Diversity Seed Grants: The diversity seed grant follow all of the same guidelines as the general seed grant outlined above. The purpose of this grant is to reward and encourage outstanding research and creative activity by faculty and staff that addresses diversity in any and all forms. In order to remain inclusive, diversity has no strict definition for this award. however, a brief list of topics that would fall under the purview of diversity include race, ethnicity, ability, gender, sexuality, and age, but this list is not meant to be exclusive or exhaustive.
   c. Collaborative Research Grants: The purpose of this program is to support collaborative activity among scholars on campus and with other institutions. Each proposed project should have meaningful participation from faculty in at least two different departments, which may include scholars from other institutions. Proposals may request support for creative activities, research, or planning and development activities that will lead to larger scholarly projects. Priority will be given to collaborations that include multiple UNK departments. All projects must describe a plan for future extramural funding applications. Priority will be given to projects where the collaborations are across colleges and where there is a mix of junior and senior faculty.
      i. Due date: April
      ii. Funding available: $15,000 ($5,000 per UNK department) plus $3,000 in student wages
      iii. Allowable expenses: Supplies, travel (including collaborative meetings), operating costs, transcription, participant payments, and student research assistant wages. Please note that faculty wages are unallowable expenses.
   d. Scholarly Release Program: Proposals should describe a specific scholarly project that will be conducted during the semester, which should result in a work of high academic caliber. Proposals should explain why the work needs to be done during the upcoming semester, and should describe a specific project

\textsuperscript{13} https://www.unk.edu/academics/gradstudies/rsc/programs.php
outcome for the semester. Proposals will be selected on the basis of specific and feasible plans, academic rigor, and potential for dissemination in high level forums. You MUST have permission from your department chair to apply. Examples of acceptable academic projects include books and major grant applications to federal agencies.

i. Due dates: September (spring semester) and April (fall semester)

ii. Funding available: Funds will cover release from one class.

e. **NIH R01 Release Program:** The NIH R01 release program offers course buyouts for faculty to write an R01 to the National Institutes of Health. The Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has provided funding for 3 such awards in the Spring of 2018 and the Fall of 2019. Interested faculty should have a track record of external grant procurement and an idea worthy of R01 level funding. Priority will be given to NIH-defined early stage investigators and/or investigators with current funding that is generating pilot data for the proposed R01.

i. Due dates: September (spring semester) and April (fall semester)

   ii. Funding available: Funds will cover release from one class. Additionally, successful applicants will receive $500 to contract an outside professional review of their R01 application.

f. **Colloquium Program:** This program aims to bring together scholars from a variety of fields unified by a common research theme in an effort to foster cross-disciplinary collaborations. The expectation is that these colloquia will build relationships that will grow into collaborative works and extramural funding. Each application must include at least two investigators from separate departments or centers. Teams of scholars from multiple colleges are especially encouraged to apply, as well as teams with more than two represented disciplines. All faculty and research staff are eligible. All projects must describe a plan for future extramural funding applications. Priority will be given to projects where the collaborations are across colleges and where there is a mix of junior and senior faculty.

i. Due dates: September (spring semester) and April (fall semester)

ii. Allowable expenses: External speakers (honorariums and travel costs), meeting space, cost of food, promotional materials, student assistants.

g. **Rural Futures Institute (NU System):** The Rural Futures Institute is a Nebraska University System institute dedicated to the vitality of rural America. RFI fosters the development of teaching and engagement work that establishes a tradition of student learning through civic engagement, service learning or undergraduate and graduate community-based research projects. Successful teaching & engagement proposals develop a structure that forms partnerships between students, faculty and community agencies or programs. They also encourage college student involvement in providing services to help meet the community’s needs, integrate meaningful student service experiences into curriculum and build curriculum-based reflection activities to enhance student learning.

i. Due date: March

ii. Funding available: $20,000

iii. Allowable expenses: Faculty wages up to 0.5 Summer Months, students, personnel, travel, expendable supplies, and operating expenses.
h. *Nebraska University Collaboration Initiative (NU System):* The Collaboration
Initiatives are designed to help University of Nebraska researchers become more
competitive for extramural funding by helping foster meaningful collaborations
that leverage the full intellectual capacity of faculty across our campuses. Grant
funding for the new System Science Collaboration Initiative is intended to
facilitate and strengthen research collaborations between faculty in the broadly
defined engineering and/or quantitative/data-science fields with any other
discipline.
  i. Due date: January
  ii. Funding available: $150,000
  iii. Allowable expenses: Students, personnel, travel, expendable supplies, and
      operating expenses.

i. *Research and Engagement:* Lay the foundation for larger funding requests beyond
the University of Nebraska. Successful research & engagement proposals
explicitly address transdisciplinary and collaborative considerations both internal
and external to NU. Transdisciplinary work “utilizes a broad range of views and
expertise, including community-based knowledge, to address contemporary rural
issues.”
  i. Due date: March
  ii. Funding available: $75,000
  iii. Allowable expenses: Faculty wages up to 0.5 Summer Months, students,
      personnel, travel, expendable supplies, and operating expenses.

j. *System Science: Team Strengthening Seed Grant:* Grant funding for the new
System Science Collaboration Initiative is intended to facilitate and strengthen
research collaborations between faculty in the broadly defined engineering and/or
quantitative/data-science fields with any other discipline.
  i. Due date: January
  ii. Funding available: $300,000
  iii. Allowable expenses: Students, personnel, travel, expendable supplies, and
      operating expenses.

k. *Planning Grant:* Build new collaborations across University of Nebraska
campuses.
  i. Due date: January
  ii. Funding available: $20,000
  iii. Allowable expenses: Students, personnel, travel, expendable supplies, and
      operating expenses.

l. *Graduate Student Research:* This program provides support for graduate student
research and creative activity, including theses, field studies, and scholarly
studies. Awards are competitively selected, and can reach a sum of up to $750 to
be used for operating expenses, supplies, travel, and equipment. Partial support is
expected from the department and/or student(s). Individual students may receive
no more than one research award and one travel grant per fiscal year.

m. *Graduate Student Conference Presentation:* Funds are provided to assist graduate
student presentations of research and creative projects at scholarly meetings.
Partial funding will be provided up to a maximum of $250, with the remainder
expected of the student or department. Documentation must be provided that the
project has been accepted for presentation and that the student is presenting. Students supported through this program are also expected to participate in the UNK Student Research Day held during the spring semester. Support for multi-authored presentations may be reduced accordingly or limited to the first author. Submit the request electronically to the Graduate Office at least one month prior to the event. Travel support is also available through SET (Student Event Ticket) fee funds administered by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Warner 1000).

2. **Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity** Undergraduate research is a particular strength of UNK's learning environment. Students in all disciplines are encouraged to participate in independent research and creative activity. Multiple programs offer funding to assist students in conducting research or creative projects:
   a. **Student Grant Program**: Qualifying student researchers can receive up to $400 to cover the cost of supplies and operating expenses to work with a mentor.
   b. **Undergraduate Research Fellows (URF)**: Supports student research and creative activity projects with a $1,000 stipend.
   c. **Summer Student Research Program (SSRP)**: This program is unique in that each summer's participants meet regularly to challenge and support each other while learning about research in other disciplines. The SSRP pays each student a $3,250 stipend over the summer while the student researcher works with a faculty mentor to design, conduct, and present original scholarship work.
   d. **Council on Undergraduate Research**: This is a national non-profit organization that supports and promotes high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship. Publications, conferences, and workshops are all designed to support institutions and faculty in the improvement of student research opportunities.
   e. **Nebraska EPSCoR**: This offers $5000 grants to science faculty for research that involves undergraduate students.
   f. **Student Presentation Opportunities**: National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Undergraduate Research Journal, Student Research Day

3. **eCampus** offers a variety of resources to support distant education.
   a. **Distance Education Stipend (Application for Remuneration for the Initial Preparation of a Distance Education Course)**: This application process is for full-time faculty who are preparing courses to be offered fully online or as a blended course. This remuneration is for the development of the initial preparation of distance education courses. Course revisions are not funded.
      i. Due date: September (spring semester), April (fall semester), January (summer)
      ii. Funding available: $3,000 stipend for a 3 credit hour course, $2,000 for subsequent applications

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14 https://www.unk.edu/academics/undergraduate_research/index.php
15 http://www.unk.edu/academics/ecampus/resources-info/faculty/index.php
4. **Technology Seminars** offered by Information Technology Services (ITS) each semester to educate faculty on the use of software available on the university network, including Canvas, Office 365, Adobe Creative Cloud, ECHO 360, VoiceThread, Qualtrics, and Zoom.

5. **Faculty Development Fellowship (Sabbatical)** is available to faculty members for the purpose of encouraging scholarly and professional development for the mutual benefit of the University and the employee. Subject to the availability of funds, and the ability of the institution, its colleges and departments to maintain programs and to meet enrollment demands, all tenured faculty members at UNK at any academic rank shall be eligible to apply for a Faculty Development Fellowship during their sixth year (or more) of service. If approved this fellowship would be taken during the next academic year. Each six year (or longer) period of full-time service following a Faculty Development Leave shall renew eligibility to apply for a Faculty Development Fellowship. Such leaves shall not be considered to be an entitlement or an automatic reward for years of service.
   
   i. Due date: October 1, application due to Department Chair  
      November 1, application due to Dean  
      November 15, application due to Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs  
   
   ii. Funding available: a full year at half-pay and full benefits or a half-year at full pay and full benefits

**College/Department Resources**

1. The **John Becker Faculty Research Incentive Fund** provides up to a $2,000 stipend for publication of peer reviewed articles accepted for publication in journals with quality indicators exceeding what would normally be expected of a CBT faculty member.

2. The Dean’s Office and Departments leverage resources to support faculty professional development by funding $2,000 in qualifying travel to *present research at conferences*. This funding is renewed annually, but does not accumulate from one year to the next. All faculty are encouraged to take advantage of this resource to support our ongoing professional development.

3. Starting in 2016/17, an additional funding source has been identified to support *professional development* for fulltime faculty, specifically related to teaching. This will include activities such as continuing education, training, and attendance at teaching and/or industry related conferences. All fulltime faculty are eligible for $1,000 in annual funding. Interested faculty should submit a written request to the Dean, via email, with a cc to your chairperson. Please describe the activity, anticipated costs, and a short reflection on how you anticipate this activity will support your development related to teaching. This funding source is a spendable Foundation account and will support up to 20-25 awards before it is expended.

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16 [http://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/faculty_handbook/FacultyPolicies/faculty_development_fellowship.php](http://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/faculty_handbook/FacultyPolicies/faculty_development_fellowship.php)
4. CBT Annual Faculty Awards are given out every year in the following categories: Teaching-Untenured, Teaching-Tenured, Scholarship-Untenured, Scholarship-Tenured, Service, and Lifetime Achievement Award. The Department Chairs nominate an individual for each award, and nominees are asked to submit an application to be reviewed by the Faculty Affairs Committee. Winners receive $250 in professional development funds, which can be used for travel expenses, office equipment, etc.
APPENDIX

Faculty Guide
College of Business and Technology
University of Nebraska at Kearney

1. College of Business and Technology (CBT) Scholarly Productivity Guidelines
2. UNK College of Business and Technology Guidelines for Faculty Qualifications
3. CBT:BD Guidelines for Participating and Supporting Faculty
The scholarly productivity guidelines are to be used by department heads in determining faculty teaching loads and by faculty members and peer committees in measuring faculty performance. The purpose of the guidelines is to direct faculty activities toward achieving college and department objectives. The productivity guidelines are designed to encourage refereed journal publications, as well as other important scholarly activities, all of which are essential for quality programs and accreditation.

CBT scholarly guidelines can be minimally met by achieving any of the following conditions:

1. Four quality peer reviewed journal articles within the past five years.
2. Three quality peer reviewed journal articles and two proceedings and/or paper presentations within the past five years.
3. A total of at least five scholarly contributions within the past five years of which
   a. at least two must be quality peer reviewed journal articles
   b. no more than two can be from the same category of other intellectual contributions

Other intellectual contributions may include the following: Books, book chapters, cases, funded research proposals, monographs, non-refereed journal articles, paper presentations, proceedings, professional/technical reports, and published software packages.

Notes:

1. A quality peer reviewed journal is one that:
   a. has a documented formal peer review process;
   b. is readily available for public scrutiny in a library or through an on-line retrieval service; and
   c. if a fee is charged for submission or publication, the fee is $100 or less (excluding graphic fees).
2. Further, a quality peer reviewed journal article must be a full journal article and not a note, comment, book review, or editorial
3. Faculty who are not making satisfactory progress towards meeting established productivity guidelines may be reassigned to a 12-hour classroom teaching load at any time. Evaluation of satisfactory progress toward meeting established productivity guidelines will be a part of the normal yearly faculty evaluation process.

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20 At the request of the Dean, a department chair, or the faculty member, the CBT Faculty Affairs Committee shall consider whether journals which charge higher fees may still qualify; however the burden of proof is on the faculty member to demonstrate the quality of the article.  
21 At the request of the Dean, a department chair, or the faculty member, the CBT Faculty Affairs Committee shall consider whether articles which are not full journal articles may still qualify; however the burden of proof is on the faculty member to demonstrate the quality of the article.
Overview

All faculty members are expected to have appropriate qualification at the time of hire and to maintain qualifications. The following categories for specifying faculty statuses are based on the initial academic preparation, initial professional experience, and sustained academic and/or professional engagement:

Scholarly Academics (SA) sustain currency and relevance through scholarship and related activities. Normally, SA status is granted to newly hired faculty members who earned research doctorates within the most recent five year period. Subsequent to hiring, SA status is sustained as outlined below.

Practice Academics (PA) sustain currency and relevance through professional engagement, interaction, and relevant activities. Normally, PA status applies to faculty members who augment their initial preparation as academic scholars with development and engagement activities that involve substantive linkages to practice, consulting, other forms of professional engagement, etc., based on the faculty members’ earlier work as an SA faculty member. PA status is sustained as outlined below.

Scholarly Practitioners (SP) sustain currency and relevance through continued professional experience, engagement, or interaction and scholarship related to their professional background and experience. Normally, SP status applies to practitioner faculty members who augment their experience with development and engagement activities involving substantive scholarly activities in their fields of teaching. SP status is sustained as outlined below.

Instructional Practitioners (IP) sustain currency and relevance through continued professional experience and engagement related to their professional backgrounds and experience. Normally, IP status is granted to newly hired faculty members who join the faculty with significant and substantive professional experience as outlined below. IP status is sustained as outlined below.

Faculty members are expected to produce scholarly and/or professional engagement contributions, which are a function of three main activities: thinking, writing, and speaking. Measuring the impact of these activities is certainly inexact, but required nonetheless.

One principle that can be applied is the perceived quality of the faculty member’s activity or accomplishment. In the case of writing, the quality of the manuscript could be assessed by the rigor and structure of the review process that leads to publication as well as quality indicators for the journal.

Measuring the impact of thinking and speaking is more difficult. One way to look at this would be to use a “market-based” approach: Who values what the faculty member thinks or says?
From this perspective, we can introduce the notion of third party validation as a means of assessing the current knowledge, skills, and/or abilities of a faculty member.

The extent to which the business community or others in the academy value the faculty member’s expertise is a reasonable surrogate for evidence of the faculty member’s currency. Thus, a guiding principle should be the value – both intrinsic and extrinsic – that external stakeholders place on a faculty member’s talent.

Providing evidence of the impact of scholarly and professional engagement contributions then becomes a function of the quality of the contribution and/or third party validation. These two guiding principles lead to the following definitions of activities that faculty should pursue to remain qualified.

**Quality Journal Articles and Other Intellectual Contributions**

A quality peer reviewed journal is one that: has a documented formal peer review process; is readily available for public scrutiny in a library or through an on-line retrieval service; and if a fee is charged for submission or publication, the fee is $100 or less (excluding graphic fees).\(^{22}\) Further, a quality peer reviewed journal article must be a full journal article and not a note, comment, book review, or editorial\(^{23}\)

Other intellectual contributions may include the following: books, book chapters, cases, funded external research proposals, monographs, non-refereed journal articles, paper presentations, proceedings, professional/technical reports, published software packages, or other quality intellectual contributions.

**Quality Professional Engagements**

A quality professional engagement is an activity or accomplishment that is considered to add value to an independent third-party. Typically, the third-party has “purchased” the talent or expertise of a faculty member, either literally or by selecting the faculty member to perform a valued function.

The rationale is that a faculty member possesses a certain degree of current knowledge, skill, or ability that is sought after by the business community or by others in academe. Examples of quality professional engagement experiences include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Significant involvement in operation of a business (part-time involvement), related to a faculty member’s field.

\(^{22}\) At the request of the dean, a department chair, or the faculty member, the CBT Faculty Affairs Committee shall consider whether journals which charge higher fees may still qualify; however the burden of proof is on the faculty member to demonstrate the quality of the article.

\(^{23}\) At the request of the dean, a department chair, or the faculty member, the CBT Faculty Affairs Committee shall consider whether articles which are not full journal articles may still qualify; however the burden of proof is on the faculty member to demonstrate the quality of the article.
2. An activity that significantly impacts UNK stakeholders with a major deliverable (i.e. report, legislative testimony)
3. Substantial consulting with multiple projects and activities
4. Quality peer reviewed journal article
5. Significant externally funded grant
6. Chairing an accreditation peer review committee
7. Developing and presenting professional seminars
8. Journal editorships and/or editorial board service
9. Service on an accreditation peer review team
10. Service on corporate or non-profit boards
11. Faculty internships
12. Initial receipt of an academic license or certificate and regular maintenance of licensures and certifications
13. Invited professional public speaking
14. Consultation or research for policy or economic development agencies
15. Production and delivery of substantial professional development activities
16. A limited number of consulting activities that are material in terms of time and substance
17. Leadership participation in professional events (i.e. Conference Chair)
18. Full- or part-time administrative duties or significant campus leadership activities
19. Significant participation in professional associations related to one’s discipline
20. Practice-oriented intellectual contributions other than PRJ’s.
21. Other appropriate professional activities

Initial Scholarly Academic (SA) Status

A faculty member in the CBT will be deemed initially qualified provided s/he meets one of the following conditions:

1. The faculty member holds an appropriate earned doctorate related to the primary field in which s/he is teaching.
2. The faculty member has extensive work at the graduate level (i.e. ABD) in the primary teaching field. This qualification is limited to a three year period, after which the person must meet one of the remaining criteria to be considered academically qualified. The faculty member is qualified to teach in the undergraduate program only.
3. The faculty member holds a doctoral degree outside of the field in which s/he is teaching is considered academically qualified if the equivalent of 15 hours of graduate-level coursework in the teaching area is completed or there is other appropriate and extensive intellectual contributions related to the primary teaching field.

Maintaining Scholarly Academic (SA) Status

1. Graduate Scholarly Academic Status - a faculty member will be considered SA qualified to teach undergraduate or graduate courses provided s/he meets the following conditions:
a. has completed four quality peer reviewed journal articles within the past five years, or
b. three quality peer reviewed journal articles and two proceedings and/or paper presentations within the past five years, or
c. A total of at least five scholarly contributions within the past five years of which at least two must be quality peer reviewed journal articles and no more than two can be from the same category of other intellectual contributions24

2. **Undergraduate Scholarly Academic Status** – a faculty member will be considered SA qualified to teach undergraduate course provided s/he has completed at least two quality peer reviewed journal articles over the past five years.

**Practice Academic (PA) Status**

To be classified as a Practice Academic (PA), faculty members must be a tenured, full professor. A faculty member in the CBT may be deemed a Practice Academic provided s/he has completed at least one qualify intellectual contribution (peer reviewed journal article or other intellectual contribution) and four other quality professional engagements in the most recent five year period.

Intellectual contributions and professional engagement activities must be documented and readily verifiable. To be considered as part of a PA portfolio, engagement activities must be reported on the faculty member’s annual performance documents and included in his/her curriculum vitae. To be considered significant, an engagement activity must result in lasting impact on the client, the public, or the faculty member.

Additional comments:
1. Faculty with PA status will be on a 4:4 teaching load. Exceptions can be granted by the dean.
2. Professional engagement MUST be related to classes taught/area of expertise.
3. The activities listed above must document sustained currency and relevance through professional engagement, interaction, and relevant activities within the faculty member’s field. To accomplish this objective, these activities should align with the mission of the college and university, be substantial or sustained, valued by our stakeholders and intrinsically related to the faculty member’s area of expertise.

**Initial Instructional Practitioner (IP) Status**

A faculty member in the CBT will be classified as an Instructional Practitioner (IP) at the time of hire if the following conditions are met:

1. Normally possesses a master’s degree in the field related to the area of teaching assignment, and
2. Demonstrates professional experience, significant in duration and responsibility, related to the area of teaching assignment.

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24 Other intellectual contributions include the following: books, book chapters, cases, funded research proposals, monographs, non-refereed journal articles, paper presentations, proceedings, professional/technical reports, published software packages, or other quality professional projects.
Maintaining Instructional Practitioner (IP) Status

A faculty member who was classified as an Instructional Practitioner at the time of hire and who meets any of the following conditions during the previous five-year period will continue to be professionally qualified if s/he:

1. Is currently working full-time (or almost full-time) in business with job responsibilities, significant in duration and responsibility, related to the field in which s/he is teaching, or
2. has completed one quality intellectual contribution and two qualify professional engagements over the past five years, or
3. has completed at least four quality professional engagements over the past five years.

Scholarly Practitioner (SP) Status

Typically, faculty will not be hired with SP status. Rather, IP faculty who engage in substantive scholarly activities in their fields of teaching may be considered SP qualified to teach undergraduate course provided s/he has completed at least two quality peer reviewed journal articles over the past five years.

Re-Establishing Lost Qualifications

Faculty members who have not maintained their qualifications must develop, in consultation with their department chair, a written plan for regaining qualified status within the two years following the year in which qualification was lost. The plan must be approved by the chair and dean. After two years, if the faculty member has not satisfactorily met the requirements of the formal plan, he/she will not be eligible for reappointment if untenured. Tenured faculty will be notified that the post-tenure review process will begin, consistent with the policies describe in the UNK Guidelines: Evaluation, Promotion, and Tenure.
College of Business and Technology  
Guidelines for Participating and Supporting Faculty  

The school maintains a faculty sufficient to provide stability and ongoing quality improvement for the instructional programs offered. The deployment of faculty resources reflects the mission and programs. Students in all programs, majors, areas of emphasis, and locations have the opportunity to receive instruction from appropriately qualified faculty.  
[FACULTY SUFFICIENCY]  

Normally, Participating faculty members will deliver 75% of the school’s teaching (60% in each discipline).

A CBT faculty member will be designated as participating if he/she completes three of the following criteria in a year:

1. Serves on a department, college or university committee
2. Student advising
3. Advises a business student organization or engages in chapter activities
4. Regularly attends, participates and votes in department meetings
5. Research activity (making adequate progress towards maintaining scholarship release based on department chairperson assessment)

A CBT faculty member will be designated as supporting if he/she maintains involvement with (CBT) by teaching his/her courses but does not qualify for the participating designation. While supporting faculty members may play a valuable role in (CBT) in terms of their assigned responsibilities they do not play an active part in College governance.