GSU Faculty Handbook

306 Faculty Status and Academic Rank

In compliance with the Board of Regents' policy, Georgia State University has adopted the following specific definitions for various categories of faculty.

306.01 Full-Time University Faculty

Full-time faculty are faculty who have a contract for employment on a 100% workload basis for two out of every three consecutive academic terms. The full-time faculty consist of the following categories:

A. Full-Time Faculty with Board-Approved Academic Rank (Academic Professional, Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor) Faculty who are tenured, who are on tenure track including instructors, and who are not on tenure track by contract, are included in this category. All faculty who hold one of the five Board-approved academic ranks are in this category, regardless of additional titles they may hold.

Full-Time Instructional Faculty: Full-time instructional faculty consist of the following: teaching faculty (faculty whose primary assignment is instruction); temporary faculty and visiting faculty when employed at .75 EFT or more; research faculty; and departmental chairmen. Academic rank resides in the department.

Librarians: Librarians who hold academic rank in the University Library.

Administrators: Administrators who hold academic rank and have full-time administrative assignments or have been placed on released-time administrative assignments. Administrative appointments serve at the pleasure of the president and can be rescinded at any time.

306.02 Part-Time Faculty

Part-time faculty are those faculty who are employed for the academic year for less than .75 EFT. They do not earn probationary credit toward tenure and are non-tenure track. They may hold a contract for any portion of the 12-month fiscal year. Temporary faculty and visiting faculty are included when employed at less than .75 EFT.

306.03 Part-Time Instructors (PTI's)

Part-time instructors are employed to teach on a per-course/per-semester basis. They have Board approval to teach within a designated academic department(s). All individuals in this category are in non-tenure track positions. PTI's are reappointed each year.

306.04 Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA's)

Graduate teaching assistants are employed to teach on a per-course/per-semester basis. They are enrolled at the graduate level and have Board approval and/or the Chancellor's administrative approval to teach within a designated academic department. All individuals in this category are in non-tenure track positions. GTA's are reappointed each year.

306.05 Adjunct Faculty
Adjunct faculty hold one of the Board approved adjunct faculty ranks and are authorized to teach within a designated academic department. Adjunct faculty are not paid for instructional duties although they may be employed by the University. All individuals in this category are in non-tenure track positions.

306.06 Emeritus Faculty

A president may, at his/her discretion, confer the title of emeritus/a on any retired faculty member or administrative officer, who at the time of retirement, had ten (10) or more years of honorable and distinguished USG service, provided, however, that the title of President Emeritus/a may be conferred only by the Board of Regents on the recommendation of the Chancellor (BoR Minutes, January 2009.)