

FUNCTION (from the Faculty Handbook):

To represent the Faculty on administrative appointments and reviews and on faculty appointments, promotions related to the tenure process, and tenure, and to make recommendations on these matters to the appropriate administrative officer. The Administration shall consult ATC to determine which administrative personnel decisions the committee judges to require faculty representation. Special meetings with the President, the Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Associate Dean of the Faculty (faculty affairs) may be called at the request of any of these administrative officers or the committee. At least one meeting of the joint trustee-faculty committee is held during each academic year. Revisions to some parts of Part One (Faculty Rights and Responsibilities) of the Faculty Handbook are reviewed by ATC for its recommendations prior to a faculty vote.

MEMBERSHIP (from the Faculty Handbook):

Seven faculty members with tenure, at least one each from the different divisions and no two from the same department, chosen from the ranks of Professor and Associate Professor, none of whom is on CAFR, PC, or FAB, elected to serve three-year terms.

A member who has served a full three-year term is eligible for re-election after being out of office for two years; members who complete an unexpired term or serve an interim term in place of a regularly elected member on leave are immediately eligible for re-election provided the service does not exceed one calendar year.

Members of ATC may not participate in the tenure cases of candidates in their own departments/programs and a substitution will be made by the remainder of the committee. In exceptional cases of conflict of interest, ATC may substitute one or more members for a specific case. Former ATC, PC, and CAPT members may serve as substitutes during the two-year period following a full three-year term. Substitutes may serve concurrently on cases for ATC and PC but may not be current members of CAFR, or FAB.

MEMBERS, 2023-2024:

- 2025 John Brueggemann, Sociology
- 2026 Jenny Day, History
- 2026 Sarah DiPasquale, Dance
- 2026 Larry Jorgensen, Philosophy
- 2026 Mary Odekon, Physics
- 2024 Leigh Wilton, Psychology (One-year substitute for Sónia Silva, Anthropology, 2024)
- 2025 Marketa Wolfe, Economics, Chair

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Candidates are informed of the President's recommendation by March 1. Notice of the decision by the Board of Trustees to grant tenure is given on or the day before Commencement as mandated in the Faculty Handbook.

Guidelines related to tenure eligibility are stipulated in the Faculty Handbook, Part One, Section VIII. E. 4.

Procedures for granting tenure are stipulated in the Faculty Handbook, Part One, Section VIII. E. 5. The following list provides additional details.

1. By April 24 the Associate Dean of Faculty (ADOF) supplies ATC with a list of next year's tenure candidates (note that this list may change)
2. In March or April, ATC meets with faculty members eligible for tenure.
3. By June 1, Chairs and Program Directors (CPDs) of tenure candidates send requests to external reviewers for letters evaluating the candidate's work, and send a list of these reviewers (with contact information including address, telephone number, and email address) to Debra Peterson in the Office of the DOF/VPAA.
4. By August 1, ATC finds substitutes who can participate in any cases where an elected member is recused. Replacements for such cases will be identified from recent members of ATC, CAPT, and the former Tenure Review Board. The first eligible faculty member will be chosen from a list beginning with the past members of the named groups who have most recently heard a case. If multiple substitutes from the same year are available, ATC will attempt to in a way that preserves the representation of all four divisions.
5. By August 31, 4:30 pm (Eastern Time), candidates for tenure submit materials in evidence of teaching effectiveness and professional and service accomplishments to the Office of the Dean of Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Digital materials are uploaded to theSpring, and any (optional) hard copy materials are submitted to Debra Peterson.
6. During August and/or September, ATC participates in anti-bias training in collaboration with the Promotion Committee and the DOF/VPAA Office.

7. By September 5, CPDs request letters from full-time faculty members in at least their third year of full-time service at Skidmore College and other individuals deemed appropriate. These department letters are due to Chairs and Directors on October 2.
8. By September 5, CPDs request letters from reviewers internal to Skidmore, and invited by the candidate, and a list of those reviewers with contact information is sent to the DOF/VPAA (Debra Peterson). These "internal" letters are due to Chairs and Directors on October 2.
9. By September 11, CPDs forward external and internal letters reviewing tenure candidates to the Office of the DOF/VPAA office (c/o Debra Peterson).
10. By October 2, CPDs forward department letters, internal letters, and their own letters to the DOF/VPAA Office (c/o Debra Peterson).
11. By October 10, the Chair of ATC sends to tenure candidates a list of names of all those who have written unsolicited letters about the candidates.
12. Candidates for tenure may submit a letter on their own behalf.
13. If ATC deems it appropriate,



4. ATC reports to the faculty about matters of ongoing concern and as the need to consult or inform the faculty arises.
5. ATC reviews sections of the Faculty Handbook relating to ATC responsibilities when necessary.
6. The Chair of ATC meets at least once each year with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and at the call of the Board.
7. ATC conducts an annual review of its Operating Code, Calendar, and the TAC Operating Code and distributes them to the faculty and administrative officers at the beginning of the academic year.
8. ATC confers with the President, the DOF/VPAA, the ADOF and the Trustees on matters of common concern.
9. The Chair of ATC attends meetings of the Committee on Committees, which are convened regularly by the Faculty Executive Committee.
10. If ATC is charged by an individual with a violation of academic freedom and rights, ATC meets with CAFR and cooperates with CAFR's inquiry and investigation to the fullest extent possible.
11. ATC provides a written annual report to the faculty at the end of the academic year.