SUBJECT	Joint and Secondary Faculty Appointments
DESCRIPTION	Policy and procedure relating to the joint and secondary faculty appointments.
DEPARTMENT	Faculty Affairs and Professional Development
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[For the purposes of this document, "department" includes departments, centers and institutes.]

Faculty members who participate in the activities of a department other than where their primary appointment is held may receive either a Joint or a Secondary Appointment. The choice will be based upon the extent of the faculty member's participation and compensation in each department. The department(s) will determine the appropriate option, in consultation with the Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs.

The faculty member may be given a joint appointment shared between more than one department or a secondary appointment in the secondary department(s). Multiple secondary appointments are permitted, if appropriate.

It is the responsibility of the appointing (primary) department to coordinate the necessary paperwork and documents for either a joint or secondary appointment.

#### I. JOINT APPOINTMENTS

A joint appointment may be offered to a new or current faculty member who will participate on an ongoing basis in both departments' activities at a level significant enough to justify compensation and satisfy the Promotion (± Tenure) requirements of both departments. A joint appointment entails the same general responsibilities as the other members of each department, and allows the faculty member voting privileges in both departments.

### A. Appointment Guidelines

- 1. A joint appointee's salary is usually derived from one or both departments in a proportion determined by the department chairs.
- 2. A joint appointment requires a letter of offer where the appropriate duties and responsibilities for the faculty member within each department are clearly defined. If the salary is shared equally, the primary department must be defined at the time of the appointment. If salary is shared in unequal proportions, the department with the greatest allottment is the primary department.
- 3. Faculty who hold joint appointments in multiple academic departments are subject to joint selective salary review and promotion and/or tenure procedures in all departments, as outlined in the current WSU/AAUP-AFT bargaining agreement (Articles XXII.B.5, XXII.F.1-4 and XXIII.E.1-4).
- 4. A joint appointee must hold the same rank in each department.
- 5. Tenure can only be granted in one academic department. Tenure cannot be granted in a center or institute.

- 6. When the need for an appointment in both departments is determined in advance, postings advertisements, letters of announcement and composition of search committees should include representation of both departments.
- 7. The candidate selected for an open position may precipitate the need for a joint appointment. In these instances, the chairs' letter of recommendation to the dean should identify why the position was not initiated as a joint recruitment, if appropriate and how both departments will benefit from the joint appointment and share responsibilities and costs.
- 8. All other recruitment and appointment guidelines, policies and procedures apply to a joint recruitment effort.
- 9. Both department chair(s)/director must sign all appointment documentation.

## B. Process and Required Documents for requesting a Joint Appointment

- 1. Appointment Summary form
- 2. Letter of Offer, signed by both Chairs/Director
- 3. Chair letter of recommendation (signed by all department Chair(s) or Director)
- 4. C.V. (current, signed and dated)
- 5. Other documentation as for all appointments (see Appointment Checklist)

#### II. SECONDARY APPOINTMENTS

A secondary appointment is recommended for a faculty member who holds a primary appointment (payroll or FTA) in one department and also participates in the activities of another department at a level that is not equivalent to primary members of that department. This appointment gives the faculty member recognition in the School of Medicine. The faculty member does not ordinarily receive voting privileges in the secondary department, although this may be allowed at the discretion of the secondary department. Multiple secondary appointments are allowed as appropriate.

If a secondary appointment is considered for a faculty being newly hired, the relevant information may be included in the Letter of Offer, with both chairs signing the letter. If a secondary appointment is to be granted after the individual is already a WSU faculty member, a letter to the Dean, written specifically for this purpose, requesting and justifying the secondary appointment, and signed by all chairs/directors, should be sent to the Office of Faculty Affairs.

# A. Process and Required Documents for requesting a Secondary Appointment

- 1. A letter of offer outlining the expected participation in the activities of secondary department and contributions to be rendered by the faculty member. Dean's signature line should be included.
- 2. Both the chair of the secondary department and the chair of the faculty member's primary department sign the letter, which is then forwarded to the School of Medicine Office of Faculty Affairs.
- 3. At the time of the initial secondary appointment, the mutual expectations of the faculty member and the secondary department must be clearly outlined in writing. While there are no limitations or guidelines as to what those expectations should be (they may be as modest or intense as the department and the faculty member agree upon), this is important for future evaluations and promotion purposes. The Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs may sign the letter on the Dean's behalf.

- 4. A copy of the letter is sent to the faculty member and each chair to acknowledge the approval of his/her secondary appointment. A copy is placed into the School of Medicine personnel file.
- 5. The faculty member should list the secondary appointment on his/her CV. The faculty member's title should be stated as "[Assistant/Associate] Professor of [Primary Department] and [Secondary Department].
- 6. Faculty with secondary appointments (and therefore, by definition, receiving no compensation from the secondary department), do not participate in the annual Selective Salary Review process as described in the AAUP/AFT contract. . When the faculty member is being considered for promotion in the primary department, the chair of the secondary department must review the candidate's dossier (as prepared by the primary department), and determine if he/she has met the criteria for promotion in the secondary department as well. The chair must prepare a brief letter of support (or non-support) that is included in the candidate's dossier. The decision should be based on the written expectations prepared for that specific faculty member at the time of initial appointment, or as subsequently modified by agreement between the faculty member and the department. Promotions in a secondary department will not become effective until the primary department promotion is approved (rank in the secondary department may never exceed the rank in the primary department).
- 7. Faculty members with secondary appointments do not vote on promotion-related issues in the secondary department.

#### B. Required Documents for requesting a Secondary Appointment

- 1. Letter of Offer
- 2. C.V. current, signed and dated

For the most recent payroll faculty (FTE) forms and templates; please go to the Office of Faculty Affairs website at http://facaffairs.med.wayne.edu/full-time\_equivalent\_.php

Approved by Executive Committee: 1/12/2017

Approved by the Dean: