I. Third Year Review Policy Statement

The purpose of the third-year evaluation is to provide the tenure-track AND non-tenure-track faculty member with a more thorough analysis of his or her progress toward tenure and/or promotion than an annual evaluation. Each year, the Dean's Office will contact chairs informing them of any faculty in their department who will be in their third year of employment at ISU.

II. Faculty Third Year Review Procedures

a. At the beginning of the fall semester the person under review will provide a curriculum vitae (CV). He or she will also provide a two-year report of professional activities in the areas of teaching, scholarly activities, and service using the Promotion and Tenure Application Form including the DHS Summary Activity Form as required by Academic Affairs and the Division of Health Sciences. Faculty members may also submit a narrative statement on their accomplishments to supplement this list. However, only one binder of support materials is necessary. Support materials must include copies of previous annual evaluations, course syllabi, summaries of student course evaluations, and representative publications, grant applications, or creative activities for the review period.

b. The evaluation process will include informed input by peers. This input must go beyond a simple vote by colleagues. At a minimum, a committee of at least two tenured colleagues from the department will review the record of the person undergoing evaluation and write a brief report (1-2 pages) on teaching (including a summary of quantitative and qualitative student evaluations), scholarly activities, service, and potential for earning tenure and/or promotion. This report is forwarded to the chair. In the case where a department does not have two tenured colleagues (not counting the chair), then a tenured faculty member from another department within the Division may serve on the committee.

c. Annual evaluations from the previous two years will be considered as a part of this process; these evaluations will be attached to the third-year evaluation report that is submitted to the Vice Provost and Executive Dean's Office.
d. External letters of support will not normally be a part of this process. Individual departments, however, may establish a policy for external letters; a faculty member undergoing a third year evaluation may ask for external letters of support to be included in the process.

e. The department chair and Associate Dean/Dean will consider the materials presented by the candidate and the departmental committee report and write an independent evaluation of teaching, scholarly activities, and service. This evaluation will be presented to the Vice Provost and Executive Dean using the standard form required by Academic Affairs.

f. The Vice Provost and Executive Dean AND DHS Executive Council will review the following documents that will be submitted by the committee and the chair and make a recommendation to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs using the standard form required by Academic Affairs:

   i. Application
   ii. CV
   iii. Summary Table
   iv. Job Description

g. The faculty member under review will have five working days to respond to any of the reports made within this process (by the departmental committee, by the chair, by the Associate Dean/Dean, by the Vice Provost and Executive Dean) before the recommendation is forwarded to the next level. The candidate may respond only once at each level.

h. A department may write its own third-year evaluation policy, providing greater specificity to the one outlined above.