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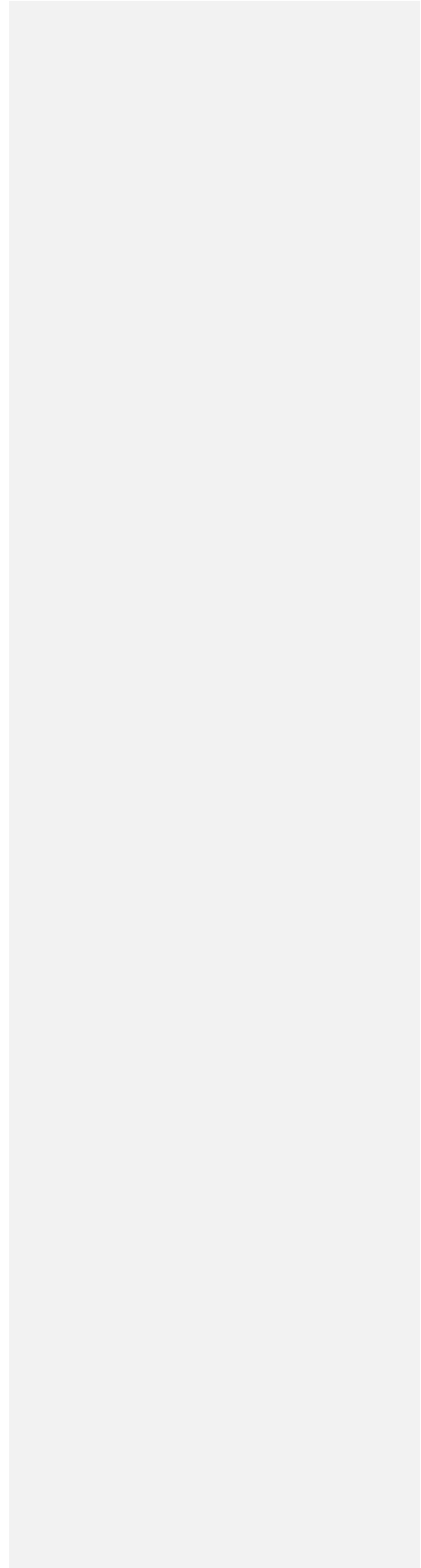
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PREAMBLE

The Faculty Handbook describes the rights, rules and procedures that the Skidmore Faculty has adopted in order to govern itself fairly and effectively. These rights, rules and procedures have evolved over time in response to changing circumstances, and continue to do so. The function of this Handbook is to codify and clarify them in their current form.

The Handbook is divided into six parts:

Part One specifies faculty rights and responsibilities and has the force of contract.

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PART ONE

indicate that they are not institutional spokespersons. The College recognizes the right and the responsibility of faculty members to speak as members of the community on issues of public concern.

IV. ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

The Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights (CAFR) and the CAPT have been recognized by the Board of Trustees, the President and the Faculty as representing the Faculty of Skidmore College in discussions with the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the corresponding committee of the Trustees on matters of common concern and responsibility. On questions of academic freedom and tenure, CAFR and CAPT represent the Faculty to the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and to the Trustees and make recommendations for their consideration. The confidential nature of these discussions is respected by all parties taking part.

V. APPOINTMENTS TO THE FACULTY

A. Tenure-Track Appointments

Initial appointments to all

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The ID PPC will consist of the ID Program Director and four to eight tenured and tenure-track faculty in at least the third year of consecutive full-time college serv

D. Pre-Tenure-Track Appointments

Visiting Instructor: Appointments to the position of Visiting Instructor will be made with the understanding that appointees must receive their doctorates or the equivalent terminal degree by October 15th following their second year at Skidmore in order to move onto tenure-track lines. By May 1st in the second year of service, such appointees must show evidence that the degree is or will be completed by October 15th. If this condition is met, the department shall determine whether or not the appointee should be offered a tenure-track position. Neither professional accomplishment beyond the completion of the terminal degree nor community service shall be applied as criteria in this decision. Appointees who fail to complete the degree by October 15th following their second year shall receive contracts for a third and terminal year at the College. Exceptions to this date may be granted when the Dean of the Faculty and the Vice President for Academic Affairs judge there are procedural circumstances beyond the candidate's control.

E. Non-Tenure-Track Appointments

1. The Dean of the Faculty makes all appointments to non-tenure-track positions in consultation with the Chair of the department concerned and (where appropriate) Program Directors.

Full-time and shared appointments as Library Faculty, Artists- and Writers-in-Residence, and Teaching Associates will be made initially for three years, the first year being a probationary one. The appointee's department may request the Dean of the Faculty on or before February 15th of the first year to terminate his or her contract. If the Dean of the Faculty grants the request, and the request is approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean of the Faculty shall notify the appointee of such termination in writing on or before March 1st of the first year of the appointee's contract. If the appointee begins his or her contract in mid-year (January), the date for the department's request to the Dean of the Faculty shall be May 31st, and the Dean of the Faculty must notify the appointee of the termination in writing by June 15th. An appointment that is not terminated during the first year shall remain in effect through the third year.

Full-time and shared appointments as Research Associates and Department Assistants will be made for one year, renewable. Appointments to shared positions may be made for those whose areas of expertise are substantially interchangeable.

2. The following titles are currently recognized for professional personnel outside the tenure-track:

- a. Library Faculty: Library faculty are full-time members of the Faculty. Promotion from Assistant to Associate Librarian and to Librarian is based upon the promotion criteria specified in the Faculty Handbook, Part One, Article VI, Section C (Non-Tenure-Track Faculty), number 1 (Library Faculty), and granted according to the procedures specified in Part One, Article XI

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c. Visiting Artist- or Writer-in-Residence: A Visiting Artist- or Writer-in-Residence is a full-time teaching member of the Faculty appointed for fewer than three years.

d. Visiting Professor or Librarian: A Visiting Professor or Librarian is usually a full-time member of the Faculty appointed at one of the professorial or librarian ranks for a limited time. The title reflects the possession of appropriate academic credentials.

e. Trustee Visiting Scholar: A funded position identified by the Board of Trustees to enable the College to enhance the diversity of the Faculty. Appointment to this full-time non-tenure-track

VI. EVALUATIVE CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED SERVICE AND ADVANCEMENT IN RANK

A. Tenure-Track Faculty

Decisions to reappoint, promote, or tenure faculty members at Skidmore are based on the quality of their credentials in three areas: performance as teachers, achievement as scholars or artists, and contribution to the welfare of the college community beyond the classroom. Teaching of high quality is paramount, the primary criterion for retention or advancement; no degree of excellence in scholarship or artistic achievement, no record of unusual productivity will compensate for unsatisfactory teaching. Yet high-quality teaching is but one of three criteria, and alone will not suffice. Skidmore seeks to develop and retain first-rate teacher-scholars whose professional achievements beyond teaching demonstrate a will and capacity to make significant contributions to the arts or to learning in the appropriate field. Skidmore also expects faculty members to assume responsibility for the common life of the institution in ways that are commensurate with their interests and roles and with the institution's purpose.

TEACHING: Whereas the primary importance given to teaching follows from Skidmore's mission as an undergraduate institution, the College recognizes that effective teaching takes many forms, is probably inseparable from the instructor's personality, and may be more an art than a science at its core. Hence it

practice in applied fields, and work that reorganizes existing information in creative ways or interprets it for students and non-specialists, be they colleagues or laypersons. Evidence indicative of significant achievement might include not only books, monographs, and articles published in recognized scholarly journals, but also unpublished manuscripts, drafts, and work in progress. Evaluations of scholarly achievement in departments in which professional activities peculiar to a discipline complement or nurture scholarship will be made on the basis of clear written agreements between these departments, the Dean of the Faculty, and the CAPT as to what constitutes appropriate evidence. Such activities might include grants, fellowships or other juried awards, and participation in professional associations.

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standards of the Library profession; facilitating access to information resources beyond the Library walls; and interpreting the Library's collections and wider information universe through reference service, printed guides, and bibliographic instruction. This mission requires that Library faculty be both educators/scholars and administrators.

The following criteria encompass both the scholarly and administrative nature of librarianship and provide the basis for the evaluation of candidates for reappointment and promotion.

Library faculty must demonstrate mastery, creativity and initiative in all of the following areas which apply to their assigned responsibilities: (1) developing library collections to support Skidmore's educational mission; (2) organizing and analyzing library collections to provide ease of both intellectual and physical access; (3) identifying and meeting users' needs by applying knowledge of information retrieval techniques, research strategies and subject disciplines; (4) collaborating with students and faculty to support their educational and research activities; (5) promoting effective use of information through individual and classroom instruction; and (6) planning, implementing and managing services and programs which support the library's mission.

2. Artists- and Writers-in-Residence

Decisions to reappoint or promote Artists- and Writers-in-Residence are based on their credentials in three areas: performance as teachers, achievement as artists/scholars, and contributions to the welfare of the college community beyond the classroom.

3. Teaching Associates

The criteria for reappointment and for promotion are: (1) excellence in teaching; (2) professional growth that maintains currency and enhances effectiveness in the classroom, studio, or laboratory; and (3) service to the department/program and College.

VII. RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL FACULTY

A. Rights of Members of the Faculty

Rights of members of the Faculty include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. All members of the Faculty, regardless of status or rank, are entitled to the Academic Freedoms

may pursue the matter through any of several channels (Department Chair, Dean of the Faculty, Vice President for Academic Affairs, CAFR, etc.) that seem appropriate to the particular case.

5. Faculty rights are also embodied in the procedures for reappointment and tenure consideration.

B. Obligations Pertaining to All Members of the Faculty

1. Continued professional improvement.
2. Conscientious fulfillment of academic responsibilities.
3. Concern for the College as a whole as well as for one's individual and departmental interests.
4. Encouragement of newly appointed members of the Faculty.

C. Academic Responsibilities

1. Availability: Faculty members are expected to be available for academic duties during the academic year. The year for full-time faculty, excluding certain Department Chairs and Librarians who are on ten month contracts, is the nine-month period from September 1st until May 31st of the following year. Part-time or temporary faculty contracts are written for specific time periods.

2. Class Sessions: Faculty members will meet all classes as scheduled by the Office of the Registrar, or make suitable arrangements approved in advance by Department Chairs for limited replacement. Other responsibilities may include supervision of field work, independent study, and internships.

Faculty members who cannot attend an assigned class shall notify their students and Department Chair as soon as possible, and preferably in advance. Faculty members are asked to notify the Department Secretary or Chair and the Registrar immediately whenever unable to teach because of illness.

3. Academic Advising: Faculty members are responsible for giving conscientious and informed guidance to student advisees.

4. Office Hours: Faculty members will post and observe regular office hours for consultation and guidance of students and will report those hours to the Department Chair.

5. Administrative Meetings: Faculty members are expected to attend Faculty Meetings and departmental and committee meetings when called.

6. College Functions: Faculty members are expected to attend Commencement, Opening Convocation for fall and spring terms, and Honors Convocation. Any faculty member unable to be present at these functions should notify the Dean of the Faculty. Faculty members are encouraged to wear academic regalia at Commencement and on other occasions as announced.

7. Student Evaluations: Faculty members are required to have student evaluations administered in their courses (see Part Two, Article III [Academic Policies], Section E).

8. Grading: Faculty members must submit grades to the Registrar by the date specified (see Part Two, Article III [Academic Policies], Section C).

9. Other Academic Policies: Faculty members must adhere to the Academic Policies of the College as stated in Part Two (Faculty Governance), Article III (Academic Policies).

department must submit its recommendation, positive or negative, with supporting evidence to the Dean of the Faculty on or before January 15th of the appointee's third year. This evidence must include a cover letter from the Chair and letters from full-time faculty and those holding shared appointments in the department concerned (in the ranks defined in Part One, Article V [Appointments to the Faculty], Sections A [Tenure-Track Appointments] and E [Non-Tenure-Track Appointments], 2b. [Artist- or Writer-in-Residence]) who are in at least their third year of full-time service at Skidmore, and (where appropriate) Program Directors.

The department must present clear and decisive evidence concerning the individual's professional quality and the department's need for the candidate's particular abilities in its projected programs.

For tenure-track faculty appointments that are 100 percent in ID programs, supporting evidence sent to the Dean of the Faculty must include a cover letter from the Director (or ID PPC Chair if the Director is a candidate) and letters from faculty on the ID Program Personnel Committee and (where appropriate) Directors of other programs or Chairs of departments. The program must also demonstrate need and the candidate's professional quality according to guidelines described for departments in paragraph two above.

For proportional tenure-track faculty appointments that are shared between two departments, a department and an ID program or two ID programs, supporting evidence sent to the Dean of the Faculty must include a cover letter from both Department Chairs/Program Directors and letters from faculty on the ID Program Personnel Committee, the department and (where appropriate) Directors of other programs or Chairs of departments. The departments and programs sharing the appointment must also demonstrate need and the candidate's professional quality according to guidelines described for departments in paragraph two above.

b. The Dean of the Faculty must, on or before February 15th,³ recommend to the Vice President for Academic Affairs either a further three-year contract or termination of the individual's service. The Dean of the Faculty shall base this recommendation on the evidence submitted by the candidate's department and on the standards of excellence which the Dean maintains for the Faculty as a whole.

c. The Dean of the Faculty will report reappointment recommendations to the CAPT on or before February 15th.⁴

d. If the recommendations of the department and the Dean of the Faculty differ, the CAPT will review the candidate's file and make a third recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. This recommendation will be made on or before February 25th.⁵

e. The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall make the decision to accept or reject recommendations in all cases presented. The decision on the candidates shall be announced as soon as possible to the departments concerned. The Dean of the Faculty shall offer further three-year contracts to successful reappointment candidates on or before March 1st.

f. A candidate for reappointment to whom a further three-year contract is not offered in the third year shall receive written notice of a terminal one-year appointment from the Dean of the Faculty on or before March 1st.

g. Reappointment consideration of faculty holding shared appointments follows the above procedures. If one partner in a shared appointment is not reappointed, the reappointed partner

may, at his or her option, assume a full-time faculty position at the end of the other partner's terminal year. Should he or she choose not to do so, the position will no longer be tenure-track.

h. Candidates for reappointment shall have access to all written materials immediately following notification of the Vice President for Academic Affairs' decision. These materials may not be photocopied.

i. The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall convey the result of a review to the candidate on or before May 1st.

B. Reappointment of Librarians

During the second and third year of service, Library faculty will be evaluated according to the same principles and procedures described herein for tenure-track faculty. In the sixth year, the evaluation process will include at least one faculty member from another department who indicates his or her willingness to serve, chosen by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the CAPT. For contracts beyond the sixth year, the reappointment procedure is that of the third year, with the department making a recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. In the case of a disagreement between the department and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the CAPT will provide an additional recommendation for the President's consideration. If the

Academic Affairs' decision is negative, the department member receives a terminal contract for a fourth year.

In the sixth year, the evaluation process shall be broadened to include references from outside the department. For contracts beyond the sixth year, the reappointment procedure is that of the third year, with the department making a recommendation to the Dean of the Faculty. In the case of a disagreement between the department and the Dean of the Faculty, the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall convene an ad hoc group of three current Department Chairs (excluding the Chair of the candidate's department), which shall provide a third recommendation. The Vice President for Academic Affairs makes the final reappointment decision. If the Vice President for Academic Affairs' decision is negative, the department member receives a terminal contract for a final year.

After the initial six years, Artists-in-Residence and Writers-in-Residence who are reappointed will receive contracts of alternating lengths of four and three years with reviews in the penultimate year of each contract, except for those on shared appointments who will be reviewed every three years. If the review is negative, the faculty member will be given a probationary contract of one year and will be reviewed by the department for contract renewal by February 15th of that year. (In the case of those on shared appointments who teach only in the spring, the date shall be April 15th.) If the departmental review is negative, and the Dean of the Faculty concurs, the faculty member will be informed by March 1st that he or she will receive a terminal, one-year contract. In the case of a disagreement between the department and the Dean of the Faculty, the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall convene an ad hoc group of three current Department Chairs (excluding the Chair of the candidate's department) who shall provide a third recommendation. The Vice President for Academic Affairs makes the final reappointment decision. If the Vice President for Academic Affairs' decision is negative, the department member receives a terminal one-year contract.

D. Reappointment of Teaching Associates

iii. In either (i) or (ii), the result of a finding in favor of the appointee will be to return to the department for reconsideration.

2. Third Year

a. An appointee considered by the department to be candidate for reappointment at the end of the second year will be evaluated in the third year according to department procedures. The department must submit its recommendation, positive or negative, with supporting evidence to the Dean of the Faculty on or before January 15th of the appointee's third year. The evidence must include a cover letter from the Chair and letters from full-time faculty and those holding shared appointments in the department concerned who are in at least their third year of full-time service at Skidmore, and (where appropriate) Program Directors.

b. The department must present clear and decisive evidence concerning the individual's

maximum number of tenured faculty invoked as a criterion reduces decision-making to routine clerical work and flies in the face of AAUP guidelines. Along with the AAUP, Skidmore believes that the quality of those who receive tenure is more germane to realizing the educational goals of the College than is the quantity of faculty who are tenured.

B. Institutional Considerations and Budgetary Considerations

Candidates should be aware that the Administration and Board of Trustees may review tenure recommendations presented by the CAPT and make their decisions in light of larger institutional considerations above and of budgetary considerations. The Dean of

2. The CAPT shall annually disseminate its calendar, its operating code, and the operating codes of the Tenure Appeal Committee to all faculty.

3. The CAPT has the responsibility of securing information with respect to the candidate's teaching competence, professional accomplishment, and service to the academic community. Sources of this information include:

a. Full-time faculty and those holding shared appointments in the department concerned (in the ranks defined in Part One [Faculty Rights and Responsibilities], Article V [Appointments to the Faculty], Sections A [Tenure-Track Appointments] and E [Non-Tenure-Track Appointments], number 2b [Artist- or Writer-in-Residence]) who are in at least their third year of full-time service at Skidmore;

b. Department Chair;

c. Program Directors (where appropriate);

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Office (or the CAPT Reading Room) as required by law. Within seven days of the date stipulated by

11. A candidate for either the Vice President for Academic Affairs or for the Dean of the Faculty may be evaluated for an immediate award of tenure by the following procedure. The President will present the credentials of the candidate for Vice President for Academic Affairs and evidence for both appointment as Professor and awarding of tenure to the academic department(s) appropriate to the candidate's professional field. At the same time, the President will also furnish the candidate's credentials and evidence to the CAPT. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will do the same in the case of a candidate for Dean of the Faculty. The qualifications for tenure are those stipulated in the Faculty Handbook, Part One (Faculty Rights and Responsibilities), Article VI (Evaluative Criteria for Continued Service and Advancement in Rank), Section A (Tenure-Track Faculty), and Article IX (Tenure), Section C (Eligibility). The Chair of the academic department to which the Vice President for Academic Affairs or the Dean of the Faculty will be appointed forwards a written departmental recommendation to the CAPT. Simultaneously, the CAPT solicits individual written recommendations from all members in that same department. These procedures correspond to those for tenure candidacy and evaluation specified in the Faculty Handbook, Part One (Faculty Rights and Responsibilities), Article IX (Tenure), Section E (Procedures for Granting Tenure), but may reasonably exclude the stipulations in numbers 3a, 3g, 5a, 7 and 10. Then, as in Part One (Faculty Rights and Responsibilities), Article IX (Tenure), Section E (Procedures for Granting Tenure), number 6, and Article XI (Promotion), Section A (Professorial Ranks), number 1a (Procedures for Promotion), the CAPT makes a recommendation to the President, who reports to the Board of Trustees.

12. Tenure granted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs as well as the Dean of the Faculty is not calculated in her/his department's already established (at the time of the Vice President for Academic Affairs' or Dean of the Faculty's appointment) allotment of tenure-track faculty positions and is never included in calculations of the department's need for faculty positions to discharge its curricular mission.

G. Appeal of Negative Tenure Decisions

1. If the Tenure Review Board determines that a tenure case requires reconsideration, the three members of the Tenure Review Board will sit together with the six members of the CAPT to reconsider the case. The Tenure Appeal Committee will have access to the written information which theh

XI. PROMOTION

A. Professorial Ranks

1. Procedures for Promotion

- a. Promotions are granted by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President, who consults as necessary with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean of the Faculty, the CAPT, and the Chair of the department concerned. Except in the case of the Library faculty, the CAPT role in promotion is limited to full-time and shared tenure-track appointments to professorial ranks.
- b. Consideration for promotion may be initiated by the Department Chair in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty or the CAPT. The Dean of the Faculty in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs may also decide to nominate a candidate for promotion consideration. In such a case, the department is obliged to consider the candidate's credentials and to present its recommendation to the CAPT. Nomination by the Dean of the Faculty for such consideration does not presuppose a successful outcome for the candidate. The Dean of the Faculty initiates promotional consideration in the case of Department Chairs. The Department Chair or the Dean of the Faculty shall indicate the consultation procedures employed within the department when recommending a promotion.
- c. By March 15th, the Dean of the Faculty shall provide Department Chairs with a list of faculty in their departments who have been at the rank of Associate Professor for seven years or more. The Dean of the Faculty shall provide the CAPT with a list of all faculty who have been at the rank of Associate Professor for seven years or more. All Chairs shall assess eligibility of Associate Professors at least every two years after they have served seven years in rank.
- d. In the case of a promotion candidate appointed 100 percent to an ID program, the ID Program Director shall perform those functions normally assumed by a Department Chair, and faculty on the ID PPC shall be consulted and shall write letters. All these letters shall be forwarded to the CAPT.
- e. For proportional tenure-track faculty appointments that are shared between two departments, a department and an ID program or two ID programs, the CAPT will secure information concerning a candidate from all members of the ID Program Personnel Committee(s) and from all faculty in the department(s) involved. The Department Chair will represent the department's position and the Program Director(s) (or PPC Chair if the Director is the candidate) will represent the Program(s) position.
- f. Candidates being considered for promotion shall be sent a written notice by the Chair of the CAPT that they are candidates for promotion.
- g. All full-time faculty and those holding shared appointments in the departments concerned and in at least their third year of service (in ranks defined in Part One, Article V [Appointments to the Faculty], Sections A [Tenure-Track Appointments] and E [Non-Tenure-Track Appointments], number 2b [Artist- or Writer-in-Residence] shall be consulted and shall write letters to the Chair. The Department Chair must also request letters from Program Directors and from other Department Chairs if the candidate has offered courses in other programs or departments. Individuals writing letters of evaluation for the candidate shall clearly state whether they do or do not recommend promotion, and why, according to the criteria for continued service. The Chair's

1. An individual denied recommendation for promotion may ask for a hearing before CAFR provided such hearing is based on an alleged violation of academic freedom and/or rights; or may file a complaint following the procedures set forth in Part Six, Article VII [Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Harassment or Discrimination against Faculty Members], provided such a complaint is based on alleged harassment or discrimination in violation of the College's policies as outlined in Part Six.

D. Teaching Associates

Promotion to Senior Teaching Associate is granted by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty after consultation with the department. The Department Chair shall indicate the consultation procedures employed within the department when recommending a promotion. Promotion is based upon merit and not guaranteed by years of service.

XII. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Sabbatical Leaves of Absence

1. Purpose

Sabbatical leaves of absence are granted by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to members of the Faculty to provide professional experience that cannot be secured during the academic recesses. Sabbatical leaves may be granted for the purpose of advanced study, work on research and creative projects, and for improvement of teaching skills (and for improvement of skills related to librarianship), with the expectation that in each case the College will benefit.

2. Eligibility

All tenured full-time members of the Faculty (and Library faculty and Artists-in-Residence who have been reappointed) who have served Skidmore College full-time for six consecutive years are eligible to apply.

a. The required service time may include up to one year's leave without pay, if so stated in the letter(s) granting such leave(s). If a faculty member serves full time for more than six consecutive years, the additional time will shorten the required service time for later sabbatical leaves if the delay in taking a sabbatical leave is requested by the Dean of the Faculty for administrative reasons and is so stipulated in writing.

b. Full-time members of the Faculty who are in their sixth year and are candidates for tenure (and full-time members of the Library faculty and Artists-in-Residence who are in their sixth year and are candidates for reappointment) may apply for sabbatical leave. However, final approval of the

iv. Applications must be received by the Dean of the Faculty no later than January 15th of the academic year preceding the desired leave. The Dean of the Faculty's Office will transmit one copy to the Chair of the Faculty Development Committee.

b. Consideration

i. On or before January 15th of the year preceding the intended leave, the applicant's Chair should submit to the Dean of the Faculty in triplicate an evaluation of the project together with an explanation of departmental arrangements for the applicant's absence. The Dean of the Faculty's Office will transmit one copy to the Chair of the Faculty Development Committee.

ii. Applications will be considered jointly by the Dean of the Faculty and the Faculty Development Committee. The Vice President for Academic Affairs makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

iii. Applicants and their departmental Chairs will be notified by March 1st of the academic year preceding the leave.

c. Reporting

i. Major changes in objectives after the leave has been granted must be reported and may be made only by agreement with the Dean of the Faculty. Petition for such change must be made in writing.

ii. Upon completion of the leave, a final report shall be sent to the Dean of the Faculty, and the Chair of the department, not later than April 15th in the case of first-semester leaves and November 15th in the case of second-semester or full-year leaves.

iii. Failure to file a satisfactory sabbatical report will affect eligibility for future sabbatical leaves.

4. Criteria for Evaluating Proposals

In evaluating applications, the following will be considered:

- a. the worth of the project;
- b. length of service without leave;
- c. ease of departmental arrangements;
- d. financial condition of the College;
- e. benefit to the individual and the College;
- f. the individual's fulfillment of obligations regarding any previous sabbaticals as outlined in paragraph 3, c, iii above.

5. Sabbatical Salaries

The stipend for sabbatical salaries is one-half the annual salary for a leave of one academic year, or full salary for a leave of one semester.

B. Pre-Tenure Paid Research Leaves of Absence

1. Purpose

Pre-tenure paid leaves are intended to provide untenured faculty with opportunities for research in support of scholarly and/or curricular development which will contribute to their professional or teaching effectiveness and to the value of their later service to Skidmore College.

2. Eligibility

Untenured tenure-track faculty who are either in thei

XV. APPOINTMENT AND REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

A. Criteria for Appointment

1. The appointee shall normally hold the rank of Associate or full Professor.
2. The appointee should have extensive and successful teaching experience.
3. The appointee should have qualities of personal and professional leadership and should have demonstrated evidence of administrative skill.

B. Procedures for Appointment

1. Appointment of a Department Chair is made by the Dean of the Faculty, in consultation with the members of the department concerned.
2. Appointments to the Chair are for one year and are renewable; four to eight years is the normal length of service. A Chair (tenured or untenured) may not be removed as Chair during the course of an academic year except for cause.

C. Procedures for Review

3. Personnel: The Chair is responsible for seeking out highly qualified candidates for vacancies in the department. An important factor in their selection should be their competence and willingness to teach according to the specified needs of the department and the College. The Chair establishes search and selection procedures in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty, the Assistant Director for Equal

3. The appointee should have qualities of personal and professional leadership and should demonstrate evidence of administrative skill.

B. Procedures for Appointment

1. Appointment of a Program Director is made by the Dean of the Faculty in consultation with the teaching faculty in the program and (when applicable) the appropriate Department Chair.

2. A Director (tenured or untenured) may not be removed as Director during the course of an academic year except for cause.

C. Procedures for Review

1. Program Directors shall be reviewed by the Dean of the Faculty once every four years. In the event of an intervening sabbatical or leave of absence, the review will take place in the fifth year. More frequent reviews may take place at the request of th

evaluation of tenure-track faculty with regard to search procedures, appointment, reappointment, promotion, tenure, sabbatical and leave, salary recommendations, faculty development and mentoring, as well as annual letters of evaluation as described in Part One, Article V, Section B and Article XV, Section D, number 3 above.

In the case of a proportional appointment shared between an ID program and a department or between two ID Programs, the Program Director communicates with the Department Chair or other Program Director at least once a semester in order to coordinate the shared faculty member's teaching and service assignments and to perform all other personnel duties of a Program Director or Chair, including periodic letters of evaluation.

4. Communication: The Director should foster effective intra- and inter-program communications among all students, faculty, and administrators, making clear to these constituencies the nature of all program policies and procedures. The Director is responsible for keeping the catalogue description of the program current and accurate and for the annual program report to the Dean of the Faculty.

5. Support: The Director, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty and the appropriate Department Chair, if relevant, shall make necessary budgetary provisions for teaching aids such as films, records, slides, videotapes, software, etc., for duplicating equipment, for field trips, and for proper secretarial and student assistance.

D. The President shall report proposals receiving Faculty approval to the Board of Trustees for its action.

E. Favorable action by the Board of Trustees, either to establish or eliminate a major, must be reported by the College Registrar to the New York State Education Department. A new major must be approved by and registered with the New York State Education Department. A discontinued major must be removed from the register.

XX. FACULTY GOVERNANCE

Faculty governance is carried out through decisions made at Faculty Meetings and through a system of committees of the Faculty as described in Part Two. Faculty Meetings, presided over by the President, are generally held on the first Friday of each month. All the faculty as herein defined are expected to attend Faculty Meetings and are eligible to vote: all full-time members of the Faculty (includingFaculdq

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C. Eligibility to Vote

1. All the faculty as herein defined are expected to attend Faculty Meetings and are eligible to vote:

a. all full-time members of the Faculty (including those on phased employment) and faculty holding shared appointments at the rank of Assistant Professor or above,

b. Visiting Instructors, Librarians, Artists-in-Residence, Writers-in-Residence, full-year full-time Lecturers, and full-year full-time Teaching Associates,

c. the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Associate Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising, the Dean of Special Programs, the Registrar and Director of Institutional Research, the Senior Associate Director of Admissions, the Director of University Without Walls, the Director of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, the Director of Summer Sessions and Summer Special Programs, the Dayton Director of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, the Malloy Curator of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery and the Director of Intercultural Studies,

d. such other administrative officers as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President after consultation with the CAPT and with the concurrence of the Faculty, and

e. members of the full-time faculty appointed to administrative positions within the College. These individuals retain their right to vote at Faculty Meetings but not to run for committees or to vote in committee elections.

2. A voting member of the Faculty who is on leave of absence may vote in Faculty Meetings. Faculty members on leave will be notified of Faculty Meetings only through normal College channels.

3. Proxy votes and absentee ballots are not allowed in Faculty Meetings.

D. Eligibility to Attend

1. Departmental assistants, part-time faculty and administrators without faculty status are invited to attend and participate in Faculty Meetings, on a permanent or temporary basis, but without a vote.

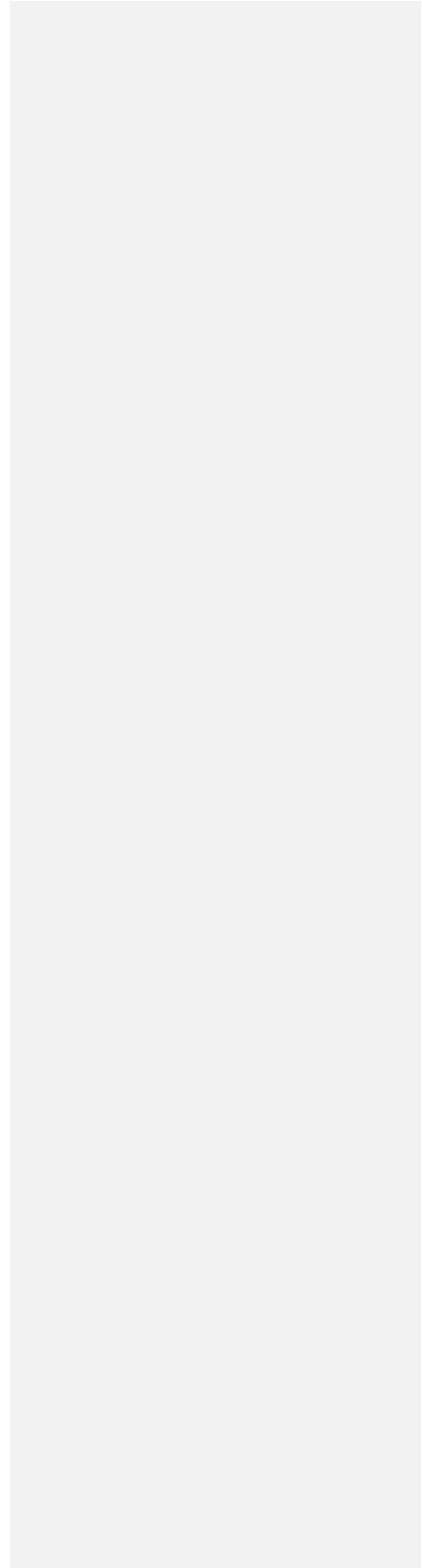
2. The following students are also invited to attend but without a vote: six students to be selected in a manner determined by the Student Senate, students on faculty and all-College committees when items relevant to their committees are on the agenda, one representative from the Skidmore Radio Station, one representative of the Skidmore Television Station, and one representative of the Skidmore News

Article II. The Presiding Officer

A. The President shall preside over the Faculty Meeting. In the absence of the President, the presiding officer will be in successive order

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C. Informal Consideration. This device permits the Faculty Meeting to set aside the formal rules of debate.

1. The Faculty Meeting may entertain a motion to consider a particular motion, subject, or problem informally.
2. Such a motion may occur before or after a formal motion is proposed.
3. Informal consideration allows the meeting to perfect a motion or an amendment for Faculty Meeting action.
4. The Chairperson of the Faculty Meeting remains in the chair.
5. Informal consideration allows for varying limits of debate and the development of amendments to a

B. A proposal to amend the by-laws

Addendum: Summary Table of Rules Relating to Motions

Explanation of the Table. A star shows that the rule heading the column in which it stands applies to the motion opposite to which it is placed; a blank shows that the rule does not apply; a figure shows that the rule only partially applies, the figure referring to the note showing the limitations. Take, for example, "Lay on the Table": the Table shows that it is "undebatable" and "cannot be amended," and that an affirmative vote on it "cannot be reconsidered." The four other columns containing blanks show that this motion does not "open the main question to debate," that it does not "require a 2/3 vote," that it does "require to be seconded," and that it is not "in order when another member has the floor."

Undebatable
Opens Main
Question to
Debate

Notes:

1. Every motion in this column has the effect of suspending some rule or established right of deliberative assemblies and therefore requires a two-thirds vote, unless a special rule to the contrary is adopted.
2. Undebatable if made when another question is before the assembly.
3. An Amendment may be either 1. By "adding"; or 2. By "striking out" words or paragraphs; or 3. By "striking out certain words and inserting others"; or 4. By "substituting" a different motion on the same subject; or 5. By "dividing the question" into two or more questions, as specified by the mover, so as to get a separate vote on any particular point or points.
4. An Appeal is undebatable only when relating to indecorum, or to transgressions of the rules of speaking, or to the priority of business, or when made while the Previous Question is pending. When debatable, only one speech from each member is permitted. On a tie vote the decision of the Chair is sustained.
5. An affirmative vote on this motion cannot be reconsidered.
6. The objection can only be made when the question is first introduced, before debate.
7. Allows only limited debate upon the propriety of the postponement.
8. The Previous Question, if adopted, cuts off debate and brings the assembly to a vote on the pending question only, except where the pending motion is an amendment or a motion to commit, when it also applies to the question to be amended or committed.
9. Can be moved and entered on the record when another has the floor, but cannot interrupt business then before the assembly; must be made on the day, or the day after, the original vote was taken, and by one who voted with the prevailing side.

II. COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY

A. Voting Rights and Eligibility: Only full-time members of the teaching or library faculty (including those on phased employment) eligible to vote at Faculty Meetings (see Part One [Faculty Rights and Responsibilities], Article XX [Faculty Governance]) may vote for, or serve as, faculty representatives on elective or appointed committees; administrators with faculty status are not eligible. Voting members of the Faculty who are on leave of absence may vote in faculty committee elections, but are not expected to serve on committees while on leave. It is understood that ballots for committee elections will be distributed only through normal College channels and that deadlines for return of ballots will not be extended for faculty on leave. The faculty members of the following committees are nominated and elected by the Faculty: FEC, IPPC, CAPT, CEPP, Curriculum, Tenure Review Board, CAFR, Honors Council, Faculty Development, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, UWW, Athletic Council, and Faculty Advisory Board. Faculty representatives on appointive committees of the Faculty are appointed by the FEC from those indicating a willingness to serve; the FEC also participates in the appointment of faculty representatives to various all-College committees.

There is also a Committee of Committees composed of the faculty members of CAFR, CAPT, CEPP, FEC, Curriculum Committee, FDC, IPPC and any current ad hoc committees whose presence FEC believes would be helpful to the committee. FEC convenes the Committee of Committees twice a year, or at the request of the faculty members of any constituent committee.

Replacements on an elected committee for longer than an academic year will normally be chosen by special election. Replacements for an academic year or less than an academic year will normally be appointed by FEC from the list of runners-up in the most recent election. Replacements on appointive committees will be made by FEC from among those willing to serve.

B. Election Schedule. Elections normally shall be scheduled following the Operating Code of the Faculty Executive Committee. The FEC shall publish its calendar annually at the beginning of the Fall semester.

C. Committee Chairs. Members of committees are requested to elect Chairs by the end of each academic year for the following year and to inform the Chair of the FEC and the Dean of the Faculty of the results of these elections.

D. Operating Code and Minutes. Each committee is expected to keep on file an operating code and to provide new members and FEC with a copy. All committees keep complete minutes, including records of actions taken.

E. Annual Reports. A copy of the committee's annual report is to be sent to the Chair of the FEC and to the Dean of the Faculty at the end of the academic year. In addition, the reports of elected committees are to be sent to the Faculty as a whole.

F. Specific Committees of the Faculty

1. FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEC) — Elected

Function: To act as the primary conduit of information and ideas into and out of the Faculty concerning all-College issues and policies; to oversee faculty governance and faculty participation in all-College governance; and to act as Faculty Observers of the Board of Trustees.

FEC fosters communication within the Faculty, via both reports to the Faculty Meeting and organization of other faculty discussion meetings and forums, about all-College issues and policies. FEC, together with IPPC and SGA, is responsible for the proper constitution of all-College committees and subcommittees.

FEC is responsible for coordinating faculty committee work and for furthering democratic representation and committee efficiency. FEC is responsible for ensuring the proper constitution of faculty committees: it solicits nominations for, conducts elections for, and makes appointments to faculty and all-College committees; it provides advice and oversight of procedures regarding faculty appointments to search committees for senior administrative positions; and it maintains a list of all faculty members on all committees. In addition, FEC reviews operating codes of all faculty committees and maintains files of annual committee reports, and FEC is responsible for ensuring that the text of the Faculty Handbook appears and remains precisely as approved by the Faculty.

FEC convenes the Committee of Committees (comprising faculty members of FEC, IPPC, CAPT, CAFR, CEPP, Curriculum Committee, FDC, and any current ad hoc committees whose presence FEC believes would be helpful to the Committee) at least twice a year to assess the interactions among member committees and between them and the Administration, and to discuss ongoing issues and any problems in committee operations. FEC is then required to inform the Faculty at large of the issues raised by the Committee of Committees.

Finally, FEC observes the on-campus meetings of the Board of Trustees, at the invitation of the Board, and reports its observations in writing to the Faculty. (In addition, CAPT, CAFR, and the Chair of CEPP meet annually with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.)

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educational procedures; to evaluate Skidmore's present practices and goals. The CEPP shall exchange minutes of meetings with the Curriculum Committee and the UWW Committee; and the Chairs of any of these committees may be invited to sit with CEPP when consultation is desirable. The Chair of CEPP also shall sit on the IPPC. The CEPP meets annually, and whenever necessary in the pursuit of its functions, with the appropriate committee of the Board of Trustees.

Membership: Six faculty members, two of whom must be tenured, each from a different department, elected to serve three-year terms; the Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designated representative; the Dean of Student Affairs or his/her designated representative; and two students selected by SGA. CEPP may appoint such subcommittees from among its members or from the College community at large as it deems helpful to facilitate its work.

4. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RIGHTS (CAFR) — Elected

Function: To provide a pool of faculty peers to staff an Advisory Panel (AP, see below), which is convened in the formal investigation of a discrimination or harassment charge made against a member of the Faculty.

Membership: Six members of the Faculty, at least four of whom must be tenured and two of whom may be untenured at the time of appointment, serving overlapping three-year terms. These members will be appointed by the FEC in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and trained by Human Resources in matters of discrimination and harassment. Appointments will be based on an initial willingness-to-serve pool, the vote of the faculty, and, when necessary, the need for appointing a represen

Final examinations for the Fall and Spring semesters are given during a designated examination period. Examinations must be taken during the prescribed hours and in those places designated as examination rooms.

1. Students who are unable to take an examination or hand in a paper because of illness may ask the Health Services to confirm the illness.
2. Students who, because of emergencies, have been unable to take their examinations on the scheduled dates may be granted the privilege of making up examinations at the discretion of the instructor.
3. The dates of the final examination periods are announced early in the semester. No student should make arrangements to leave the College before checking the examination schedule. All examinations must be taken within the examination period ex

misunderstanding regarding grading will be resolved informally, either in writing or in discussions,

the student, the instructor, and the appropriate department chair or program director in writing that the appeal has been denied. If, however, the review results in the instructor requesting to change a grade, then the instructor must submit a petition to change the grade with the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising and the petition must be brought before the CAS for consideration.

If the Dean of the Faculty and the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising recommend changing the final failing grade to a passing letter grade, and if the faculty member who gave the original grade objects to changing the final failing grade to a passing letter grade, then the Dean of the Faculty, in consultation with the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising and the department chair or program director, may recommend to the faculty member changing the grade to Satisfactory.

If the faculty member rejects the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty, Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising, and the appropriate department chair or program director, to change the final failing grade to a passing grade or to Satisfactory, the Dean of the Fa

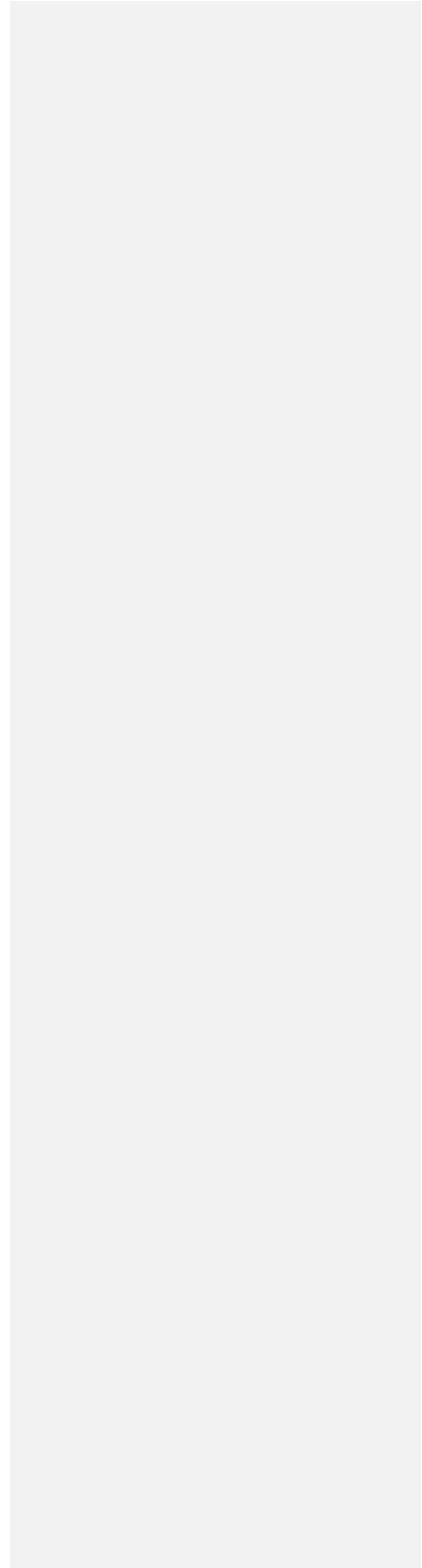
evaluations should be administered in such a way as to ensure validity, responsibility, and, where possible, confidentiality.

a. Validity shall mean that the methods each department may devise for its own needs be likely to produce nearly complete returns from each class.

b. Responsibility shall mean that students sign the essay evaluation forms they fill out, and that no anonymous evaluation essay be accepted. Although signatures must be separated from the completed forms before they are shown to the faculty member concerned, or kept confidential in some other fashion, some record of who wrote a given essay must be established.

c. Confidentiality shall mean that no faculty member shall learn the name of the student who wrote a given essay evaluation for one of his/her own courses. If, on the other hand, allegations suggesting unprofessional conduct appear in a student evaluation, the Department Chair or CAFR may seek to interview the student to determine whether further review is warranted.

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Membership: For academic integrity cases, two faculty members appointed by FEC on a case-by-case basis, drawn from the pool of faculty who serve on the Integrity Board but who have not heard the case in question; the Dean of the Faculty as Chair; and two students serving on the Integrity Board who were not party to the initial hearing. For social integrity cases, one faculty member appointed by FEC, drawn from the pool of faculty serving on the Integrity Board but who have not heard the case in question; the Dean of Student Affairs as Chair; and two students serving on the Integrity Board who were not party to the initial hearing.

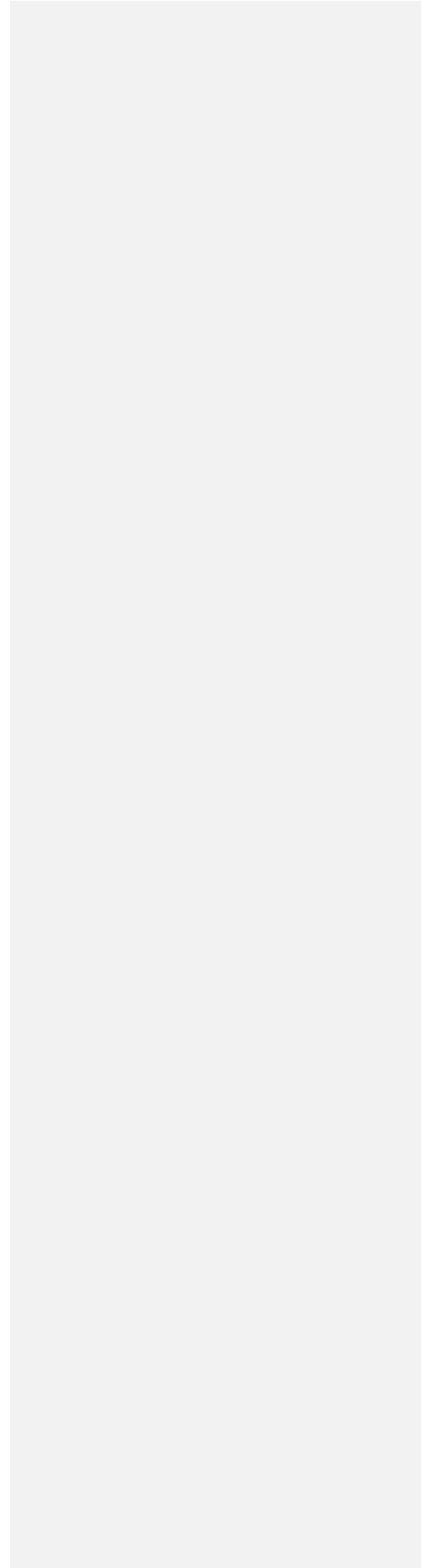
3. HONOR CODE COMMISSION — Appointed

Function: To coordinate and conduct Honor Code workshops for first-year students and transfers; and in its capacity as a commission, to help educate all students as to what constitutes an honor violation, to support efforts to implement the Honor Code through the Honor Code Statement, and to recommend changes in the Honor Code System.

Membership: The Student Honor Code Educator as Chair; the SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs; one student representative at-large; one faculty representative at-large; and one representative from each of the judicial boards (Integrity Board and Board of Appeals). The faculty member will be appointed to a three-year term.

4. INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD — Appointed

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I have not witnessed any wrongdoing nor have I personally violated any conditions of the Skidmore College Honor Code while taking this examination.

Students should hand-write this statement on their exam booklets or papers and sign the statement if it is true. Failure on the part of the student to write the statement or to sign it indicates that the faculty member responsible should speak to the student about possible Honor Code violations.

34. It is essential that there be mutual confidence and understanding between faculty and students. Faculty members can help students by discussing with them desirable forms of cooperation and assistance among students and by showing them the difference, for example, between mere copying from sources and legitimate use of reference material. Any problems or questions which arise relating to the application of the honor system should be discussed with the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising.

B. Violations of the Honor Contract

1. In case an academic infraction of the honor system comes to the attention of a member of the Faculty, the situation should be dealt with in one of the following ways:

a. The matter may be handled directly with the individual concerned if the faculty member believes that the best results can be achieved in this way, that any recurrence of the offense is unlikely, and the student acknowledges responsibility. The faculty member's response should be shaped by the sections of the Academic Information Guide and the Student Handbook on "Academic Integrity: Definitions and Guidelines for Penalties."

i. A confidential report must be made to the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising of any case handled personally by a faculty member.

ii. If more than one honor code violation is reported for a particular student, the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising may take further disciplinary action or refer the case to the Integrity Board or request an administrative hearing.

b. The matter may be referred to the Integrity Board by the faculty member.

2. In case of a violation of the social honor code, the faculty member may follow the procedure described in 1.a. above or consult with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs/Judicial Counsel to the Integrity Board on possible action before the Integrity Board.

C. Administrative Discipline

The Dean of Student Affairs may call an administrative hearing if it is deemed appropriate and may impose disciplinary sanctions. Pending action on the charges, in most cases the status of students shall not be altered, nor their rights to be present on the campus to attend classes suspended. However, in cases when

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PART FOUR

BENEFITS

The College offers a comprehensive benefit program to eligible faculty, including, but not limited to, health care, dental, life insurance, health care and dependent care reimbursement accounts, retirement, sick leave, and long-term disability coverage.

What follows are summaries of select benefits available to full-time

Faculty seeking parental leave should file a Disability Reporting Form with Human Resources, available online at:

http://ems.skidmore.edu/hr/forms/upload/STD_Form.pdf

III. PARENTAL LEAVE FOR FACULTY

A. A full-time faculty member who is considered the birth parent or primary caregiver

1. A full-time faculty member who has taught at the College for less than one continuous year, with birth or adoption occurring between August 1 and May 31, is eligible for a combination of 8 weeks of disability at partial pay based on NYS Disability benefits rate (equivalent for adoptions), and the remainder of the semester before and after the disability period at half-pay for the semester.
2. A full-time faculty member who has taught at the College for less than one continuous year, with birth or adoption occurring between June 1 and July 31, is eligible for a combination of 8 weeks of disability at partial pay based on NYS Disability benefits rate (or equivalent for adoptions) and unpaid leave for the following semester.
3. A full-time faculty member who has taught at the College for at least one continuous year, with birth or adoption occurring between August 1 and May 31, is eligible for paid leave for the entire semester. This pay will combine 8 weeks full disability pay (or equivalent for adoptions) and full pay under this policy for the remainder of the semester before and after the disability period.
4. A full-time faculty member who has taught at the College for at least one continuous year, with birth or adoption occurring between June 1 and July 31, is eligible for a one-course teaching reduction with no salary reduction for the semester before or after the birth or adoption;
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| after the birth or adoption with no salary reduction if the birthing parent (primary care giver for adoptions) does not teach at the College.

Faculty who teach at least nine credit hours in an academic year are eligible for the Basic Retirement Plan after one year of employment. The College will recognize time spent previously employed at a postsecondary degree granting institution, or a qualified research organization which is considered tax-exempt under code 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, toward the one-year waiting period as long as the employee has participated in his or her previous employer's 401(a), 403(a) or 403(b) basic retirement plan and has been employed for at least one consecutive year. The previous employer must confirm participation in one of the above mentioned basic retirement plans and certify the term of such employment to the College.

Please refer to the Retirement Plan Overview for full plan details. The Overview can be obtained from Human Resources and at the following web address:

<http://cms.skidmore.edu/hr/benefits/retirement.cfm>
<http://cms.skidmore.edu/hr/benefits/upload/RetirementSummaryPlanDescription.pdf>

C. Early Retirement

The Skidmore College Supplemental Retirement Plan is available to those eligible employees who were in the College's employ on November 15, 1990. All such employees were vested in the plan's basic benefit after five full years of service to the College. Employees between the ages of 55 and 63, with 12 or more years of service, may elect to retire and receive a supplemental benefit in addition to their basic retirement benefit.

For full plan details, please refer to the Early Retirement Plan Summary Plan which can be obtained from Human Resources.

D. Phased Employment

The Phased Employment Program was designed for faculty who, through a pre-retirement reduction of their full-time teaching commitment, can gradually phase into retirement over a period of years.

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| <http://cms.skidmore.edu/hr/benefits/upload/RetirementPlanningBenefitsFAQ.pdf>

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PART FIVE

THE ADMINISTRATION

I. THE PRESIDENT

A. The Office of the President

The President is the executive head of the College with general administrative responsibility for all its activities and affairs.

The President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees and continues in office at the

academic programs is shared. Academic Staff serves to advise the Vice President for Academic Affairs regarding programs and policies in or pertaining to academic affairs at the College.

V. THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY

The Dean of the Faculty (DOF) is appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and is responsible for all matters assigned by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, which generally include the following: enhancing the quality of the Faculty and, in consultation with Department Chairs, making new appointments to the Faculty (subject to the approval of the VPAA), conferring with the Faculty Development Committee on sabbatical leaves, and making recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs where appropriate. The DOF also works with the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure in its deliberations of promotion and tenure cases and consults with the CAPT on other personnel matters as needed.

In consultation with the Department Chairs and Program Directors, the Dean of the Faculty is responsible

external constituencies. The Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid works closely with the President's Staff to assure maximum coordination among the many areas in which the College presents itself to the broader public. The Senior Associate Director of Admissions and the Associate Dean and Director of Financial Aid report directly to the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. In addition, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid collaborates with the Registrar and Director of Institutional Research in conducting research and performing strategic planning in these areas.

IX. REVIEW OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

There is a system of regular review of senior administrative officers. Senior administrative officers are divided into two groups: Board-appointed Officers and Deans. Both Board-appointed Officers and Deans will be reviewed according to the procedures outlined in this document.

Reviews of the President should be run periodically by the Board of Trustees, and the manner in which such reviews should be run is up to the Board to determine.

Each of the seven members of the President's Cabinet will be reviewed at least once every six years according to a schedule set by the President in consultation with the CAPT.

The reviews are concerned primarily with the performance of the individual being reviewed, and secondarily with the performance of the offices for which the individual is responsible. For example, an evaluation of the Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer will deal not only with the performance of the person who is the Vice President, but also with the effectiveness of the Vice President's staff and the extent to which tasks that the Vice President's staff is responsible for are being carried out effectively.

The purpose of including a focus on both the individual Officer and that person's Office is to ensure a full analysis of the Officer's performance. The review process is not intended to be an in-depth program audit.

Reviews should begin by considering the relevant job description. The job description will include, among other things, the definition of a set of goals and activities. The review committee will then determine how

4. The summary report will be given to the officer under review no later than April 1st. A discussion of the report with the committee shall be scheduled for the officer being reviewed shortly thereafter, but in any case no later than May 1st.

5. The President and the Chairperson of the Review Committee will meet with the CAPT to provide an oral report summarizing the results of the review. The members of the CAPT shall be bound by its rules of confidentiality in not discussing the report with any individuals outside the CAPT, or disseminating its contents in any manner.

6. The CAPT will have the responsibility of monitoring the review process.

Confidentiality

It is extremely important that the rights of both the Officer being reviewed and those providing comments be protected. Strict rules of confidentiality are, therefore, necessary.

1. All proceedings of the Review Committee will be held in the strictest confidence. Members of the committee will be asked to accept the same code of confidentiality that is adopted by the members of

III. SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF POLICY

A. Policy on Equal Employment Opportunity

Skidmore College affirms that its community members have the right to be free from acts of unlawful discrimination. The following statement of policy on equal employment opportunity affirms Skidmore College's commitment to the principle of equal employment opportunity in education and employment:

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Skidmore College is committed to being an inclusive campus community and an Equal Opportunity Employer. The College therefore prohibits discrimination against any individual or group of its students, prospective students, employees, or candidates for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,⁸ or any other category protected by applicable federal, state, or local laws.

B. Policy on Diversity

The principal mission of Skidmore College is the education of predominantly full-time undergraduates – a diverse population of talented students who are eager to engage actively in the learning process (Skidmore College Mission Statement)

As a matter of policy, Skidmore College will work actively to increase the diversity of our community. We will address imbalances in both student and employee populations and meet our diversity-related objectives by recruiting the best candidates from as broad a pool as possible. As always, we will continue to be guided by our fundamental educational values – leading our students to develop robust cognitive abilities, enhanced critical and intercultural skills, and an appreciation of their individual and social responsibilities as citizens of the world. Meeting these objectives is crucial to our achieving new levels of excellence.

C. Policies on Accessibility and Accommodations

Skidmore College is committed to supporting accessibility, with respect to both physical access and other forms of access, to all programs on campus.

Accessibility and Accommodations Policy

In accordance with applicable federal⁹ and state laws protecting qualified individuals with documented disabilities, Skidmore College will reasonably accommodate such individuals (except in the rare case

based on their individual accomplishments. All employees are expected to maintain professional relationships with all College students, to act in accordance with standards of professional conduct, and to avoid conflict of interest, favoritism, bias, or creation of a hostile environment for any student of the College.

Sexual relationships between faculty members and students are fraught with the potential for exploitation. The respect and trust accorded a professor by a student, as well as the actual or apparent authority of the

V. PROCEDURES REGARDING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND DIVERSITY

This article establishes procedures for implementing the policies regarding Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity at Skidmore College.

A. Scope

1. Educational Environment

In accordance with its policy on equal opportunity, Skidmore College prohibits discrimination against any students on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,¹⁰ or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local laws.

For more information on Equal Employment Opportunity law, please visit this site:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/know.html>

2. Employment Environment

As stated above, the College prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,⁹ or any other category protected by applicable federal, state or local laws. To implement this policy, guidelines have

Xsubmission to the conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic advancement (quid pro quoharassment);

Xsubmission to, or rejection of, the conduct is used as the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting the individual (quid pro quoharassment); or

Xthe conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an employee's or student's work, professional or educational performance, productivity, physical security, participation in living arrangements, extracurricular activities, academic or career opportunities, services or benefits—or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or learning environment.

This definition includes verbal, non-verbal, and physical harassment. The following examples of sexual harassment are intended to be in

Confidentiality. To the extent possible, those handling complaints will endeavor to maintain the confidentiality of all parties involved in the informal and formal process. This confidentiality extends to those seeking assistance, to those filing a complaint, to respondents, and to those serving as witnesses; confidentiality also extends to those creating or reviewing any documents related to the complaint. Information about the complaint is therefore provided only to those individuals within the College who have a need to know that information in order to investigate and/or resolve the complaint. This requirement of confidentiality does not mean that the details of the complaint will be withheld from the respondent.

Nevertheless, the College cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. In order to ensure compliance with College policies and federal and state laws, the College may be required to disclose information about a complaint to agencies or to individuals not involved in the complaint. Moreover, when the complaint involves alleged acts of a criminal nature, the College ma

a. Complainant's Rights

The complainant will have the right to

- have a representative (not an attorney) present as an observer during the complaint process;
- be granted confidentiality throughout the process (as described in B above);
- withdraw the complaint at any time during the process (with the understanding that the College may be required to pursue the issue);
- review and sign his/her own statement and receive a copy;
- review the ADEWD's summary, which indicates whether the alleged misconduct was found to violate College policy;
- file the complaint with a federal, state, or local agency designated to hear/investigate EEO complaints;
- request mediation; and to
- have a meeting with the ADEWD after the informal inquiry and, if the complaint proceeds, after the formal investigation.

The complainant will not have the right to

- have an attorney present;
- use any mechanical device to record the proceedings (in case of disability, the representative may be delegated to take notes);
- ask questions of the respondent or witness(es);
- identify the penalty or corrective action for the respondent if that person is found to have violated a college policy;
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x be granted confidentiality throughout the process (as described in Section B above);

x respond to the complaint;

x review and sign his/her own statement and receive a copy;

x request mediation;

x have a meeting with the ADEWD after the informal inquiry; and to

x review a copy of the final summary of the complaint in the presence of the appropriate official.

The respondent will not have the right to

x have an attorney present;

x use any mechanical device to record the proceedings (in case of disability, the representative may be delegated to take notes);

x ask questions of the complainant or witness(es);

x review the complete complaint file and all associated documents (e.g., witnesses' statements); nor to

x receive a copy of the complete complaint file.

Any discussion during the initial interviews with the complainant or the respondent will be documented and signed by the individual making the statement and the ADEWD. The individual making the statement will be given a copy of the signed document, and the ADEWD will enter the original in the complaint file.

3. Consultation with CAFR

Any complaint involving a faculty member will be brought to the attention of the DOF by the ADEWD; any complaint involving an academic advisor in the external degree programs or an instructor in Special Programs will be brought to the attention of the DSP by the ADEWD. At that time, the DOF or DSP will confer with the Chair of CAFR to ascertain whether the complaint has to do with academic freedom and therefore should be handled by CAFR or whether the complaint has to do with harassment or discrimination, in which case the College will follow the process outlined in Part Six, Article VII of this Handbook. In making this determination, the ADEWD, the DOF or DSP, and the Chair of CAFR will consider the signed complaint and the signed response to the complaint. If there is a disagreement between the DOF or DSP and the Chair of CAFR, the VPAA will decide on the process to be followed.

D. Informal Complaint Resolution

All concerns or complaints directed to the ADEWD will be processed initially using the informal (inquiry) complaint procedure. During this stage, the ADEWD will meet separately with the complainant, the respondent, and any witnesses who may have relevant information.

1. Witnesses' Rights.

Witnesses to the complaint (other than the complainant or respondent) will have the right to

Xhave a representative (not an attorney) present as an observer during the complaint process;
Xbe granted confidentiality throughout the process (as described in B above); and to
Xreview and sign their own statements and receive copies.

Witnesses to the complaint (other than the complainant or respondent) will not have the right to

Xhave an attorney present;
Xuse any mechanical device to record the proceedings (in case of disability, the representative may be delegated to take notes);
Xask questions of the complainant or respondent;
Xreview the complete complaint file and all associated documents; nor to
Xreceive a copy of the complete complaint file.

Depending on the nature of the complaint, mediation may be offered. If the complainant accepts this approach, the respondent will be encouraged to participate in the mediation process. If the parties agree to a resolution, it will be documented in an agreement. Both parties will be given a copy of the agreement, and a copy will be retained with the complaint file by the ADEWD.

E. Formal Complaint Procedures

The ADEWD will notify the complainant and the respondent in writing when the informal process is concluded. If no resolution/agreement is reached during the informal stage of the complaint as outlined above, the complainant will have the right to submit a formal written complaint within 10 days to the ADEWD. The formal complaint must be signed and should be delivered (return receipt requested) to: Human Resources, Barrett Center, Skidmore College, Attn: ADEWD, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

The formal complaint must include the following:

1. The complainant's name, address, telephone number(s), and e-mail address.
2. A complete description of all the alleged incident(s) or actions leading to the complaint.
3. Names of witnesses and information they can offer relative to the complaint.
4. Witness contact information (phone numbers, e-mail addresses).
5. All documents and other tangible evidence available to support the allegations.
6. Identification of a representative (if there is to be one) and his/her relationship to the complainant.
7. The complainant's signature and date.

F. Advisory Panel (AP)

When a faculty member is formally accused of harassment or discrimination, the College's procedures establish opportunities for other faculty members to provide advice and recommendations. Such faculty advice and recommendations will be provided through the Advisory Panel (AP) as described more fully below and in Section F.

After receiving the formal complaint against a faculty member, the ADEWD will convene the Advisory Panel.

In the case of complaints by faculty members or students against faculty members, the AP will consist of two faculty members selected by the ADEWD from the Faculty Advisory Board (FAB). The Faculty Advisory Board, which is constituted (1) by a general election and (2) by subsequent appointment by the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) in consultation with the VPAA, consists largely of tenured faculty members who will be trained in issues relating to discrimination and harassment.

In the case of complaints by staff against faculty members, the AP will consist of two tenured faculty members selected by the ADEWD from the FAB and two staff members selected by the ADEWD from a Staff Advisory Board (SAB). The Staff Advisory Board, established by the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration and Director of Human Resources, consists of staff members trained in issues relating to discrimination and harassment.

Faculty or staff members from the same department or office as either the complainant or the respondent may not serve on the AP. Any panelist with a conflict of interest may not serve. In addition, the complainant and the respondent each may request that one of the chosen panelists be replaced. In the event that a two-or-four person AP cannot be selected from these various boards, the VPAA and the Chair of FEC (in the case of faculty) or the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration and Director of Human Resources (in the case of staff) will provide replacements as needed. Any such replacements will receive training appropriate to the complaint.

G. Formal Investigation

All information gathered during the informal process will continue to be used in the formal process. The ADEWD will provide the respondent with a copy of the formal complaint as submitted by the complainant within three work days¹³ of receipt of the complaint. The ADEWD also will provide a letter to the respondent, outlining the investigation process and clarifying the respondent's rights as well as the College's expectation of full cooperation. During the formal process, all witnesses identified by the complainant and respondent will be interviewed, if the ADEWD and the Advisory Panel (AP) determine that they may offer relevant facts. All witnesses will receive a letter outlining the role of a witness during the investigation as well as the College's expectation of their participation.

The complainant will be required to provide any requested documents and respond to requests for additional information in a timely manner (within five work days of receipt of a request). After five days, the ADEWD will repeat the request in writing; if the comp

H. Legal Review

Upon completion of the investigation, the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration and Director of Human Resources will review the complaint file with the ADEWD and determine whether the report should be forwarded for legal review to the Co

The President will provide his or her decision in writing to the appellant, the other party to the original complaint as appropriate, the ADEWD, and the appropriate official. If the President reverses or modifies the recommendation(s), then the President will provide written reasons for the action. The President will make the decision within ten (10) work days of the President's receipt of the appeal.

VIII. ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

A. Cooperation with Investigations and Hearings

All members of the Skidmore community (students, faculty, administrators, and staff) are expected to cooperate fully with inquiries and investigations pertaining to alleged incidents of harassment or discrimination. Expected cooperation includes providing full and honest disclosure of known facts, providing oral or written testimony, and providing letters, e-mails, voice messages, notebooks, gifts or other evidence in any such proceeding. Finally, cooperation includes the expectation that all parties to a complaint, inquiry, or investigation will maintain the confidentiality of the process and not attempt to influence any other party to the process.

B. Extension of Time Periods.

If circumstances warrant, the College reserves the right to extend any time periods identified in this policy.

C. Retaliatory Actions

Applicable law and College policy prohibit retaliation against any person reporting or thought to have reported harassment or discrimination. Retaliation is also prohibited against any person who is a witness or otherwise involved in a harassment or discrimination proceeding. Retaliation against any person shall be considered a serious violation of the policy on retaliation and shall be considered independently of the

D. False Allegations

The College will not tolerate false allegations of harassment. Complaints made in good faith that are found not to constitute harassment or discrimination will not be considered false allegations. However, any

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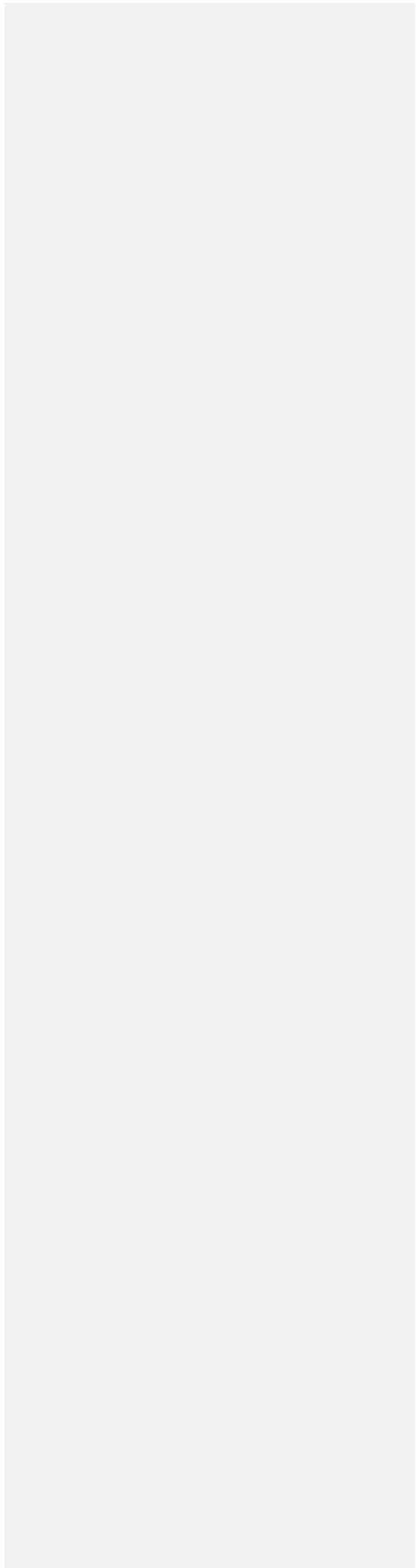
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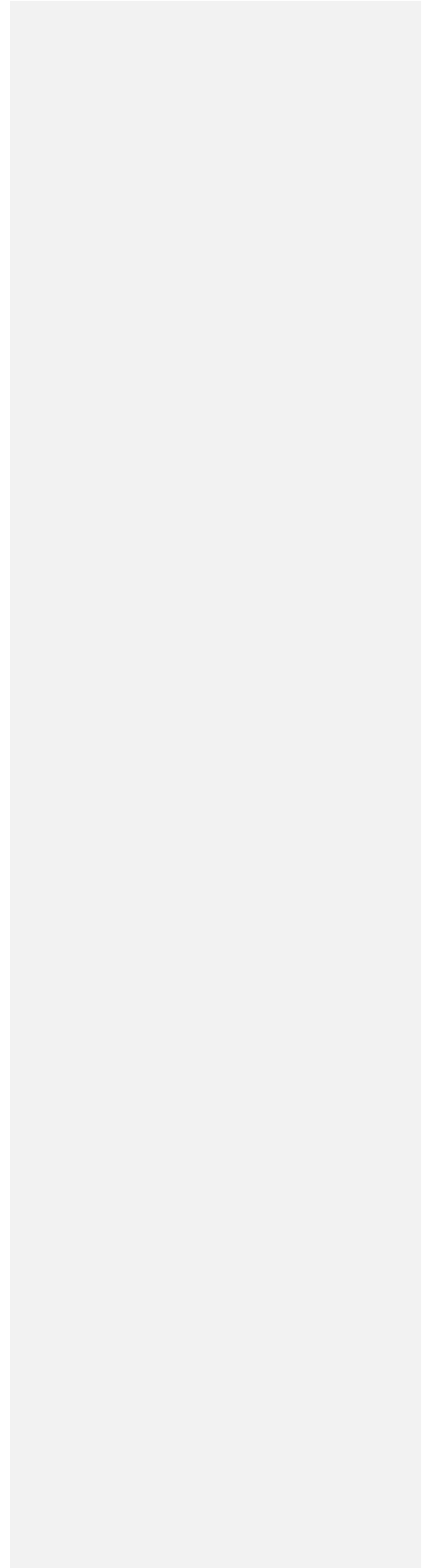
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