1. Introduction

At Georgia State University, the quality of faculty accomplishments in scholarship, teaching, and service determines the quality of the institution as a whole. To ensure that the institution and its faculty sustain a high level of excellence, we engage in systematic evaluations of faculty. In evaluations for the purpose of promotion and tenure, it is imperative that clear standards be articulated and publicized. This document provides a statement of promotion and tenure standards and procedures for tenure-track faculty at Georgia State University.

Promotion and tenure decisions are extremely important to the life of the institution. They are the means by which the University retains its most valuable scholars, sustains excellence in its instructional program, and promotes its mission to advance knowledge. Promotion and tenure evaluations are also among the most important events in a faculty member’s professional life. Accordingly, it is essential that all faculty members be treated fairly and granted due process in the deliberations that determine tenure and promotion.