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B. Low-Producing Program Report
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Agenda Item: A.

Date: Sept. 14, 2017

Subject: B.S. in Aviation Science with a Concentration in Rotor Wing

Action Recommended: Recommend approval to establish new degree program (major)

Background Information:
The purpose of this program is to prepare students to enter the workforce as helicopter pilots with the additional benefit of earning a college degree in aviation science.

Austin Peay State University (APSU) is located 10 miles from Fort Campbell. Fort Campbell is home to the 101st Airborne Division with a Combat Aviation (helicopter) Brigade and is known world-wide for its expertise in the use of helicopters in combat situations. Nearly 27,000 active duty military members are currently assigned to Fort Campbell. The primary purpose of this program will be to serve army veterans who have completed some helicopter flight training but have not obtained Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certifications, or veterans who have developed an interest in becoming a helicopter pilot while serving in the military.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) notes that it is increasingly common for pilots of all types of aircraft to have a college degree (www.bls.gov). An individual seeking to become a helicopter pilot may also want the ability to enter other aviation careers, such as management, regulations, or manufacturing, and an aviation degree would be very useful for this career path. Additionally, the Veterans Administration (VA) will not fund veterans for private pilot licensure (the initial phase of the flight training program) unless the training is included in an academic degree program; therefore, the program will provide veterans a path to a career in aviation.

- Job Market
The BLS projects that the number of jobs for commercial pilots will grow approximately 9 percent from 2012 to 2022 (www.bls.gov).
A 2015-2016 survey of nearly 700 commercial helicopter pilots conducted by RotorCraft Pro revealed the median salary range of the respondents was $90,000 per year.

- **Estimated enrollment**
  - 35 students in Fall 2018, 65 students in Fall 2019, 101 students in Fall 2020

- **Distinctiveness**
  - No other public institutions in the State of Tennessee currently offer a degree leading to a helicopter pilot license.

- **Alignment with APSU mission statement**
  - The APSU Mission Statement includes “Serving the military at Fort Campbell through complete academic programs.”

- **Alignment with APSU strategic plan**
  - This proposed program supports APSU Goal 1: Enrollment Growth and Goal 2: Student Success: Retention, Completion and Workforce Preparedness.

**Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2018

**Item Details:**

A Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Science with a Concentration in Rotor-wing (BS Aviation Science-RW) is a 120-credit hour undergraduate degree that will be housed in the Department of Engineering Technology, within the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The program proposal has been led by Mr. John Byrd, Department Chair of Engineering Technology, and Dr. Jaime Taylor, Presidential Fellow at APSU.

The BS Aviation Science-RW ground courses will be offered at the Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell and the flight training hours will be offered at Outlaw Field.

Students completing the BS Aviation Science-RW will obtain their Private Helicopter Pilot Certification, Commercial Helicopter Pilot Certification, along with their Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Helicopter Certification, and CFI Instrumentation Helicopter Certification. These certifications will make graduates highly employable in the U.S. and internationally.

**Budget**

- Students will pay standard APSU tuition and fees and the fees for 190 flight hours and 440 hours of specialized flight instruction. The total cost to the student
over four years is estimated to be $120,450, which is on par with many two-year flight programs and/or non-degree flight programs.

- APSU will either lease or purchase helicopters while operating the flight portion of the program in a hangar leased by APSU at Outlaw Field.
- APSU will hire a Program Director, Flight Instructors, VA Counselor, and Admissions Counselor.
- The total expenditure for the program is estimated to be about $1.1 million in the first year (with slightly over half of the expense directly associated with the helicopters). The cost will increase each year with enrollment (due mostly to increased flight time) to $1.85 million in the second year, $2.65 million in the third year, $3.39 million in the fourth year, and stabilizing at approximately $3.8 million when enrollment levels off.
- Revenue from tuition and fees (including flight fees) is expected to exceed expenditures in the second year of the program by $100,000 and stabilizing to a net of approximately $400,000 by the third year.
## BS Aviation Science-RW Curriculum

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Subject: Tenure Upon Appointment – Dr. Scott Culhane, Chair, Department of Criminal Justice

Action Recommended: Approval

Background Information:
The Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs proposes the award of tenure upon appointment for Dr. Scott Culhane, founding chair of the new department of criminal justice. Dr. Culhane began his appointment as chair on September 1, 2017. Dr. Culhane’s education, as well as teaching, scholarship, and service experience meet the tenure criteria of the department.

Proposed Implementation Date: Upon Approval by the Board

Item Details:
Dr. Culhane most recently served as professor of criminal justice at the University of Wyoming where he was tenured in 2011. He also has administrative experience having served as graduate coordinator. He has an extensive research background and has had success in securing grant funding. He received the “Top Prof” Award by the Mortar Board Society at the University of Wyoming. In 2009, he received the “Extraordinary Merit in Research” Award. In addition to teaching experience at the University of Wyoming at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, he has also taught at El Paso Community College.

Dr. Culhane earned the bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a bachelor of arts in political science, both from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He earned a Master of Science degree in research psychology from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and a Ph.D. in Legal Psychology from the University of Texas at El Paso. His dissertation was entitled “Changing your alibi: Current law enforcement, future law enforcement, and layperson beliefs and behaviors.” His most recent scholarly paper soon to be published in the journal Policing and Society is entitled “Police shootings and body cameras: One year post-Ferguson.”
The Dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, home to the department of criminal justice, as well as the tenured faculty in the department, recommends that Dr. Culhane be appointed with tenure at the rank of full professor in the department of criminal justice.

Attachment – Curriculum Vita of Dr. Scott Culhane
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EDUCATION

2005
Ph.D., Legal Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.
Title of Ph.D. Thesis: Changing your alibi: Current law enforcement, future law enforcement, and layperson beliefs and behaviors (Chair: Harmon M. Hosch, Ph.D.)

2000
M.S., Research Psychology, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN.
Title of M.S. Thesis: A comparative analysis of alexithymia and irrational beliefs to predict anxiety, neuroticism, and depression (Chair: Paul J. Watson, Ph.D.)

1998
B.A., Psychology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

1998
B.A., Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2005-2011
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Wyoming

2011-Present
Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Wyoming

OTHER POSITIONS

2013-2015
Department of Criminal Justice Graduate Program Coordinator

2001-2005
Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

2003
Instructor, El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX.

2000-2005
Research Assistant, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

2001-2002
Program Evaluator, West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department, El Paso, TX.

2000-2001
Lab Instructor, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

1999-2000
Head Graduate Assistant, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN.

1998-1999
Lab Instructor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN.
PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

In Preparation

Culhane, S. E., Schweitzer, K., & Mowen, T. J. Police shooting procedures and educating the public: Implications for releasing body camera footage.

Greninger, C., Estrada-Reynolds, V., & Culhane, S. E. Individual decisions to contact police in cases of missing persons.

McDaniel, K. & Culhane, S. E. Jury reactions to cases of revenge killings.

Tarbett, K. & Culhane, S. E. Anger and aggression in serial killer: Predicting weapon use, victim count and sexual violations.

Under Review

Culhane, S. E., Walker, S., & Hildebrand, M. M. Self-reported psychopathy and criminal thinking of serial homicide offenders.

PUBLISHED WORKS

Refereed Journal Articles


Non-Refereed Journal Articles


Technical Reports


TEACHING
Courses Taught

Criminology
Criminal Psychopathology
Introduction to Criminal Justice
Theories of Personality
Introduction to Psychology
Research Methods
Psychology & Law
Survey of Criminal Justice (Graduate)
Introduction to Statistics
Serial Killers
Issues in Criminal Justice
Social Psychology

Invited Teaching Activities

Summer 2009, American Criminal Justice, Course taught at Shanghai University, Shanghai, China.


Fall 2013, Serial Killers, Guest lecture given at University of Washington–Tacoma, Tacoma Washington.

Fall 2014, Serial Killers, Guest lecture given at University of Washington–Tacoma, Tacoma Washington.

CONTRACTS & GRANTS

Pending Projects as Principal Investigator


Funded Projects as Principal Investigator


(2005-2006) Validation of the Novaco Anger Scale and Provocation Inventory (NAS-PI) and Spielberger State-Trait Anger Expression Inventory - 2 (STAXI - 2) with a Hispanic sample. University of Wyoming, College of Arts and Sciences, Basic Research Grant $1700.

Unfunded Projects as Principal Investigator


Unfunded Projects as Co-Principal Investigator


PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Memberships in Professional Societies

American Psychology-Law Society (2000-present)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2002-2009)
Association for Psychological Science (2002-2008; 2014-present)
Western Association of Criminal Justice (2007-2011)
American Psychological Association (2016-present)

Manuscript Refereeing

Law and Human Behavior Psychology, Crime and Law
Journal of Psychology Applied Cognitive Psychology
Personality and Individual Differences Criminal Justice Review
Assessment Journal of Personality Assessment
Legal and Criminological Psychology The Spanish Journal of Psychology
Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science Criminal Justice and Behavior
Behavioral Sciences and the Law
Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology
Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology

Grant Review

National Science Foundation

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014 Top Prof, Mortar Board Society, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2014 Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year Award, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2013 Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year Award, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2013 President Tom Buchanan’s Foundation Fund Award, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2011 Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year Award, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2009 Extraordinary Merit in Research Award, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2008 - 2012 President Tom Buchanan’s Foundation Fund Award, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
2004-2005 Graduate School Research Award: University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.
2002 Liberal Arts Student Support Fund (Dodson Grant): University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.
2001-2002 Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research: Sigma Xi, El Paso, TX.
1999-2000 Provost Student Research Award, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN.

PAPERS PRESENTED/SYMPOSIA/INVITED LECTURES/PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Symposiums Organized


Paper Presentations


**Poster Presentations**


Culhane, S. E., & Mowen, T. J. (2016, August). The role of family support and mental health in desistance from crime and substance use. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.


Hildebrand, M. M., Culhane, S. E., & Wodahl, E. J. (2013, March). Personality and serial murderers: Data from the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical Scales. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.


Hildebrand, M. & Culhane, S. E. (2012, May). Effects of victim clothing, crime severity, and violence during sexual assault on mock jurors’ trial decisions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Sciences, Chicago, IL.


Invited Presentations


COMMITTEES

Criminal Justice Assessment Committee, 2006-2010
Criminal Justice Graduate Program Committee, 2005-Present
   Committee Chair, 2013-2016
Criminal Justice Search Committee, 2005-2011, 2012-Present
   Committee Chair, 2015-Present
Criminal Justice Post-tenure Review Committee, 2011-Present
   Committee Chair, 2016-Present
A&S Summer Independent Study Committee, 2007-2010
University of Wyoming Faculty Senate, 2009-2011

STUDENT ADVISING/GRADUATE SUPERVISION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

   Department of Criminal Justice Internships and Practicums Supervisor – 2010

   22 Current Undergraduate Advisees
   31 Undergraduate Advisees – 2015-2016
   13 Undergraduate Advisees – 2014-2015
   24 Undergraduate Advisees – 2013-2014
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   27 Undergraduate Advisees – 2006-2007
   20 Undergraduate Advisees – 2005-2006

   Charlie Cordova – McNair Scholar, 2010-2011

GRADUATE STUDENTS

   Andre Kehn – Thesis Committee Co-Chair, 2006
   – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2008
   – Dissertation Committee Member, 2009

   David Webber – Thesis Committee Member, 2008
Jennifer Gray  – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2010
              – Dissertation Committee Member, 2011

Stephannie Walker  – Thesis Committee Member, 2010
              – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2012
              – Dissertation Committee Member, 2012-2013

Kimberly Schweitzer  – Thesis Committee Member, 2012
              – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2013
              – Dissertation Committee Member, 2014-2016

Christopher Chai  – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2013
              – Dissertation Committee Member, 2014

Joshua Reynolds  – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2014
              – Dissertation Committee Member, 2016-2017

Lindsey Peterson  – Masters in Public Administration Oral Exam, 2014

Cynthia MacDuff  – Masters in Public Administration Oral Exam, 2014

Elizabeth Ferguson  – Thesis Committee Member, 2013-2014
              – Comprehensive Committee Member, 2015
              – Dissertation Committee Member, 2016-2017

Eli Major  – Masters in Public Administration Oral Exam, 2015

Bradley Schmidt  – Masters in Public Administration Oral Exam, 2015

Karlee Provenza  – Thesis Committee Member, 2016-2017

Victoria Estrada-Reynolds  – Dissertation Committee Member, 2016-2017

**CLUB SUPERVISION**

Criminal Justice Club 2006-2007

Pre-law Club/Phi Alpha Delta 2010-2011
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Background Information:

Dr. Robert Halliman, associate professor of management technology, sought promotion to the rank of professor during the 2016 – 2017 academic year. President White considered the recommendations made in the promotion review process, including negative recommendations from the dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences and the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and elected to deny Dr. Halliman’s request for promotion. Dr. Halliman is requesting the right to appeal this decision per APSU policy 1:010.

Item Details:

While APSU policy 1:010 creates the right to petition for permission to appeal, petitioner for appeal must present compelling evidence that President White’s decision was erroneous. In determining whether to grant an appeal, the appropriate Board committee may consider the following:

- “Whether Board policy or procedures have been followed;
- Whether or not there is material evidence to substantiate the decision appealed from; and/or
- Whether or not there has been a material error in application of the law, which prima facie results in substantial injustice.”

On both procedural and substantive grounds, Dr. Robert Halliman’s petition to appeal President White’s decision should be denied as he has failed to meet his burden. More specifically, the review of Dr. Halliman’s request for promotion up through and including the review by the president conformed to relevant University and Board policies. In addition, Dr. Halliman offers no material evidence to sustain his claim that the President’s
decision was in error. There has also been no “material error in the application of the law” to justify granting his appeal. Furthermore, where Dr. Halliman attempts to re-litigate his case for promotion on the merits, his argument reflects a mischaracterization or misunderstanding of the promotion review process. The attached document addresses Dr. Halliman’s allegations with respect to both the process and the merits of his case for promotion. It provides responses that further substantiate the president’s decision to deny his request.

The documents related to the appeal are attached.
REQUEST ORAL PRESENTATION

APPEAL TO THE APSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. Decision Being Appealed

The decision being appealed is the decision of Dr. Alisa White, President of APSU to not support my request for promotion to full professor. Because Dr. White based her recommendation on previous recommendations that were deeply flawed, having resulted from a process that was in violation of APSU and Board of Trustees policy, her decision was, necessarily, deeply flawed.

II. Issues

1. Whether the promotion process regarding my promotion to full professor was subjective, in violation of APSU and Board of Trustees Policy 2:063.

2. Whether my record of scholarly and creative achievement is sufficient to merit promotion to full professor.

II. Allegations

1. I allege that the promotion process that I faced, regarding promotion to full professor, violates APSU and Board of Trustees policy 2:063 in that very subjective reasoning was interjected into the process by Dr. David Denton, Dean, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, when by all objective standards, I qualified for promotion.

III. Facts

1. Facts Regarding allegation 1.

   A. The stated purpose of APSU policy 2:063 is “to make promotions strictly on consideration of merit....” The purpose is further stated as “to help ensure that
promotions are made objectively, equitably, impartially, and as a recognition of merit...” (Appendix A)

- **Objectively**: means 1. Not influenced by emotion, surmise or personal prejudice. 2. Of a test: limited to choices of fixed alternatives and reducing subjective factors to a minimum.
  - **surmise**: means conjecture without conclusive evidence.
- **Equitably**: means 1. Dealing fairly and equally with all concerned.

B. In keeping with the stated purpose, APSU and Board policy 2:063 states the following:

  “**Promotion Criteria**
  
  A. The academic departments and programs of APSU must develop written guidelines with specific criteria for evaluating the faculty in teaching, research and service........”

C. A sampling of publication requirements for promotion to full professor of academic departments at APSU reveals the promotion criteria in the area of Scholarly and Creative Achievement, for promotion to full professor. (See APPENDIX B)

D. The Dean, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, Dr. David Denton was the only person who offered an explanation for his negative recommendation. (See APPENDIX C.)

E. Dean Denton’s criticisms of my scholarly and creative work uses the language of “surmise,” that is, the language of conjecture without conclusive evidence.
Excerpts from his letter to me are shown below, with the language indicating “surmise” bolded and underlined:

1. In criticizing the association in which I had a leadership role and published some articles he stated “my inability to find any substantive information about the association causes me to wonder if this outlet meets the reputable firm standard.”

2. In criticizing the journal in which I published articles he said it was “suspected of being a predatory journal.”

3. In his overall statement he said “the illustrative concerns noted above cause me to question whether your work meets the department criteria…”

F. Those most knowledgeable regarding the standards for full professor in my department, i.e., the department chair and the department promotion committee, have deemed that my record of scholarly and creative achievement meets the standard for full professor.(see APPENDIXES F & G)

G. My e-dossier contains documents that detail the history of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP) as well as describing the peer review process for approving articles submitted to the various journals, proceedings or associations.

H. In my appeal to the APSU Promotion Appeal Board, I provided evidence of at least six (6) internet links where information on AEPP can be found. (see Appendix D)
I. AEPP is not an unknown organization. The 2008 AEPP conference held at DePaul University of Chicago, had 109 academic participants from all over the world. One of those participants was Dr. Patricia Werhane, an author of a widely used college textbook on business ethics. (see Appendix E)

J. My publication history for the last four years consists of eight (8) articles in refereed media (see e-dossier)

   o Three (3) articles in refereed journals.
   o Five (5) articles in refereed proceedings of international conferences.

K. Other scholarly and creative activity since my last promotion also includes eleven (11) courses developed for online delivery, most including extensive lecture notes. (see e-dossier)

L. According to the Public Management and Criminal Justice departmental promotion criteria, online course development is considered as scholarly and creative activity for the purpose of promotion. (Criteria for Departmental Personnel Actions, Paragraph I.B.5.).

M. Comparing my record of scholarly activity to the requirements shown in APPENDIX B, my record, objectively, meets or exceeds the requirements for promotion of all other departments in the university.

N. In my appeal to the University Promotion Appeal Board, I effectively rebutted every point of contention Dean Denton made in his letter. (see APPENDIX D)
O. Neither the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy, the Promotions Appeal Board, nor the President of APSU, Dr. Alissa White provided any rebuttal argument or evidence against my rebuttal of Dean Denton’s criticisms. (Appendixes I, J, & K)

IV. Argument

1. Argument Regarding Allegation 1

A. It cannot be disputed that APSU and Board policy states that promotion recommendations are to be made objectively, and that written, specific criteria are supposed to be used in order to eliminate subjective calls and ensure promotions are based strictly on merit. That is the clear and unambiguous language of the policy.

1. The stated policy is legal document and, therefore, binding on the university and the Board.

2. Decisions are not to be based on conjecture without conclusive evidence.

3. Where there is conjecture without conclusive evidence the benefit of the doubt should go to the candidate for promotion.

4. The purpose of written criteria is to limit decisions to fixed alternatives.
   Either the candidate met the criteria and thus merits promotion or he didn’t.

B. Given the only negative comments made were those made by the Dean, and given that the language he used was the language of “surmise”, that is, “conjecture without conclusive evidence”, the Dean’s evaluation was precisely of the type the policy intends to prevent. That the Dean’s negative recommendation was influenced by the “suspecting,” the “wondering,” and the “questioning” is
obvious by his statement “because of the reservations noted above, I cannot support your request for promotion.” (Appendix C) Therefore, the Dean’s subjective evaluation is a violation of policy, and inherently unfair.

C. Given that neither the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy, the Promotion Appeals Board, nor the President, Dr. Alissa White offered any explanation for their negative recommendations, other than to say they were based on a review of the documents, it must be presumed that their recommendations are based on the Dean’s comments, and their desire to support the Dean. That the presumption is most likely true is supported by the facts that two promotion committees and the department chair supported my promotion, and I rebutted every point of contention made by Dean Denton. Absent any other explanation for the negative recommendations, the only explanation remaining is that the Provost, the appeal board, and President White gave greater credence to the Dean’s comments, even in the face of overwhelming support at the department level and the college, as well as factual evidence and sound logic presented in my rebuttal of the Dean’s comments.

D. Given that neither the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy, the Promotion Appeals Board, nor the President, Dr. Alissa White offered any rebuttal of my rebuttal of the Dean’s comments, my factual and logically sound rebuttal stands unopposed and I have met my burden of proof. I have read enough judicial decisions to know that, in a court room, a valid rebuttal that is unopposed is conclusive and determinative, and I would win summary judgment as a matter of law. While this is not a court room, the policy requires me to write my appeal similar to a legal brief. You are,
in fact, my court of appeal of last resort. Some of the logic of my appeal to the APSU Promotion Appeal Board is shown below:

1. Dean Denton bases his conjecture that AEPP might not be reputable because he has never heard of AEPP and could not find any substantive information on the association and could not find information on the internet.

My e-dossier contains at least four (4) documents that provide substantive information on AEPP, including its history. I found at least six (6) internet links where AEPP information could be found (appendix D). The 2008 AEPP conference in Chicago had over 109 participants from all over the world, which included textbook author Patricia Werhane (Appendix H). Would someone the stature of Patricia Werhane associate herself with an organization of questionable reputation? Not likely. That the 2008 AEPP international conference drew over 109 academics from all over the world, indicates that AEPP is widely known in international academic circles.

What does this say about the Dean’s knowledge or search methods? It says he did not do a thorough review of my promotion e-dossier and that his knowledge of professional associations is not complete. It also says his internet search skills are either weak or he did not exert much effort in using them. Therefore, he is not the standard by which the reputation of AEPP should be measured.

2. Dean Denton attempted to disparage the journal in which I published articles by saying it was suspected of being a predatory journal. Again, the word “suspected” is the language of “conjecture without conclusive evidence.” His
only “evidence” was a website he found that criticized the journal for listing ProQuest as an index in which the journal is indexed. The website said ProQuest was not a reputable index, which serves as an indicator that the journal was suspect of being a predatory journal. I pointed out that an index is nothing more than a means for digitally cataloging academic articles so other people can find them. The Austin Peay library uses ProQuest to find articles. If ProQuest is not a “reputable index,” why does the APSU Library use ProQuest? Using the Dean’s logic, the Austin Peay Library’s reputation, as well as APSU’s reputation, is suspect because the Library uses ProQuest to search for articles. The Dean’s website’s facts and logic are faulty as well as the Dean’s facts and logic.

3. Dean Denton attempted to rehash an issue that was raised last year regarding a potential conflict of interest regarding papers I published with an organization in which I held a leadership role. He said he could not find evidence that I was separated from the review process or a description of the review process. My e-dossier contains at least two documents that describe the peer review process. It also contains copies of the peer reviews, which are evidence that I was separate from the review process. I also made a clear statement in my e-dossier that all published papers went through a double-blind peer review process prior to acceptance for publication. The department committee that raised the issue last year was satisfied that the issue was adequately addressed this year because they did not raise it again and recommended promotion. That the Dean failed to find the documents I mentioned indicates the Dean did not conduct a very thorough review of my e-dossier.
E. My record of scholarly activity, consisting of eight (8) refereed papers published, and 11 online courses developed, certainly meets or exceeds the specific requirements of all other academic departments in the university regarding promotion to full professor. (See APPENDIX B). That two promotion committees and the chair considered my work sufficient to merit promotion to full professor is further evidence that the Dean’s recommendation and the subsequent recommendation up to and including that of President White, were subjective in violation of APSU and Board policy.

V. Conclusion:

According to APSU and Board policy 2.063, the promotion process is to be objective and equitable, based on specific criteria. Beginning with Dean Denton and progressing to President White, it has been neither objective nor equitable, and definitely not based on specific criteria.

I keep referring to this policy as a joint policy of APSU and the Board of Trustees. I do that because the Board of Trustees is the governing body with oversight of APSU. Whatever is APSU policy is also the Board’s policy by default.

What is the purpose of policy if policy is not followed or enforced? The APSU and Board of Trustees promotion policy requires the promotion process to be objective, equitable, and based strictly on merit. When those in the assessment process throw merit to the wind and make assessments that are anything but objective, the process is inherently unfair to the candidate who works hard to merit promotion. This is an opportunity for the Board of Trustees to exercise proper oversight and provide redress for a failure in policy that resulted in an unfair promotion decision.
VI. Redress Desired

1. My record of scholarly achievement clearly meets or exceeds all reasonable objective criteria for promotion to full professor, as evidenced by the promotion standards of other academic units within the university.

2. I have clearly shown that the promotion process for promotion to full professor is in violation of APSU and Board of Trustees policy 2:063.

3. Because conjecture without evidence influenced the recommendation of the Dean, which flowed to the Provost and Dr. White, Dr. White’s recommendation is seriously flawed and her decision should be overruled.

4. Based on my record, my promotion to full professor is warranted and justified.

5. The Board of Trustees has the authority to overrule President White and grant me promotion to full professor.

6. Therefore, based on the evidence I have presented, in the interest of fairness and in the interest of enforcing the published policy of APSU and the Board of Trustees, I request promotion to full professor effective the academic year beginning August 2017.

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May 5, 2017
Policy on Academic Promotion 2:063

Policy Statement

Promotion in rank is recognition of past achievement of the individual being considered for promotion. In addition, the advancement in rank is recognition of future potential and a sign of confidence that the individual is capable of even greater accomplishments and of assuming greater responsibilities. It is the policy of Austin Peay State University to make promotions strictly on consideration of merit tempered by University and fiscal considerations.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that promotions are made objectively, equitably, impartially, and as recognition of merit in line with the following policy guidelines. The President of APSU is responsible for the master staffing plan of the University. In developing such a plan, the President will consider the fiscal impact of each promotion recommended to the APSU Board of Trustees, that is, resources allocated and distributed to the University.

Promotion Criteria

The academic departments and programs of APSU must develop written guidelines with specific criteria for evaluating the faculty in academic assignment, scholarly and creative achievement and
professional contributions and activities. The departmental and program guidelines cannot be less rigorous than University guidelines. These departmental and program guidelines should be distributed to all new faculty members and should be easily available at all times, preferably via the Web. Whenever the guidelines are revised, the faculty should be notified of the availability of the revised guidelines. The University promotion guidelines for evaluation should use the same criteria as those identified for tenure and located in APSU Policy No. 2:062 “Policy on Academic Tenure.”

General Process Guidelines at University Level

So that the decision process can be as objective as possible, each recommendation (forwarded from the department or program to a higher administrative level in the University) should be accompanied by complete and careful documentation of the candidate’s performance in academic assignment, and/or scholarly and creative achievement, and/or professional contributions and activities. Although the three areas of evaluation—academic assignment, scholarly and creative achievement, and professional contributions and activities—are all considered important, certain exceptions may exist where evaluation may occur in one or the other area exclusively.

In these cases, as well as in the general case, appropriate supervisory personnel shall clearly and adequately document the facts which justify the individual's promotion. The academic department or program may, if it deems it desirable, include information relative to the candidate's research activities, publication record, exceptional administrative performance, or other types of contributions. Additional procedures may be used by APSU with approval of the APSU Board of Trustees. For example, APSU may wish to establish an interdisciplinary, University-level promotion review committee to review the individual unit recommendations.
APPENDIX B

Publication Criteria for promotion to full professor in the major departments at APSU. The information below was obtained from the department policies found at https://www.apsu.edu/academic-affairs/resources.

- **Agriculture** – 4 papers or presentations, at least one of which must be peer reviewed.
- **Allied Health** – 1 presentation and 1 peer-reviewed article.
- **Biology** – 2 peer-reviewed papers and 3 presentations since last promotion.
- **Education Specialties** – 4 peer-reviewed papers
- **Engineering Technology** – no specific requirement other than “consistent” publication, but “consistent” is not defined and can be mitigated by other time consuming duty.
- **Geo Sciences** – 6 peer-reviewed articles
- **Professional Studies** – “Multiple publications” in most recent 5 years, meaning any quantity more than one meets the standard.
- **Political Science** – 5 articles or presentations since tenure track appointment
- **Sociology** – 6 articles/presentations published in refereed media since last promotion.
- **College of Business** – 3 professional maintenance activities (publication) in the most recent 5 years.
- **Psychology** – One (1) paper in a peer reviewed journal or 3 conference presentations.
- **Language Arts and Literature** – Two (2) articles in refereed media since last promotion or personnel action.
Robert Halliman  
Public Management/Criminal Justice  
Austin Peay State University

Dear Dr. Halliman:

I have completed my review of your dossier pursuant to your request for promotion to the rank of professor. Unfortunately, I cannot support your request and I will be forwarding this letter to Provost Gandy as indicative of my position.

My concerns center on your work in the area of scholarly and creative activity. Some of the work you cite as evidence that you are deserving of promotion to the rank of professor is connected to the Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP). Though I have a background in the related field of industrial-organizational psychology, I am not familiar with the AEPP. In an effort to learn more, I went in search of a website for the organization. A basic Google search did not turn up an organization website. With some additional looking, I discovered an old Facebook entry that lead me to the website www.aepp.net. The link for this site was broken. In addition, I couldn’t find any evidence that the organization held a conference after 2015.

In addition, in last year’s department committee review of your promotion request, it noted potential conflicts of interest related to your service as an officer and reviewer for AEPP and having had papers accepted for presentation by the organization. A compelling explanation or documentation of the peer-review process resulting in those acceptances that shows you were isolated from the review process would seem essential if those papers are to carry weight in this review process. I couldn’t find that explanation or documentation in your dossier.

Your department guidelines state the following with respect to scholarly and creative work –

Books, journal articles, monographs ... that have undergone appropriate peer review .... and are published by reputable firms and refereed journals.

My inability to find any substantive information about the Association on Employment Practices and Principles and the lack of information about their peer review process causes me to wonder if this outlet meets the “reputable firm” standard noted above.

In addition, your narrative and vita also reference a publication in the American Journal of Management. While I found in your dossier an invitation to have your paper reviewed, and an
acceptance letter pending the payment of a publication fee, I did not find a copy of the article itself. No tables of contents to issues, individual articles, or abstracts are available on the journal website. Another of your papers was published in the International Journal of Business and Social Sciences. This journal is suspected of being a predatory publisher, e.g., http://libguides.govst.edu/predatorypublishing. As for the paper itself, it addresses the subject of leadership. This is a vibrant field of research and yet your paper contains only two citations to work published after 1999.

The illustrative concerns noted above cause me to question whether your work in this area meets the department criteria, i.e., “substantial documented evidence of sustained high-quality professional productivity ....” Finally, policy 5:061 includes this passage -- “Since there is no higher rank, promotion to professor is taken with great care and requires a level of achievement beyond that required for associate professor. This rank is not a reward for long service; rather it is recognition of superior achievement within the discipline with every expectation of continuing contribution to the University and the larger academic community.” Because of the reservations noted above, I cannot support your request for promotion.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David W. Denton, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Behavioral & Health Science
Professor of Psychology
April 12. 2017

Through: Office of the President
Dr. Alisa White
Austin Peay State University

To: Tenure and Promotion Appeal Board
Austin Peay State University

Copy: Office of the Provost
Dr. Rex Gandy
Austin Peay State University

Dear Members of the Tenure and Promotion Appeal Board.

Per APSU Tenure and Procedures Guidelines, I submit this appeal of the promotion recommendations of the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy and Dr. David Denton, Dean, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

Before going further, I remind the Board that, although I am under the umbrella of the Department of Public Management and CRJ, and teach some PM courses, my appointment was for the Associate Degree in Management Technology and I am not seeking promotion as faculty in Public Management and CRJ but in Management Technology.

Dr. Gandy’s letter of notification to me, regarding his negative recommendation, was devoid of any rationale behind his decision. It was a simple, one sentence statement that he cannot recommend promotion. This tells me he did not spend much time reviewing my work and relied heavily on the comments in Dean Denton’s letter to me. Given there is nothing in Dr. Gandy’s letter that I can rebut, I focus on the comments made by Dean Denton with the presumption that a rebuttal of the Dean’s comments is also a rebuttal of the Provost.

Before addressing the comments of Dean Denton, I want to draw attention to the fact that the only area on which he found fault was in the area of Scholarly and Creative Activity. Before Dr. Denton’s review, I had received positive reviews of two promotion committees and the department chair. I also remind the Appeal Board that last year the major defect the appeal board found in my scholarly activity was in quantity of publication in refereed media. I have addressed the issue this year with three publications in refereed media, giving me publications in four out of the last five years.

Dr. Denton’s critique of my scholarship is such that it is less of a critique and more of a full frontal attack on my integrity. As such, I take this opportunity to explain the matters of concern in order to
demonstrate the concerns are unfounded.

1. First, Dr. Denton, said he had never heard of AEPP, the organization in which I have been publishing for the last several years, and he complained of not being able to find information on AEPP online because of a broken link, etc. That he had not heard of AEPP, and by his inability to find information on AEPP online, and by his statement that the aepp.net link was broken, Dean Denton suggests that AEPP was not a reputable organization. Had he asked me, I would have gladly provided the information.

I am not aware of any policy or practice that establishes Dean Denton’s recollection as the standard by which the reputation of an association is measured. It is safe to say that one’s knowledge is never complete. Given the plethora of associations throughout the country and the world, it is likely that there are many the Dean never heard of. That said, that he had never heard of AEPP is not a reflection on its reputation. I knew of AEPP, when it offered its first conference in 1993. Over the last 22 years, AEPP conferences have been hosted by universities and organizations all over the world. For example, in 2011, the AEPP conference was hosted by the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The conference President and Chair was Dr. Raj Parikh, Dean, School of Business, Southern Oregon University. The conference Vice-President and Associate Program Chair was Dr. Robert Minter, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Walsh College, Troy, Michigan. In 2013, the AEPP conference was hosted in Atlanta by Troy University. The Conference President and Program Chair was Dr. William Heisler, Associate Chair, Management and Marketing, Sorrell College of Business, Troy University. In 2015, the AEPP 23rd Annual International Conference was hosted by the University of San Jose Recoletos, in Cebu City, Philippines. The Conference President and Program Chair was Dr. Agnes Sequino, Director, Center for Policy, Research and Development Studies, University of San Jose Recoletos. If AEPP was unknown or not reputable, would academics the stature of Drs. Parikh, Minter, Heisler, or Sequino associate themselves so prominently with AEPP? Not likely. Therefore, it can reasonably be concluded that AEPP is a reputable organization and not totally unknown in academic circles.

AEPP was reputable enough that Dr. Cox, Executive Director of APSU Fort Campbell Center, School of Technology and Public Management, provided some funding as a sponsor of the Nashville 2014 AEPP Conference. Dr. Waheeduzzaman, Chair, Public Management & CRJ, would have provided some funding but the funds were not immediately available. If Dean Denton had looked at the brochures for the 2014 and 2015 conferences, which are in the e-dossier, he would have seen the APSU logo clearly displayed on the brochures.

In fact, AEPP was advertised on the APSU website by the Center for Extended and Distance Education, which provided some conference services for the Nashville Conference. See link: http://signmeup.apsu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?~141V90101

The conference was held at the Inn at Opryland. See link: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=AEPP%202014%20International%20Conference%5Ebnagi%
The history of AEPP is shown in some of the documents included in the supplemental materials section of the e-dossier, specifically the AEPP proceedings listed in the supplemental documents. Had the Dean taken a more thorough look at the supplemental materials, he would have found the history of AEPP. The fact that the AEPP link was broken has a very logical explanation, which I detail below.

In brief, AEPP was founded by Dr. John P. Keenan in 1992 and held its first conference in 1993, at which I made a presentation of a paper. Dr. Keenan was the driving force behind AEPP and its international conferences for 22 years, until his untimely murder at the hands of his son on July 7, 2014. The following links to a New York news story on Dr. Keenan’s death and Dr. Keenan’s facebook page will substantiate this:


https://www.facebook.com/john.p.keenan.5

When Dr. Keenan died, AEPP, in effect, stalled when the website was taken down by his family as they settled his affairs. This explains why the link was broken when Dean Denton tried to access the AEPP website.

Dr. Keenan’s death occurred 3 months before the AEPP 22nd annual international conference was to be held in Nashville. I was helping to organize and host that conference. In memory of Dr. Keenan, I elected to continue with the conference.

The 2014 AEPP Conference was held, and the conference attendees chose to try and continue AEPP and the conferences. I was chosen to be the Executive Chair, and we voted to hold the next conference, 2015, in the Philippines. The University of San Jose Recoletos to be the host.

I would encourage you to especially click on the link for the 23rd Annual International Conference of AEPP below and view the video on the link to see the level of professionalism that went into the marketing for the event. The University of San Jose Recoletos in Cebu City, Philippines, did a remarkable job marketing and hosting the 2015 AEPP conference. The University is a Catholic University run by Dominican Friars. It would not have hosted and sponsored the 2015 conference if it believed AEPP to not be reputable. The staff of the University of San Jose Recoletos have a long history with Dr. John Keenan and AEPP.


After the 2015 Conference in the Philippines, I sent out a call to the AEPP email mailing list for volunteers to host the 2016 Conference. No one stepped forward to volunteer and host the
conference. I do not have the resources to do it on my own and a conference was not held in 2016 and none planned for 2017. All the records of the Association were retired by his family after Dr. Keenan’s death.

As far as Dean Denton’s claims of a dearth of information on AEPP on the internet, the following links to AEPP information were found with a simple Google search.

https://www.facebook.com/aep.net/

https://www.slideshare.net/johnkeenan/aep-2014-early-call-for-papers

https://www.slideshare.net/johnkeenan/final-aep-2011-brochure-ppt

http://internationalaep.wixsite.com/internationalaep/about


Contrary to what the dean implies, AEPP was a legitimate and reputable association. If one explores the links above, one will find that AEPP was truly an international organization.

I would be more than happy to plan and host another conference if APSU would provide funding and resources as a sponsor. I think it would be a great asset to the University to take the mantle of AEPP and continue the Association, and even produce a journal under its name.

2. The Dean stated that given last year’s promotion review had issues with an apparent conflict of interest about my leadership in AEPP and publications with that organization, I should have addressed the issue in this year’s promotion e-dossier. I did, in fact, address the issue. The review committees last year recommended that I clearly indicate that my leadership role in AEPP did not exempt me from the peer review process.

Therefore, in my narrative for Area 2, Scholarly and Creative Achievement, I stated clearly that all of my published articles went through a double blind, peer review process to be accepted. I inserted that statement specifically for the purpose of showing that, regardless of my leadership role in AEPP, I did not get an exception to the blind review requirement. Additionally, copies of the reviewer reports were added to the supplemental materials in the e-dossier. The peer reviews clearly show that my AEPP papers were reviewed, that the reviewers were anonymous, and they did not know the name of the author of the paper they were reviewing. In the supplemental materials, there are Conference brochures for two AEPP conferences. The brochures clearly state that ALL submitted papers will go through a double blind, peer review, prior to acceptance. Furthermore, the conflict of interest issue was dealt with in detail in my appeals last year, which were available to Dr. Denton in the e-dossier.

Other than my statement regarding the peer review process, the inclusion of the peer review
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reports, the brochures, and the appeals last year, I did not think it necessary to rehash the conflict of interest issue, nor did the two promotion committees or the chair. The promotion committees and the chair were confident the conflict-of-interest issue had been put to rest.

3. The Dean apparently wants to discount my publications in the International Journal of Business and Social Sciences because he found a website that says the journal is suspected of being a predatory journal. Given that the word “suspected” implies that there is little or no hard proof of such, I should be given the benefit of the doubt.

A suspicion is not evidence or proof of anything. On the website, indicated by Dr. Denton, the ONLY thing mentioned as an indication that this might be a “predatory” journal was its statements on indexing. The Journal lists several “indexes”, among which is ProQuest. The website Dr. Denton cites disparaged the Journal for referring to ProQuest and others an indexes, saying their “index” listing was not of reputable indexes.

What does it mean to be a reputable index? What is indexing but a means for others to find academic articles. I would note that the Austin Peay Library uses ProQuest to search for articles. Is Austin Peay not reputable because it uses ProQuest?

“Predatory” is not defined. By accusing the journal of being “predatory,” the Dean and the website he found, are implying the Journal is doing something nefarious. I have heard of “predatory” journals that solicit papers and then publish the papers in other media under a name different than the true author. There isn’t even a hint of evidence that this journal is guilty of such behavior or any other behavior that can be labelled nefarious.

I checked the journal’s website online, and it appeared legitimate. I submitted papers that were double blind, peer reviewed, and the reviewer reports are in the supplemental materials of my e-dossier. I formatted the accepted papers in accordance with the journal guidelines and submitted them to the editor for publication. The papers were published, under my name, and can be viewed on the Journal’s website. I can find my articles with a Google search, so they must be indexed somehow.

The process I went through was no different than the process I experienced with other journals, which are regarded as “legitimate.” If one checks the Journal’s website, http://www.ijbssnet.com/, one will find that the journal has been publishing monthly, and often twice a month, since 2010, and its contributors are truly international. On that website, one can find a statement of the peer review process.

I have not experienced any nefarious or otherwise predatory behavior on the part of the journal whatsoever. This Journal has been above reproach in all of my dealings with it, and I find no reason to suspect it of being a “predatory” journal.

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4. The Dean was critical of my article on Leadership because he found only two citations to works after 1999. I find no standard articulated in APSU or Department policy that published papers must contain citations to current literature. My paper survived two double blind, peer reviews, one for the American Journal of Management, and one from the 2013 AEPP conference. Both reviews were without criticism of the citations.

My paper on leadership was a concept paper articulating my “theory” of leadership. It was not my intent to document the history of leadership thought to the present day. My purpose in the citations was to point out the “watershed” theories that contributed to the state of leadership theory commonly being taught in management courses. My citations are consistent with my purpose and the theory found in current textbooks on management and leadership. I recognize that, as the Dean said, leadership is a “vibrant field”, but I can also say that little, if any, of the current leadership thought has made it to the mainstream of management textbooks.

I can also add that I was invited to submit my paper for possible publication in the journal because it had been seen by a member of the Journal’s editorial board, either through the AEPP 2013 conference or its proceedings, who thought it was worthy of review for the journal. The letter of invitation is in the supplemental materials of the e-dossier.

5. The Dean implied that I lied about publishing an article in the American Journal of Management, because he could not find the article in the e-dossier or online. The absence of the article in the e-dossier, as published in the journal, is a regrettable oversight. The article is in the supplemental materials but not identified as the one for the journal. It is identified in the supplemental materials for Area II, 2014-2015 as “LEADRSHP proceedings copy. This is the 2013 AEPP conference proceedings article the journal’s editorial board had seen and invited me to submit to the journal. The Dean had obviously found this article because it is the one in which he was critical regarding the citations. Had the Dean compared the titles he would have realized that it was the same article that was published in the American Journal of Management.

As far as Dean Denton not being able to find the article online, I question his search method. I was able to find the article without difficulty using a google scholar search that yielded: http://search.proquest.com/openview/af0bd26e1b74ed30bf452778981af51/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=2028707

While the full article cannot be viewed unless one has a ProQuest login, the link does show the title, author, Journal name, and date of publication. All of which confirm my claim of an article published in the American Journal of Management.

Also, I was able to find the full article using the APSU library resources through ProQuest using faculty library login; Keyword search on Title: Understanding Leadership; author: Halliman; Journal: American Journal of Management; volume: 14(4); date: November 2014

6. The Dean’s efforts to disqualify me for promotion is at odds with a statement he made to me last year when he said if I have published in a refereed journal I should have no problem qualifying for
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promotion. For the record, in the last 5 years, I have published three (3) articles in refereed journals and six (6) papers in refereed conference proceedings. In 1998, I published an article in the Journal of Management History, which was refereed. The details are as follows: "A Coming of Age: A comparison of organizational performance of baby-boom CEOs to CEOs born prior to the baby boom era. Journal of Management History, Vol. 4, Issue 1, 1998. See link: http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/13552529810203923

Counting the earlier publication, I have four (4) articles published in refereed journals. Certainly, enough to meet the criteria articulated by the Dean last year.

Additionally, since my last promotion, I have developed 11 courses for online delivery. The most recent course developed was a 4000 level Public Management Course, PM 4340, Public Sector Labor Law, which was taught Spring I, 2017, with good reviews. I am currently developing PM 4350, Employment Discrimination Law, for online delivery for the Summer III semester.

I took seriously the advice from last year’s promotion reviews. I followed their recommendations and made appropriate corrections to the e-dossier and added to my scholarly production, which resulted in recommendations for promotion from the two committees and the chair.

Again, I remind the Board that my appointment was for the Associate Degree in Management Technology and I am seeking promotion as faculty in Management Technology and not Public Management and CRJ.

My record of scholarship passed the scrutiny of three levels of evaluation consisting of 9 full professors (6 college committee members, the Dept. Chair, 2 department committee members.) It is odd that the Dean went through so much detailed effort to find things wrong with my record of scholarship in the face of such overwhelming support of it. By his efforts, he is disparaging the work of the committees and chair that reviewed my record, and is insulting their integrity, as well as mine. His attack on my scholarship has the appearance of being agenda driven rather than an honest review of my scholarly and creative productivity.

To conclude:

- I have shown, step-by-step, with evidence, that that the Dean’s concerns were unfounded.
- By showing the Dean’s concerns were unfounded, I have shown that his decision to not recommend promotion was unfounded.
- By effectively rebutting the Dean’s points of concern, I have also rebutted the decision of the Provost.
- Furthermore, I have shown that my record of scholarly activity meets or exceeds all reasonable standards for promotion to full professor established in this university.

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Based on this evidence, I request the Appeal Board to follow the precedent of the Department Promotion Committee, the Department Chair, and the College Promotion Committee and recommend promotion to full professor.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]

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APPENDIX E

AEPP International Conference October 8, 2008 DePaul University Chicago

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6. Altman, Brian, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee;
7. Bartholome, Paula, Keashly, Loraleigh, Wayne State University;
8. Bennington, Lynne, RMIT University
9. Bhal, Kanika, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
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12. Bombard, Pat BVM (Director, DePaul Leadership Project)
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20. Chen, Roger, University of San Francisco;
21. Chu, David, Manhattan College;
22. Cogan, Evelyn Boss, La Salle University
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28. Efendioglu, Alev Chair--University of San Francisco
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33. Ferris, Gerald, Florida State University
34. Ferris, William Western New England College—Editor, Organization Management Journal
35. Fiedler, Anne M., Barry University
36. Fitzpatrick, Richard Chair--Manhattan College
37. Fox, Suzy, Loyola University of Chicago;
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45. Hall, Angela, Florida State University;
46. Heames, Joyce Thompson, West Virginia University
47. Heisler, William J. Troy University—Editor, Journal of Human Resource Education (JHRE)
48. Henry, Therese, Seton Hall University;
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78. Morris, Rosetta, Morgan State University;
79. Naquin, Charles Chair—DePaul University
80. Nguyen, Duc Tri, Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics
81. Norton, Sue, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
82. Nugroho, Saptiadi, Pertamina Ltd
83. Pellegrini, Mary Stewart Executive coach and founder of Stewart Management Group
84. Pierce, Gregory F. President and Co-Publisher, ACTA Publications
85. Predmore, Carolyn, Manhattan College;
86. Roberge, Ginette, Laurentian University
87. Roberge, Marie-Élène, Northeastern Illinois University
88. Roehling, Mark Chair--Michigan State University
89. Rohde, Nicholas, Freie Universität Berlin
90. Rudin, Joel P. Rowan University—Editor, Journal of Workplace Rights (JWR)
91. Rudin, Joel, Rowan University
92. Ruiz, Philippe, ESC Lille School of Management
93. Sama, T. B., University of Jyväskylä
94. Schmall, Lorrainne, Northern Illinois University
95. Schreyögg, Georg, Freie Universität Berlin
96. Seronko, Wendy National Workforce Strategy Manager-Manpower
97. Sha, Roger Chyuan, Ming Dao University
98. Shahzad, Aqeel, Islamic International University
99. Silva, H. S. E., International Water Management Institute
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104. Wajidi, Abuzar, University of Karachi
105. Ward, Mark nu*design LLC/Stewart Management Group
106. Werhane, Patricia--Wicklander Chair in Business Ethics DePaul University"
107. Wiley, Carolyn Chair--Roosevelt University
108. Williams, Michael; Capella University
109. Zhan, Wu, The University of Sydney;
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AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

DEPT. COMMITTEE PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

Name: Dr. Robert Hallman

College: College of Behavioral and Health Science

Dept.: Public Management and Criminal Justice

Highest degree: Ed.D

Year Awarded: 1984

Institution Awarding Highest Degree: University of Southern California

Date of initial APSU appointment: 7/18/1988

Present rank: X

Years in rank at APSU: 1

Years in rank elsewhere: 0

Departmental Evaluation: Please submit information in each of the categories listed. Attach appropriate supporting documents.

A. Effectiveness in Academic Assignment (Area 1) Use attachments as needed.

The committee agreed that Dr. Hallman’s work performance meets the department criteria for teaching effectiveness. He effectively manages his management technology program by ensuring courses are established on time, kept current, and taught by qualified teaching professionals. He consistently receives good student teacher evaluations and a peer review records his excellent classroom skills. He is a good student advisor as well. He prepares correct student programs of study, submits requests for course substitutions, attends university scheduled advising events, and returns student telephone calls and e-mails. The committee commends Dr. Hallman for voluntarily assisting students enrolled in department programs other than his own.

B. Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments (Area 2) Use attachments as needed.

The committee congratulates Dr. Hallman for applying past suggestions regarding ways to improve his record of scholarly and creative achievements. In the last five years, he presented papers at five international conferences and four paper published in conference proceedings. He had one article published in the American Journal of Management, two articles published in the International Journal of Business and Social Science, and recently submitted one article to the University of San Jose-Recoletos Multidisciplinary Journal. Dr. Hallman also developed and/or revised ten online courses. Two of three voting committee members concurred that Dr. Hallman met the department criteria for promotion for Area 2.

C. Professional Contributions and Activities (Area 3) Use attachments as needed.

Dr. Hallman has been a member of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP) and served in leadership positions since 2014. He’s reviewed papers for several AEPP conferences, for the University of San Jose-Recoletos Multidisciplinary Journal, and the International Journal on Business and Economic Development. In addition, he reviewed textbooks for Cengage and John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

He’s been a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, served on faculty and staff grievance committees, the university’s BRAVO committee, and numerous School of Technology and Public Management, and Department of Public Management and Criminal Justice committees during the past five years. The committee members agreed that Dr. Hallman meets the department criteria for promotion to full professor in this area.
DEPARTMENT PROMOTION COMMITTEE VALIDATION: We certify that we have read the department promotion report. Although these statements reflect committee discussion, our signatures do not indicate agreement or disagreement with the above evaluation and recommendation.

Signatures [Print your name clearly below your signature.]:

[Signatures]

Dr. Najmul Abedin

[Signature]

Dr. James Prescott

Dr. Becky Starnes

I certify that I have read the department committee promotion recommendation report. My signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with the statements made here.

Signature of Faculty Member: [Signature]

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CHAIR’S REPORT: FACULTY PERFORMANCE REVIEW
(By Chair/Director/Coordinator)

Select only one option as appropriate:

RETENTION
Recommend Retention
Not Recommend Retention

TENURE
Recommend Tenure
Not Recommend Tenure

PROMOTION
X Recommend Promotion
Not Recommend Promotion

The department chair shall provide information about the faculty member and evaluate the faculty member’s performance in each of the indicated areas. The Performance Review document should be forwarded to the college dean on the occasion of any personnel action, e.g., retention, tenure, merit salary adjustment, or promotion.

Name: Robert W. Halliman
Date: February 8, 2017

Department: Public Management & Criminal Justice
Rank: Associate Professor

Highest Degree Held: Doctor of Education, 1984, University of Southern California

Years of service at APSU: 30 years (approximately)
Date of Last Promotion: 2004-2005 AY

Years Granted Toward Tenure: N/A

A. Effectiveness in Academic Assignment (Area 1) Use attachments as needed.

Since the last review for promotion in January-February, 2016, Dr. Robert W. Halliman performed well both as an instructor and advisor. He has successfully taught a variety of Management Technology (MT) courses including several Public Management courses. In response to my request, he put concerted efforts to revamp and update contents of some of the frequently taught MT courses. He developed and taught a PM course titled Public Sector Labor Laws, and it was offered for the first time. It is a fact that the enrollment figures in his MT program had declined in recent years. Yet it needs to be underscored that during the last and current academic years, he fully and diligently co-operated and collaborated with the Dept. Chair to see that the low enrolled MT courses attract and retain more students. This was the need of the hour, and some of the MT courses have rebounded in recent terms, and Dr. Halliman deserves credits for such a resilience of the Management Technology program. While he is an effective instructor, he also appreciates the fact that student advising is an integral part of the designated tasks of a faculty member of our department. He effectively advises the students of the MT program for the AAS degrees. He is also
available to some of our PM and CRJ students who visit our department offices during his posted office hours. What had impressed me most during the past year and current year is that he voluntarily attended some of the ROW sessions at the downtown campus to increase enrollment in the Management Technology program. His participation in the some of the Row sessions had catered the advising needs of the TN promise students for AAS degree in Management Technology at main campus. He is an amiable person, and in general, he is student-friendly. There is no doubt that his effectiveness in advising students is evidenced by the programs of study contained in the supplemental section of his e-dossier. He also regularly processes substitutions for MT courses. In sum, Dr. Halliman is quite effective in the area of “Academic Assignment,” and in my assessment, his work performance as an effective instructor and as a competent academic advisor meets and exceeds the departmental criteria for promotion to full professorship.

B. Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments (Area 2) Use attachments as needed

Since the last review of his e-dossier in January-February 2016 for promotion, Dr. Halliman was relentless in improving his record of scholarly and creative accomplishments. Like the departmental promotion committee, the department Chair would like to commend him for putting concerted efforts to improve and increase his research outputs and publications. For the past five years, Dr. Halliman has published 4 articles in the conference proceedings and refereed academic journals. For instance, he had published 1 article in American Journal of Management, 2 articles in the International Journal of Business & Social Science. Recently one of his articles was submitted for publication to the University of San Jose-Recoletos Multidisciplinary Journal. He also presented papers at the international conference of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP) for three years in succession. It needs to be recognized that he developed and taught almost 1 dozen courses for online delivery since his last promotion in 2004-2005. In my last report on his promotion request, I had observed the following: “In my opinion, Dr. Halliman needs to improve in the area of scholarly and creative accomplishment to be promoted to the rank of a full Professor at APSU”. Now I would like to emphasize without any hesitation that he has substantially improved his record of scholarly and creative accomplishments. In sum, his scholarly and creative achievements meet the departmental requirements for promotion to the rank of full professor.

C. Professional Contributions and Activities (Area 3) Use attachments as needed

Dr. Halliman is a reliable colleague, and he is very collegial. He is a gentleman par excellence, and as the Department Chair, I would like to commend him for continuing his scholarly and professional pursuits. He regularly participates in the departmental, college, and university committees. Recently, he has made the syllabi of his courses ADA compliant. He has effectively served in the leadership roles in professional organizations. For instance, he was appointed as the Conference President and Program Chair of Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP) 22\textsuperscript{nd} Annual International Conference held on October 9-11, 2014. While he served as the Editor, 2014 AEPP conference proceedings, he was the Chair, AEPP executive committee, 2015-2016. He is a Member of the Association on Employment Principles and Practices (AEPP) and the Society for Human Resource Management. In sum, Dr. Halliman is very strong in the area of professional contributions and activities, and there is no doubt in my mind that his performance in this area exceeds the departmental criteria for promotion to the rank of a full professor.
Final Comments: As the Chair of the Department of PM & CRJ, I do recommend that Dr. Robert W. Halliman be promoted from the rank of an Associate Professor to the rank of a full Professor at APSU.

W. Zaman
Chair's Signature
02-08-17

M. Waheeduzzaman
Chair's printed name

I certify that I have read the chair’s report. My signing does not necessarily indicate agreement or disagreement with statements made here.

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Faculty Member’s Signature
Date

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AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE COMMITTEE PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

EVALUATION OF FACULTY CANDIDATE

College: College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Department: Public Management and Criminal Justice

Name of faculty candidate: Dr. Robert Hallman

This evaluation, written on behalf of the committee, for the files of the committee and for forwarding, by a member of the committee voting with the majority, is as follows:

Committee Vote

   6  (For)
   1  (Against)
   1  (Abstain)
   0  (Absent)
   1  (Non-Voting Dept. Rep)

A. **Effectiveness in Academic Assignment** (Area 1) Use attachments as needed.

   Dr. Hallman is the Director of the Technology Program and his management ensures that courses are established on time, maintained for currency, and that qualified faculty are available to teach. He consistently receives good student evaluations and his peer evaluations validate his teaching skills. He has directly contributed to the current success in increased enrollment in low enrollment courses in his program. He is very good at advising students in his own program and volunteers to advise additional students in the Criminal Justice program. Dr. Hallman meets the department criteria for promotion to full professor.

B. **Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments** (Area 2) Use attachments as needed.

   Dr. Hallman has improved his scholarship performance as recommended by the department committee during his last review. He has presented five papers at international conferences. He has three publications, one in *The American Journal of Management* and two articles in *The International Journal of Business and Social Sciences*. Dr. Hallman has also developed a number of online classes. Dr. Hallman meets the department criteria for promotion to full professor.
C. Professional Contributions and Activities (Area 3) Use attachments as needed.

Dr. Halliman belongs to appropriate organizations for his discipline and has held several leadership positions since 2014. He has reviewed both professional papers and a text book in his content area. Dr. Halliman has served on several department and University committees. Dr. Halliman meets the department criteria for promotion to full professor.

Date of Committee Meeting: Feb 23, 2017  Date Evaluation Submitted: Feb 27, 2017

COLLEGE COMMITTEE VALIDATION: We certify that we have read the college committee recommendation report. Although these statements reflect committee discussion, our signatures do not indicate agreement or disagreement with the above recommendation.

Signatures of committee members [Print your name clearly below your signature.]:

[Signatures]

I certify that I have read the college committee's promotion recommendation form. My signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with the statements made here.

[Signature of Faculty Member]  [Date]

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Approved by Academic Affairs
April 6, 2017

Dr. Robert Halliman
Department of Public Management and Criminal Justice
P.O. Box 4455
Austin Peay State University

Dear Dr. Halliman:

Based upon my evaluation of the materials you have provided, I am not recommending you for promotion.

Sincerely,

Rex F. Gandy
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

copy: M.D. Waheeduzzaman, Chair
     David Denton, Dean
     Alisa White, President
April 21, 2017

Dr. Rex Gandy

Today the University Tenure and Retention Appeals Board voted on the request from Dr. Robert Halliman to have his denial of promotion overruled. After an extended review of all available documents, committee members were not in support of his appeal by a vote of three against his appeal and two in support.

Voting were: Dr. Rebecca Glass, Dr. Benita Bruster, Dr. John Byrd, Dr. Hassan Said, and Dr. Jordy Rocheleau. Dr. Glass and Dr. Rocheleau did not vote until Friday as we needed a ruling if they were eligible to vote as they had voted on Dr. Halliman's promotion in previous years. Since it was determined they could vote, they voted late Friday afternoon. Dr. Robyn Hulsart did not participate as she had voted on Dr. Halliman during the college review.

Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Carlette Jackson Hardin, Ed.D.

Dean, Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education
April 28, 2017

Dr. Robert Halliman
Department of Public Management and Criminal Justice
P.O. Box 4455
Austin Peay State University

Dear Dr. Halliman:

After reviewing the materials in your e-dossier, recommendations at previous levels of review, and carefully considering the points you made in your appeal, I do not support your application be promoted to the rank of full professor.

Sincerely,

Alisa White
President

copy: Dr. M. Waheeduzzaman, Chair
      Dr. Cindy Taylor, Interim Executive Director
      Dr. Rex Gandy, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
To: Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees  

From: President Alisa White  

Date: August 22, 2017  

Response to Dr. Halliman’s petition to appeal the decision of President White to deny promotion  

Dr. Robert Halliman is petitioning the Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees for the right to appeal the decision by the University President to deny him promotion to the rank of professor. While APSU policy 1:010 creates the right to petition for permission to appeal, petitioners for appeal must present compelling evidence that President White’s decision was erroneous. In determining whether to grant an appeal, the appropriate APSU Board committee may consider the following:

- “Whether Board policy or procedures have been followed;
- Whether or not there is material evidence to substantiate the decision appealed from; and/or
- Whether or not there has been a material error in application of the law, which prima facie results in substantial injustice.”

On both procedural and substantive grounds, Dr. Robert Halliman's petition to appeal the President’s decision should be denied as he has failed to meet his burden. More specifically, the review of Dr. Halliman’s request for promotion up through and including the review by the President conformed to relevant University and Board policies. In addition, Dr. Halliman offers no material evidence to sustain his claim that the President’s decision was in error. And there has been no “material error in the application of the law” to justify granting his appeal. Furthermore,
where Dr. Halliman attempts to re-litigate his case for promotion on the merits, his argument reflects a mischaracterization or misunderstanding of the performance review process. The following document (pages 3-16) addresses Dr. Halliman’s allegations with respect to both the process and the merits of his case for promotion. It provides responses that further substantiate the President’s decision to deny his request. Please note the University responses are embedded in a copy of Dr. Halliman’s appeal letter, without altering Dr. Halliman’s written statements.
REQUEST ORAL PRESENTATION

APPEAL TO THE APSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. Decision Being Appealed

The decision being appealed is the decision of Dr. Alisa White, President of APSU to not support my request for promotion to full professor. Because Dr. White based her recommendation on previous recommendations that were deeply flawed, having resulted from a process that was in violation of APSU and Board of Trustees policy, her decision was, necessarily, deeply flawed.

II. Issues

1. Whether the promotion process regarding my promotion to full professor was subjective, in violation of APSU and Board of Trustees Policy 2:063.

2. Whether my record of scholarly and creative achievement is sufficient to merit promotion to full professor.

II. Allegations

1. I allege that the promotion process that I faced, regarding promotion to full professor, violates APSU and Board of Trustees policy 2:063 in that very subjective reasoning was interjected into the process by Dr. David Denton, Dean, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, when by all objective standards, I qualified for promotion.

III. Facts

1. Facts Regarding allegation 1.

A. The stated purpose of APSU policy 2:063 is “to make promotions strictly on consideration of merit....” The purpose is further stated as “to help ensure that
promotions are made **objectively, equitably, impartially**, and as a recognition of merit...” (Appendix A)

- **Objectively**: means 1. Not influenced by emotion, surmise or personal prejudice. 2. Of a test: limited to choices of fixed alternatives and reducing subjective factors to a minimum.
  - **surmise**: means conjecture without conclusive evidence.
- **Equitably**: means 1. Dealing fairly and equally with all concerned.

**University Response:** The recommendations made in this process were entirely merit-based.

Evaluation processes such as these naturally require that information provided by the applicant for promotion be subjected to scrutiny and professional judgment. The burden in such processes rests with the faculty member to make an affirmative case for promotion. It does not rest with evaluators to demonstrate that the applicant is unworthy of promotion. The applicant did not meet this burden. Promotion is not an entitlement.

**B.** In keeping with the stated purpose, APSU and Board policy 2:063 states the following:

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“ Promotion Criteria

A. The academic departments and programs of APSU **must develop written guidelines with specific criteria for evaluating the faculty in teaching, research and service.........”
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**University Response:** The department adopted language directly from policy 2:063 to describe requirements for faculty in the areas of effectiveness in academic assignment, scholarly and creative activity, and professional contributions and activities.

**C.** A sampling of publication requirements for promotion to full professor of academic departments at APSU reveals the promotion criteria in the area of
Scholarly and Creative Achievement, for promotion to full professor. (See APPENDIX B)

D. The Dean, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, Dr. David Denton was the only person who offered an explanation for his negative recommendation. (See APPENDIX C.)

E. Dean Denton’s criticisms of my scholarly and creative work uses the language of “surmise,” that is, the language of conjecture without conclusive evidence. Excerpts from his letter to me are shown below, with the language indicating “surmise” bolded and underlined:

1. In criticizing the association in which I had a leadership role and published some articles he stated “my inability to find any substantive information about the association causes me to wonder if this outlet meets the reputable firm standard.”

2. In criticizing the journal in which I published articles he said it was “suspected of being a predatory journal.”

3. In his overall statement he said “the illustrative concerns noted above cause me to question whether your work meets the department criteria…”

**University Response:** Reviewers in this process are not obligated to take the self-report of the candidate as an objective analysis of their work. When reviewers reach a point where reasonable doubt exists about the merits of the request for promotion, they are empowered to make a
recommendation not to promote. Because promotion is not an entitlement, reviewers are not obligated to proceed further with their analysis once they have reached the point where reasonable doubt exists.

F. Those most knowledgeable regarding the standards for full professor in my department, i.e., the department chair and the department promotion committee, have deemed that my record of scholarly and creative achievement meets the standard for full professor. (see APPENDIXES F & G)

University Response: The review process requires independent reviews of the candidate’s promotion request at different levels of the process, not adherence to the reviews of previous levels.

G. My e-dossier contains documents that detail the history of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP) as well as describing the peer review process for approving articles submitted to the various journals, proceedings or associations.

University Response: This material was not found in the review of materials in the 2016 – 2017 portion of the dossier, which is the portion of the dossier subject to review for the requested personnel action.

H. In my appeal to the APSU Promotion Appeal Board, I provided evidence of at least six (6) internet links where information on AEPP can be found. (see Appendix D)

University Response: This material should be included in the dossier under the 2016 – 2017 year.
I. AEPP is not an unknown organization. The 2008 AEPP conference held at DePaul University of Chicago, had 109 academic participants from all over the world. One of those participants was Dr. Patricia Werhane, an author of a widely used college textbook on business ethics. (see Appendix E)

**University Response:** One method of assessing whether work represents “sustained high-quality professional productivity” as stated in the department guidelines is to assess the outlets in which it appears. Thus, the questions about AEPP were entirely justified. As a point of comparison, the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology annual meeting in 2008, which addressed subject matter that overlaps with AEPP, had more than 3,000 attendees from all over the world.

J. My publication history for the last four years consists of eight (8) articles in refereed media (see e-dossier)

- Three (3) articles in refereed journals.
- Five (5) articles in refereed proceedings of international conferences.

K. Other scholarly and creative activity since my last promotion also includes eleven (11) courses developed for online delivery, most including extensive lecture notes. (see e-dossier)

L. According to the Public Management and Criminal Justice departmental promotion criteria, online course development is considered as scholarly and creative activity for the purpose of promotion. (Criteria for Departmental Personnel Actions, Paragraph I.B.5.).

**University Response:** Developing courses/teaching materials is not scholarly work as identified in department guidelines for promotion (or beyond years 1 – 3 for retention or tenure).
M. Comparing my record of scholarly activity to the requirements shown in APPENDIX B, my record, objectively, meets or exceeds the requirements for promotion of all other departments in the university.

**University Response:** Each department crafts their own standards. These effectively represent “eligibility for promotion” standards, not “guarantee of promotion” standards. They include quantitative indicators based on the belief that an absence of sufficient quantity of work makes an evaluation of the quality of work unreliable. Having a sufficient quantity of work is a necessary but not sufficient condition for making an assessment of quality.

N. In my appeal to the University Promotion Appeal Board, I effectively rebutted every point of contention Dean Denton made in his letter. (see APPENDIX D)

O. Neither the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy, the Promotions Appeal Board, nor the President of APSU, Dr. Alissa White provided any rebuttal argument or evidence against my rebuttal of Dean Denton’s criticisms. (Appendixes I, J, & K)

**IV. Argument**

1. **Argument Regarding Allegation 1**

   A. It cannot be disputed that APSU and Board policy states that promotion recommendations are to be made **objectively**, and that **written, specific criteria** are supposed to be used in order to eliminate subjective calls and ensure promotions are based **strictly** on merit. That is the clear and unambiguous language of the policy.

   **University Response:** Merit is a qualitative, professional assessment, not a counting exercise.
1. The stated policy is legal document and, therefore, binding on the university and the Board.

2. Decisions are not to be based on conjecture without conclusive evidence.

3. Where there is conjecture without conclusive evidence the benefit of the doubt should go to the candidate for promotion.

4. The purpose of written criteria is to limit decisions to fixed alternatives.
   Either the candidate met the criteria and thus merits promotion or he didn’t.

**University Response:** Evaluating human performance over time is a complex activity. It is not merely a counting of the quantity of work someone does, but also an evaluation of the quality of that work. In addition, the evaluation of a request for promotion is significantly different from the on-going evaluation of performance which can result in the loss of employment should the performance be deemed unsatisfactory. Promotion is not an entitlement. One’s job is not at stake if a promotion request is denied. When there is uncertainty as to whether someone merits promotion, prudence would dictate that the promotion request be denied. There is no requirement that the administration prove beyond a reasonable doubt that someone is not deserving of promotion.

B. Given the only negative comments made were those made by the Dean, and given that the language he used was the language of “surmise”, that is, “conjecture without conclusive evidence”, the Dean’s evaluation was precisely of the type the policy intends to prevent. That the Dean’s negative recommendation was influenced by the “suspecting,” the “wondering,” and the “questioning” is obvious by his statement “because of the reservations noted above, I cannot
support your request for promotion.” (Appendix C) Therefore, the Dean’s subjective evaluation is a violation of policy, and inherently unfair.

University Response: The faculty member essentially asserts that his self-report as to the quality of his work should be accepted as fact unless the administration can prove otherwise. We reject this contention. The professional judgments rendered in a promotion process need not be based on conclusive evidence, but plausible concerns about the caliber of the work relative to the performance standard.

C. Given that neither the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy, the Promotion Appeals Board, nor the President, Dr. Alissa White offered any explanation for their negative recommendations, other than to say they were based on a review of the documents, it must be presumed that their recommendations are based on the Dean’s comments, and their desire to support the Dean. That the presumption is most likely true is supported by the facts that two promotion committees and the department chair supported my promotion, and I rebutted every point of contention made by Dean Denton. Absent any other explanation for the negative recommendations, the only explanation remaining is that the Provost, the appeal board, and President White gave greater credence to the Dean’s comments, even in the face of overwhelming support at the department level and the college, as well as factual evidence and sound logic presented in my rebuttal of the Dean’s comments.

D. Given that neither the Provost, Dr. Rex Gandy, the Promotion Appeals Board, nor the President, Dr. Alissa White offered any rebuttal of my rebuttal of the Dean’s comments, my factual and logically sound rebuttal stands unopposed and I have
met my burden of proof. I have read enough judicial decisions to know that, in a
court room, a valid rebuttal that is unopposed is conclusive and determinative, and
I would win summary judgment as a matter of law. While this is not a court
room, the policy requires me to write my appeal similar to a legal brief. You are,
in fact, my court of appeal of last resort. Some of the logic of my appeal to the
APSU Promotion Appeal Board is shown below:

1. Dean Denton bases his conjecture that AEPP might not be reputable because
he has never heard of AEPP and could not find any substantive information on
the association and could not find information on the internet.

My e-dossier contains at least four (4) documents that provide substantive
information on AEPP, including its history. I found at least six (6) internet
links where AEPP information could be found (appendix D). The 2008 AEPP
conference in Chicago had over 109 participants from all over the world,
which included textbook author Patricia Werhane (Appendix H). Would
someone the stature of Patricia Werhane associate herself with an organization
of questionable reputation? Not likely. That the 2008 AEPP international
conference drew over 109 academics from all over the world, indicates that
AEPP is widely known in international academic circles.

What does this say about the Dean’s knowledge or search methods? It says he
did not do a thorough review of my promotion e-dossier and that his
knowledge of professional associations is not complete. It also says his
internet search skills are either weak or he did not exert much effort in using
them. Therefore, he is not the standard by which the reputation of AEPP should be measured.

**University Response:** The job of reviewers is to review dossier content in the 2016 – 2017 section of the dossier, the year the promotion dossier was submitted. Other material in the dossier that the candidate deems relevant to the current request for promotion should be moved into the relevant section of the dossier. It is not the obligation of the reviewers to go in search of information, outside the relevant portion of the dossier, or outside the dossier itself, which supports the request for promotion.

2. Dean Denton attempted to disparage the journal in which I published articles by saying it was *suspected* of being a predatory journal. Again, the word “suspected” is the language of “conjecture without conclusive evidence.” His only “evidence” was a website he found that criticized the journal for listing ProQuest as an index in which the journal is indexed. The website said ProQuest was not a reputable index, which serves as an indicator that the journal was suspect of being a predatory journal. I pointed out that an index is nothing more than a means for digitally cataloging academic articles so other people can find them. The Austin Peay library uses ProQuest to find articles. If ProQuest is not a “reputable index,” why does the APSU Library use ProQuest? Using the Dean’s logic, the Austin Peay Library’s reputation, as well as APSU’s reputation, is suspect because the Library uses ProQuest to search for articles. The Dean’s website’s facts and logic are faulty as well as the Dean’s facts and logic.
University Response: The referenced site used the journal in question as a lead example of a “call for papers from a predatory publisher.”

3. Dean Denton attempted to rehash an issue that was raised last year regarding a potential conflict of interest regarding papers I published with an organization in which I held a leadership role. He said he could not find evidence that I was separated from the review process or a description of the review process.

My e-dossier contains at least two documents that describe the peer review process. It also contains copies of the peer reviews, which are evidence that I was separate from the review process. I also made a clear statement in my e-dossier that all published papers went through a double-blind peer review process prior to acceptance for publication. The department committee that raised the issue last year was satisfied that the issue was adequately addressed this year because they did not raise it again and recommended promotion.

That the Dean failed to find the documents I mentioned indicates the Dean did not conduct a very thorough review of my e-dossier.

University Response: There was no document in the 2016 – 2017 section of the dossier from a publisher describing the peer review process. Given the potential conflict of interest issue the faculty member references, his self-report of the process is insufficient. In addition, the two peer reviews he referred to were brief, contained grammatical errors, and read like boilerplate content that could have been applied to any journal submissions. These reviews do not support the contention of the faculty member that the work represents “sustained high quality professional productivity.”
E. My record of scholarly activity, consisting of eight (8) refereed papers published, and 11 online courses developed, certainly meets or exceeds the specific requirements of all other academic departments in the university regarding promotion to full professor. (See APPENDIX B). That two promotion committees and the chair considered my work sufficient to merit promotion to full professor is further evidence that the Dean’s recommendation and the subsequent recommendation up to and including that of President White, were subjective in violation of APSU and Board policy.

**University Response:** Reviewers at different levels of the process make independent reviews informed by, but not dictated by, reviews at earlier levels in the process.

V. **Conclusion:**

According to APSU and Board policy 2.063, the promotion process is to be objective and equitable, based on specific criteria. Beginning with Dean Denton and progressing to President White, it has been neither objective nor equitable, and definitely not based on specific criteria.

I keep referring to this policy as a joint policy of APSU and the Board of Trustees. I do that because the Board of Trustees is the governing body with oversight of APSU. Whatever is APSU policy is also the Board’s policy by default.

What is the purpose of policy if policy is not followed or enforced? The APSU and Board of Trustees promotion policy requires the promotion process to be objective, equitable, and based strictly on merit. When those in the assessment process throw merit to the wind and make assessments that are anything but objective, the process is inherently unfair to the candidate who
works hard to merit promotion. This is an opportunity for the Board of Trustees to exercise proper oversight and provide redress for a failure in policy that resulted in an unfair promotion decision.

VI. Redress Desired

1. My record of scholarly achievement clearly meets or exceeds all reasonable objective criteria for promotion to full professor, as evidenced by the promotion standards of other academic units within the university.

2. I have clearly shown that the promotion process for promotion to full professor is in violation of APSU and Board of Trustees policy 2:063.

3. Because conjecture without evidence influenced the recommendation of the Dean, which flowed to the Provost and Dr. White, Dr. White’s recommendation is seriously flawed and her decision should be overruled.

4. Based on my record, my promotion to full professor is warranted and justified.

5. The Board of Trustees has the authority to overrule President White and grant me promotion to full professor.

6. Therefore, based on the evidence I have presented, in the interest of fairness and in the interest of enforcing the published policy of APSU and the Board of Trustees, I request promotion to full professor effective the academic year beginning August 2017.

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Information Item: A.

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: MFA Studio Art - Intent to submit Letter of Notification to THEC to establish master’s program

Action Recommended: Information Only

Background Information:

Austin Peay State University intends to develop a low-residency Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art program offered as a hybrid distance/on campus program. Students will conduct class work during the fall and spring semester through video conferencing, online delivery and through email with graduate faculty. Students will engage in intensive residency activities on the APSU Clarksville campus during the winter session and summer session. Upon approval of this program, the degree will be the only MFA in Studio Art available in Middle Tennessee and the only low-residency program in the region.

Austin Peay State University has satisfied the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) requirement to submit a Letter of Notification as the first step of seeking approval for a new program. THEC requires the University to demonstrate that the APSU Board of Trustees has been notified of the Letter of Notification.

Proposed Implementation Date:

Fall 2019 (accreditation approval through the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and SACSCOC will take six months to a year after THEC approval)

Item Details:

The Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts will be housed in the Department of Art and Design within the College of Arts and Letters. The proposal is being prepared by Barry Jones, professor and chair of the Department of Art and Design, with assistance from the dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Dr. Dixie Webb.

The MFA is considered the terminal degree in art and design. The program will be designed to serve working students for whom a traditional residency program is not an option. APSU plans to attract non-traditional students, including students who are working
educators and military service members. The proposed low-residency model will make this degree program appealing to artists in the region and nationwide.

The proposed master’s program is well-aligned with the University’s mission to develop “programs and services that address regional needs, and providing collaborative opportunities that connect University expertise with private and public resources.” This proposed program supports Austin Peay’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Enrollment Growth and Goal 2: Student Success: Retention, Completion and Workforce Preparedness.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that artist employment is expected to increase by 11 percent by 2018 – roughly the same rate projected for the overall labor force, which is 10 percent (source: Artist Employment Projections through 2018, National Endowment for the Arts). At first glance, the numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the THEC Academic Supply and Occupational Demand in Tennessee Annual Report do not look particularly promising for graduates in art, but those projections are a bit misleading. The BLS professions (and thus the THEC report) that are arts related are limited. To give a wider look at careers for artists, data from the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP) has been included as well. Austin Peay State University is an institutional participant in the SNAAP survey. The 2014 SNAAP annual report found that on average, six of every ten currently employed arts graduates described their current jobs as “relevant” or “very relevant” to their training (specifically, 64 percent of recent alumni and 69 percent of all alumni), which is a greater percentage than graduates from journalism, accounting, or biology majors.

The Creative Economy of Tennessee

Nashville and Middle Tennessee play an important role in the creative economy of the United States. Personal finance website, Smartasset, ranks Nashville as no. 5 in its “Top Ten Cities for Creatives” survey. Mic.com includes Chattanooga at no. 7 and Nashville at no. 9 in its “15 Best Cities for Creative 20-Somethings.” Forbes Magazine includes Nashville in its list of “America’s Most Creative Cities.”

There is not an MFA Studio Art program in Middle Tennessee (traditional MFA Studio Art Programs are offered at the University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State University, and the University of Memphis), forcing many artists in our area of the state to seek out low-residency MFA programs in the Northeast and at private institutions. The low-residency MFA at Austin Peay State University will fill a significant gap in the cultural life of Middle Tennessee.

Artistic professions are very entrepreneurial in nature. Many artists are self-employed, work as freelancers, or create their own businesses, which does not easily show up in BLS numbers. What can be measured is the economic impact of the arts on Tennessee. According to Creative Industries in the South by Allen Bell (2012, South Arts), “Tennessee’s creative industries represent about 6.1 percent of industry establishments in the state. They also employ 134,509 people in Tennessee or 4.8 percent of all
employment in the state, including 37,947 who are self-employed or 8.3 percent of all self-employed.”

Bell also states, “The number of employed and self-employed working in the creative industries in Tennessee is 134,509, representing the seventh-largest industry cluster in the state. Based on employment, the creative industries are larger than the industry clusters of advanced materials, information technology and telecommunications, and defense and security in Tennessee.”

APSU is uniquely positioned to offer this proposed program. APSU is the home of the Center of Excellence for Creative Arts (CECA), which provides the Middle Tennessee region with one-of-a-kind experiences in the arts. With the aid of the CECA, the Department of Art and Design is able to bring world-class artists to APSU to conduct workshops and critiques and to present public lectures. These activities will aid significantly to the higher level thinking and research that is required of a graduate program.
Information Item: B.

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: Low-Producing Programs

Action Recommended: Information Only

Background Information:

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) monitors program productivity at each public institution in Tennessee. Program productivity is measured by the number of graduates each year in each undergraduate and graduate major. The attached report provides the productivity of majors at all levels. Please note that this report has been edited to exclude new undergraduate or graduate majors that have been offered for one year or less.

Productive programs are expected to graduate the following number of graduates per year:

- 10 graduates per year in the major at the associate degree and bachelor degree level, based on a rolling five-year average
- 5 graduates per year in the major at the master’s degree level, based on a rolling five-year average

Every three years, THEC prepares a Program Productivity Report, which provides a depiction of productivity performance for all mature programs that have not met the expected benchmark of producing graduates on average for the past five years. Of all mature programs at APSU, only the Philosophy and Religion BS/BA and Professional Studies BS have not met expected benchmarks.

APSU is required to submit a Program Productivity Plan for any low-producing program that the University wishes to retain. APSU has terminated the Professional Studies BS program. The University plans to retain the other low-producing program Philosophy and Religion BS/BA.
Item Details:

A summary of the Program Productivity Plan for the Philosophy and Religion BS/BA program is provided below:

Philosophy and Religion BS/BA is housed in the Department of History and Philosophy within the College of Arts and Letters. Philosophy and Religion currently has two tenured professors and one temporary full-time faculty member. Unlike disciplines such as engineering technology, medical technology, and nursing, the affiliated costs of instruction for the Philosophy and Religion program are much lower and are approximately half the cost per student credit hour.

The program produces graduates who enter law, government, business, education, and other professions. Some graduates pursue additional education, such as graduate school in philosophy, religion, and law.

Successful graduates include:

- A 2015 graduate was awarded full funding to pursue a graduate degree in Philosophy at University of Illinois at Champaign.
- A 2017 graduate is pursuing a graduate degree in Religion at Boston University.
- Another graduate earned his law degree from the University of Washington, a top twenty law school, and is a practicing attorney.
- A 2010 graduate is pursuing a master’s in library science and information studies.
- Another graduate earned an M.S. in Laboratory Science at University of Tennessee Health Science Center and is currently employed as a lab scientist at Children’s Hospital in Memphis.

For the last ten years the number of graduates in Philosophy and Religion BS/BA has not met the THEC benchmark. A variety of initiatives were proposed in the 2007 and 2012 Academic Audit, as well as in annual low-producing program reports for Tennessee Board of Regents and THEC.

- The department changed the name of the program from Philosophy BA to Philosophy and Religion BA as part of efforts to increase enrollment. This program name change took effect in Fall 2016. The change was made to accurately describe what the major offers. The name change clearly signifies a path to seminary for those students interested in pursuing a career related to church activities.
- Many high school students are not aware of the option to major in Philosophy and Religion. In an effort to make the major more visible, Philosophy and Religion created a webpage separate from the Department of History. This action has promoted the distinction of a Philosophy and Religion major.
Seventeen students were enrolled in the Philosophy and Religion BS/BA program in Fall 2016. To increase the number of Philosophy and Religion BS/BA graduates, the Philosophy and Religion faculty intend to implement the following initiatives in 2017-2018:

- Develop and implement a Recruitment Plan for increasing the number of Philosophy majors, particularly through contact with area community colleges and local high schools.
- Explore the possibility of a double major, Philosophy and Political Science.
- Continue to update the Philosophy and Religion webpage to further engage students in the program.
- Focus on continued growth of recent success of the Philosophy Club to create a campus-wide presence of the Philosophy and Religion major.
- Explore interdisciplinary courses to raise awareness of ethics and religious studies options.

Additional Material:
Program Productivity Report - Graduates by Major, 2012-2013 to 2016-2017
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**Low producing program**
**Academic program modification**
**New program that has been offered for more than one year**

Report does not include new programs that have only been offered for one year or less.
Information Item: C.

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: Ed.D. Program/Level Change Approval

Action Recommended: Information Only.

Background Information:

The proposed Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Educational Leadership at Austin Peay State University (APSU) will focus on providing skills to a variety of leaders in public and private education at both the K-12 and higher education levels. Since 2005, students, K-12 administrators from seven area school districts, current APSU employees, and community college administrators have requested that APSU establish a doctorate in educational leadership. The Ed.D. will provide a way for individuals to expand their knowledge and training beyond a master’s or Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.), which APSU currently offers.

As Ed.D. programs are common in Tennessee, APSU will engage a firm to conduct a full feasibility study as recommended by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) External Review team of faculty. APSU expects to receive the results of the feasibility study by early November 2017, receive THEC staff support of the proposed program, and then submit the program proposal to the APSU Board of Trustees at its November/December 2017 meeting.

Distinctiveness

The proposed program represents the first doctoral program to be offered by APSU, constituting a SACSCOC Level Change from Level IV to Level V. APSU will submit the Level Change Application to SACSCOC in February 2018.

In addition, the Ed.D. is designed to meet the needs of several groups of potential students.

- Current educational leaders in the K-12 environment who currently hold an administrative license.
• Classroom teachers who have earned master's or Ed.S. degrees who wish to acquire their administrative license while obtaining a doctorate.
• Classroom teachers who have earned master’s or Ed.S. degrees who do not wish to be a school administrator but desire to become a teacher leader.
• Current educational leaders in the K-12 environment who need to earn the doctorate to either enhance their marketability or to improve their skills.
• Higher education employees who have earned master’s or Ed.S. degrees who desire to earn the doctorate to advance in the administrative structure of their campus.
• Military personnel who desire to continue their education after the master’s degree.

To make the proposed Ed.D. program unique and most meaningful to APSU constituents, the APSU Ed.D. program will develop educational leaders who can embed theory and research (vis-à-vis the systematic use of data) in their practice, structure and manage their organizations with the appropriate processes and systems to continuously improve their organizations and meet accountability standards, and contribute as socially conscious members of society. The proposed Ed.D. “brand” rests on Wergin’s ideas of Ed.D. programs:

• First, education at all levels (and of course at the doctoral level) should serve as an emancipatory process that tilts towards positive social change.
• Secondly, doctoral expertise in education is useful for all professionals with pedagogical responsibilities, not just people in school settings.
• Third, the Ed.D. is distinguished by its “emphasis on continued scholarship into practice, not just proficiency in practice” (p. 121).
• Lastly, the Ed.D. represents “a course of study having distinct purposes and learning outcomes, culminating in a capstone assessment that reflects practical expertise” [emphasis added] (p. 121).

**Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2018

**Item Details:**

The Ed.D. degree consists of 60 hours beyond a master’s degree. The Ed.D. degree will be housed in the Department of Educational Specialties, within the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education. The program will be coordinated by Dr. Gary Stewart and will be under the supervision of Dr. Moniqueka Gold (Chair of Educational Specialties) and Dr. Prentice Chandler (Dean of the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education).

The program consists of the following coursework:

• leadership theory and practice (12 credit hours),
• organizational analysis (9 credit hours),
• analysis of educational policy (6 credit hours),
• research and statistics (12 credit hours),
• 9+ credit hours of coursework related to the students’ elective interests, and
• 12+ credit hours of dissertation work

The program proposal has received approvals from the Teacher Education Council, Department Chair, Dean, Academic Council (now called University Curriculum Committee), Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and President.

Reference: