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ARTICLE 1 -PURPOSE

These bylaws and all amendments adopted as hereinafter provided shall henceforth constitute the rules and regulations governing the conduct and procedures of the Faculty of Medicine in the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its authorized powers, as specified by the constitution of the University Faculty of Case Western Reserve University. They are intended also to facilitate the participation of the clinical and adjunct faculty in organizing and executing the curriculum of the School of Medicine.

ARTICLE 2 - THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

2:1 Membership of the Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine shall consist of (1) regular faculty, defined as all persons who hold full-time appointments in the School of Medicine and who have unmodified titles at the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, senior instructor, instructor, (2) special faculty, those who hold these ranks modified by the adjective clinical, adjunct, visiting, or emeritus, and (3) fifteen students, three elected from and by each medical school class, two elected from and by M.D.-Ph.D. students, and one elected from and by medical school graduate students. The president of the university, a vice-president of the university responsible for medical school activities, and an administrative officer from and selected by each affiliated hospital shall be members of the faculty *ex officio*. The dean of the School of Medicine shall furnish annually to the secretary of the University Faculty a list of all full-time members of the faculty. (A full-time faculty member is one who is a member of the University Faculty as defined in the Faculty Handbook of Case Western Reserve University.) The Faculty of Medicine shall create a Faculty Council to conduct such business for it as is described below.

2:2 Officers of the Faculty

The president of the university and, in the president's absence or by the president's designation, the dean of the School of Medicine or the dean's representative, shall be chair of the Faculty of Medicine. The chair of the Faculty Council shall serve as vice-chair of the Faculty of Medicine. The Faculty of Medicine shall have a secretary who shall be appointed by the dean. The secretary shall provide due notice of all faculty meetings and the agenda thereof to the members of the faculty and distribute to the members the minutes of each meeting. The office of the dean shall be requested to supply appropriate administrative support for these functions.

2:3 Authorities and Powers of the Faculty of Medicine

a. **Authorities.** Those authorities delegated by the University Faculty to the Faculty of Medicine for the educational, research, and scholarly activities of the School of Medicine shall reside in the Faculty of Medicine.

b. **Powers Reserved.** The regular faculty members of Faculty of Medicine shall make recommendations to the University Faculty concerning the establishment, discontinuance, or separation of any constituent school or college, or concerning the merging of such organizational units, and concerning any matter of import referred by the Faculty Council to the Faculty of Medicine for the determination of its recommendation.

The regular faculty members of the Faculty of Medicine shall have the power to recommend approval of amendments to these bylaws and the power and obligation to elect (1) senators to the University Faculty Senate; (2) a majority of the members of the Faculty Council; and (3) a majority of the voting members of the standing committees listed in section 2:6a.

2:4 Meetings of the Faculty

a. **Regular Meetings.** The faculty shall schedule meetings at least two times each academic year. The dean of the School of Medicine shall be asked to describe the state of the medical school generally at one of the meetings. Another meeting shall have as its main business a program relating to medical education. Meeting dates and times will be coordinated to accommodate appropriate schedules. In the event that inclement weather or other unforeseen event forces the university to close, a faculty meeting scheduled for that day shall be rescheduled. The Faculty Council may cancel a scheduled meeting of the faculty in the event there is no business to be conducted.

b. **Special Meetings.** The Faculty of Medicine shall also meet on the call of the president or the dean, or on written petition of at least 10 faculty members presented to the Faculty Council, or at the request of the Faculty Council.

2.5. Voting Privileges

a. A quorum of the faculty for both regular and special meetings shall consist of 100 members who are eligible to vote on the issue before the faculty as defined below (2:5c-2:5e). Proxies are not acceptable for purposes of either establishing a quorum or voting.

b. Special meetings of the faculty shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. A majority of those present and voting shall be necessary to effect action.

c. Special faculty whose titles are modified by the adjectives adjunct or clinical may vote at meetings only on matters concerning the planning and approval of the curriculum, the execution of the instructional program, the formulation of policies with regard to student affairs,

the election of members of committees dealing with such issues, and the election of their representatives to the Faculty Council.

d. Emeritus and visiting faculty members shall not be eligible to vote.

e. Student members of the faculty, elected in accordance with Bylaw Article 2:1, shall vote only on matters concerning the planning and approval of the curriculum, the execution of the instructional program, the formulation of policies with regard to student affairs and the election of members of committees dealing with such issues.

f. Prior to faculty meetings, Faculty Council will determine which faculty are eligible to vote on each issue scheduled for a vote, guided by 2:5c-2:5e above. If an issue is raised and brought to a vote *ad hoc* at a faculty meeting, the person chairing the meeting will determine who is eligible to vote based on the above criteria.

2:6 Functions and Duties of the Faculty

a. All powers and obligations of the Faculty of Medicine shall be delegated to the Faculty Council and exercised by it, with the exception of those powers and obligations reserved above. These delegated powers and obligations shall include but not be limited to the planning and execution of educational programs and the formulation of policies concerning curricula, student admissions, and the conduct of research. The Faculty Council shall also have the responsibility to review the requirements for the M.D. degree and to approve student standings and student promotions.

b. The Faculty Council shall make recommendations to the dean for consideration and transmittal to the University Faculty Senate with regard to the establishment or discontinuance of departments and may, at its discretion, make its own recommendation concerning the establishment, discontinuance, or merging of units larger than a single department but smaller than a constituent school or college or refer such matters to the Faculty of Medicine for its recommendation. The Faculty Council shall advise the dean with regard to the establishment, discontinuance, or merging of academic or research units of the School of Medicine that are not required by the Faculty Handbook, at Chapter 2, Article V, Sec. A., Par. 2, c., 2, to be brought before the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Council, through the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure, shall make recommendations to the dean for consideration and transmittal to the president of the university with regard to faculty promotions to the ranks of associate professor and professor, initial appointments to those ranks, and granting of tenure.

c. The Faculty Council shall advise the president with regard to the appointment of the dean, as well as an interim or acting dean (see Section 3:6c for procedures), shall advise the dean with regard to recommendations to the president concerning the appointment of academic department chairs, as well as interim or acting chairs (for procedures see 4:3a and 4:3b), and

shall advise the dean concerning appointments of directors of hospital departments and major interdepartmental academic officers.

2:7 Committees of the Faculty

a. The majority of the voting members of each standing committee dealing with faculty responsibilities shall be elected by the faculty. The number of non-voting members shall not exceed the number of voting members. The chair of the Faculty Council shall normally appoint one of the elected members to be the chair of each such committee, unless other provisions for appointment of chairs are made in these Bylaws, but with approval on an annual basis by the Faculty Council, the chair may appoint the dean of the School of Medicine or another faculty member to serve as chair of a standing committee. Standing committees dealing with areas of faculty responsibility shall include the following: Admissions Committee; Bylaws Committee; Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure; Committee on Medical Education; Committee on Students; Lecture Committee; and Research Committee.

b. The Faculty Council shall recommend the establishment, discontinuance, and representative composition (e.g., by rank, department, or institution) of standing committees and the length of terms of office of the members, and shall nominate candidates for committee membership. The faculty shall vote upon the nominees and shall elect the majority of voting committee members. Additional members of any standing committee may be appointed by the dean in accordance with the prescribed structure of each such committee. The number of appointed voting members shall be less than the number of elected voting members. The standing committees shall be reviewed by the Faculty Council at least once every five years. In the event that an elected member of a standing committee of the faculty resigns during the term, the nominating committee of the Faculty Council shall appoint a replacement. The first choice should be the faculty member who received the next highest number of votes in the most recent election for this committee position. Should that individual be unwilling or unable to serve, the nominating committee shall appoint an alternate of its choosing to the committee. In either case, this appointee may stand for election to the committee for the remainder of the term of the resigning member at the next regularly scheduled faculty election.

c. The dean shall be a member of all standing committees *ex officio* and may be the chair of any such committee if so appointed by the chair of the Faculty Council with the approval of the Faculty Council. Persons holding the office of assistant or associate dean may be regular members of any of these committees, as long as their number does not exceed 25% of the membership. These persons may not be chairs, but may be executive officers of these committees. Membership rosters of all standing committees shall be published annually.

d. Any action taken in the name of a standing committee shall be made by majority vote. All members of a committee shall be supplied with minutes of the meetings of the committee and with copies of official recommendations of the committee.

e. The meetings of the Faculty Council and of all standing committees shall be open to all members of the faculty except for those of the Steering Committee, the Admissions Committee, the Committee on Students, and the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure. Chairs of other committees may declare a meeting or part of a meeting closed to faculty attendance only if confidential personnel matters are to be discussed.

f. *Ad hoc* committees of the faculty may be created by the Faculty Council at its discretion.

ARTICLE 3: THE FACULTY COUNCIL

3:1 Purpose and Functions of the Faculty Council

a. There shall be a Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine, which shall meet regularly to exercise all powers of the Faculty of Medicine not reserved to the Faculty of Medicine itself. The powers and obligations of the Faculty Council shall include but not be limited to those following:

i) to act for the Faculty of Medicine regarding the planning and execution of educational programs and the formulation of policies concerning curricula, student admissions, and the conduct of research. It shall also have the responsibility to review the requirements for the M.D. degree and to approve student standings and student promotions.

ii) to hear reports of the committees of the faculty and of the Faculty Council and recommend action on such reports;

iii) to determine the establishment, discontinuance, and representative composition of the membership of all faculty standing committees;

iv) to elect a chair, a chair-elect, members of the Steering Committee, and the Faculty Council members of the Nominating Committee;

v) to determine the agenda for its own meetings and the agenda for the meetings of the faculty;

vi) to classify any issue requiring a vote of the faculty so as to determine the eligibility of the adjunct/clinical and student members to vote on that issue (per 2:4biii and 2:4bv). The Faculty Council may appoint standing and *ad hoc* committees to make recommendations concerning its various functions and duties (see Article 3:6d).

3:2 Membership of the Faculty Council

a. Voting Members. Voting members of the Faculty Council shall include one representative of each academic department (When more than one autonomous department exists within a single academic discipline, as per section 4:3 below, a representative of each such department shall be elected to the Faculty Council.) and of each division with departmental status. (All references hereafter to academic departments include divisions with departmental status.) These representatives shall be referred to as department representatives. Other voting members shall include two representatives from the special faculty whose titles are modified by the adjective adjunct or clinical, one representative from each affiliated institution and 10 representatives of the regular faculty elected at large. All these representatives shall be members of the faculty.

b. Non-voting Members. Non-voting members of the Faculty Council shall be the president of the university, a vice-president of the university responsible for medical school activities, the dean of the School of Medicine, the associate dean for medical education of the School of Medicine, the chair of the Committee on Medical Education, and student members who shall include not more than two undergraduate medical students, one M.D.-Ph.D. student, and one Ph.D. graduate student. The student members shall be chosen by their respective groups. In addition, if a senator to the university Faculty Senate is not included in the Faculty Council as a voting member, the chair of the Faculty Council shall appoint one of the School of Medicine senators to be an *ad hoc* member of the Faculty Council. The chair of the Faculty Council may invite other persons to attend designated meetings. Faculty Council meetings shall be open to the faculty. Faculty members may at any time request hearings before Faculty Council, but a request by a faculty member for a hearing before the Faculty Council must be made to the chair prior to the meeting of the Faculty Council.

3:3 Election of the Members of the Faculty Council

(For more details concerning elections, see Article 3:6b, paragraph 3.)

a. Shall be held no later than April 30 of each year, with newly elected members beginning their terms of office on the following July 1.

b. Upon notification by the dean, the full-time faculty members of each academic department of the School of Medicine shall elect as a department representative to the Faculty Council one of their full-time members who holds a primary appointment in that department. The election shall be held by democratic process. Complaints concerning the occurrence of undemocratic selections of representatives shall be brought to the attention of the chair of the Faculty Council.

c. Upon notification by the dean, full-time faculty based at each affiliated institution shall choose, by a method of their own design, one of their members who has a primary base at that institution and who has not been elected a department representative to be a representative to the Faculty Council.

d. The at-large representatives shall be nominated by a nominating committee (see Article 3:6b) and shall be elected by the full-time members of the faculty. The dean shall be requested to supply the nominating committee with a list of the preclinical and clinical science departments and rosters of the full-time faculty members with primary appointments in each department. Five at-large representatives shall be from preclinical departments and five shall be from clinical science departments. There shall be at least two nominees for each of these positions. Those nominees who are not elected shall serve as alternates in the order of votes received (see 3:4). In each three-year cycle beginning with the adoption of these amendments, one preclinical and one clinical at-large representative shall be elected the first year, and two preclinical and two clinical at-large representatives shall be elected in each of the second and third years. Upon adoption of these amendments, the at-large representatives who are then serving may complete their terms of office.

e. The Nominating Committee (see Article 3:6b) shall nominate at least four members of the special faculty whose titles are modified by the adjective adjunct or clinical as candidates for representative to the Faculty Council. Two of these nominees shall be elected by the special faculty whose titles are modified by the adjective adjunct or clinical. The remaining nominees will serve as alternates in the order of votes received.

3:4 Terms of Office of Faculty Council Representatives

Representatives shall serve for a period of three years. Representatives may not serve consecutive terms but may be reelected after an absence of one year. A department representative who is unable for any reason to complete a term of office shall be replaced by a full-time faculty member from the same academic department, elected by democratic process within that department. The new member shall complete the term of the former member and shall be eligible for reelection if the remaining term so completed has been less than two years. A departmental member on leave of absence shall be replaced during that leave by a faculty member from the same academic department, elected by democratic process within that department. Upon return from leave, the returned faculty member shall complete the original term of office. An at-large representative who is unable for any reason to complete a term of office shall be replaced by an alternate (per 3:3d) who shall serve during the remainder of the term or during the leave of the representative, as outlined for department representatives. A representative of the special faculty who is unable for any reason to complete a term shall be

replaced by an alternate (see Article 3:3e) who shall serve during the remaining term or during the leave of the representative. A representative of an affiliated institution who is unable for any reason to complete a term shall be replaced by a full-time faculty member with a primary base at the same institution. That individual shall be chosen by the same mechanism as the original representative, and shall serve for the remaining term or during the leave of the original member, as outlined above for department representatives.

Members who have three absences from Faculty Council meetings in one year must resign from the Faculty Council unless their absences were excused by the chair of the Faculty Council. A warning letter will be sent to the Faculty Council member after two absences, with a copy to the department chair. Selection of replacements for members who resign is discussed in the preceding paragraph.

3:5 Officers of the Faculty Council

Each year the Faculty Council shall elect a chair-elect from the members who have at least two years of their terms remaining. The chair-elect shall serve as vice-chair of the Faculty Council during the first year following election and succeed to the chair the following year. The chair of the Faculty Council (or the vice-chair of the Faculty Council in the absence of the chair) shall preside over the Faculty Council and shall be vice-chair of the Faculty of Medicine. Following completion of this term of office, the immediate past chair of the Faculty Council shall serve one additional year as a member of the Faculty Council and as a member of its Steering Committee. For procedures to be followed in the election of the officers and committees of the Faculty Council, see article 3:6b. The dean shall be requested to provide administrative support to these officers.

3:6 Committees of the Faculty Council

a. Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall consist of eight members: the chair of the Faculty Council, the vice-chair of the Faculty Council, the immediate past chair of the Faculty Council, and five other Faculty Council members who shall be elected by the Faculty Council for one-year terms. These members may be reelected successively to the Steering Committee for the duration of their terms as members of the Faculty Council. The chair of the Faculty Council (or the vice-chair of the Faculty Council in the absence of the chair) shall serve as chair of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall set the agenda for meetings of the Faculty Council. The Steering Committee shall be empowered to act for the Faculty Council between meetings. The Steering Committee shall report all actions and recommendations to the Faculty Council. The Steering Committee shall act for the Faculty Council and faculty in reviewing actions of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure in order to ensure

equity, adherence to published guidelines, and proper procedure. The Steering Committee shall consult with the dean on such matters as the dean brings before it. The Steering Committee shall advise the president concerning the appointment of an interim or acting dean of the School of Medicine.

b. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of eleven members: the dean, the chair of the Faculty Council, the vice-chair of the Faculty Council, four other Faculty Council members, two each from the preclinical and clinical sciences, and four full-time faculty members who are not members of the Faculty Council, two each from the preclinical and clinical sciences. The four Faculty Council members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected at large by the Faculty Council and shall serve for the duration of their terms as Faculty Council members. The four non-members of the Faculty Council shall be elected by ballot by the Faculty of Medicine and shall serve three-year terms. The dean shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate (1) candidates for the chair-elect of the Faculty Council, (2) candidates for the Steering Committee, and (3) candidates for the standing committees of the Faculty Council. Ballots listing the nominees and leaving space for write-in candidates shall be sent to all members of the Faculty Council. The election of the chair-elect and the members of the Steering Committee, the Faculty Council members of the Nominating Committee and the members of other standing committees of the Faculty Council will be carried out at the June meeting of the Faculty Council. Additional nominations for all these offices shall be invited from the floor. The consent of the nominee must be obtained in order for a write-in or floor nomination to be valid. Faculty Council members who cannot attend the June meeting may vote by mail (noting that wherever mail voting or distribution is mentioned in these Bylaws, voting or distribution by email or other method well-calculated to reach voters shall be considered satisfactory). Candidates for chair-elect will also be candidates for the Steering Committee and will be so listed on mail ballots. Faculty Council members shall vote for one nominee for chair-elect and for six members of the Steering Committee. The five persons with the highest number of votes, excluding the person elected to the office of chair-elect, shall be elected to serve on the Steering Committee. Both mail ballots and ballots collected at the Faculty Council meeting shall be counted, whether or not a quorum is present at the meeting. If the total number of ballots received does not equal or exceed 50% of the members of Faculty Council, ballots may be solicited from absentee members. If either the Steering Committee or the Nominating Committee perceives a significant deficit in the representation of faculty constituencies within its membership following the annual election, either committee may ask the chair of Faculty Council to appoint a single *ad hoc* voting member to serve on the respective committee for the remainder of the year. In the case of the Steering Committee, the appointee

should be a current member of the Faculty Council. In the case of the Nominating Committee, the appointee should be a regular member of the Faculty of Medicine.

In addition, the Nominating Committee shall nominate (1) candidates for the at-large representatives to the Faculty Council, (2) candidates for the representatives of the special faculty whose titles are modified by the adjective adjunct or clinical to the Faculty Council, (3) candidates for standing committees of the Faculty of Medicine, and (4) candidates for senator to the University Faculty Senate. In the case of at-large representatives, senators, or members of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure, the number of nominees shall be at least twice the number of positions to be filled. Electees shall be chosen by mail ballot. Ballots listing candidates for Faculty Council, senators, and standing committees of the faculty shall be mailed to all full-time members of the faculty. Ballots listing candidates for the representatives of the special faculty on the Faculty Council shall be mailed to all special faculty whose titles are modified by the adjective adjunct or clinical. Ballots listing candidates for committees dealing with the planning and approval of the curriculum, the execution of the instructional program, and the formulation of policies with regard to student affairs shall be mailed to all members of the faculty. Elections shall be conducted as far in advance of the completion of the terms of sitting members as is practicable. Elections may be conducted through the campus and first class mail or by email or other electronic means. All ballots shall provide space for write-in candidates. At least two weeks shall be allowed between the distribution of all ballots and the close of the election and determination of election results. Distribution of the ballots and the determination and publication of the election results shall be the responsibility of the Faculty Council. The dean shall be requested to supply administrative support for the elections.

c. Special Committee to Nominate Candidates for the Search Advisory Committee to the President on the Selection of the Dean of the School of Medicine. This special nominating committee shall be formed when needed and shall consist of the chair of Faculty Council, three other members of the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council, three elected members of the Nominating Committee, and three academic department chairs of the School of Medicine. The chair of the Faculty Council shall serve as chair of this special nominating committee, and the nine members shall be elected by their respective groups. The majority of the nominees for the Search Advisory Committee selected by this special nominating committee shall be full-time members of the Faculty of Medicine. The president is requested to consider these nominees when appointing members of the Search Advisory Committee.

In the early stages of the search for the dean of the School of Medicine, the chair of the Faculty Council shall solicit recommendations, opinions, and advice regarding selection of the dean from members of the Faculty of Medicine by mail and submit these views directly to the Search Advisory Committee. When a final list of candidates for the position of dean has been

selected, the Search Advisory Committee is requested to solicit the views and advice of the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council on the ranking of the candidates.

d. Other Committees of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council may create other standing and *ad hoc* committees of the Faculty Council to carry out specific functions and duties assigned to it. These committees may include members who are not Faculty Council members.

3:7 Meetings of the Faculty Council

a. The Faculty Council shall meet at least once every two months from September through June of each academic year. Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Steering Committee, by a written petition of 10 members of the faculty addressed to the chair of the Faculty Council, or by the dean.

b. The agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the Steering Committee and distributed to all members at least one week in advance of regular meetings and at least two days in advance of special meetings. The agenda shall also be made available to department chairs and academic deans and shall be posted in conspicuous places about the School of Medicine and the affiliated hospitals.

c. Minutes of the meetings shall be kept and shall be distributed in a timely fashion to Faculty Council members, to the dean, to all department chairs, and to such others as the Faculty Council may determine. The dean is requested to provide administrative support for this purpose.

d. The meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. A quorum of the Faculty Council shall consist of 50% of the voting members. Elected members may not designate alternates for council meetings or vote by proxy in council meetings. Faculty Council members may vote *in absentia* by mail in the election of officers and standing committees of the Faculty Council (see article 3:6b).

3:8 Annual Report of the Faculty Council

Each year the chair of the Faculty Council shall submit to the faculty a report on the activities of the Faculty Council.

ARTICLE 4 – DEPARTMENTS

4:1 Organization of the Faculty into Departments

The Faculty of Medicine may be organized into departments representing each academic discipline as specified in the Constitution of the University Faculty, Article VII, Sec. B. Divisions

with the status of a department may be established. Each member of the faculty shall normally have an appointment in a department or in a division having the status of a department.

4:2 Function of Departments

Each department shall provide a central administration for its academic disciplines. Each department shall be responsible for the teaching in its discipline in the School of Medicine, through the core academic program's committee structure and the other units of the undergraduate medical curriculum and in the affiliated hospitals. This responsibility shall be exercised by the academic department chairs in conformity with the curricular policies, organization, and components that are specified by the faculty and the dean. Each department may assume responsibility for teaching in its discipline in the other schools of the health sciences and in the undergraduate and graduate curricula of the university as determined by need and negotiation. Where appropriate, each department shall plan and implement graduate programs leading to such graduate degrees as are authorized by the university and shall be responsible for the content of the curricula in its discipline in the several programs specified above. Each department shall plan and execute programs of research and of professional activity and shall train medical students, undergraduate students, and graduate students in its disciplines. Each department shall maintain and staff the facilities which lie within its jurisdiction and shall enlist the cooperation of other departments or of affiliated teaching institutions where this shall be necessary for the execution of its mission. Each department shall elect one representative to the Faculty Council.

Departmental or, as appropriate, affiliate-based committees on appointments, promotion, and tenure (CAPT) shall provide third and sixth year pretenure reviews for tenure track faculty, as provided in the Faculty Handbook. Each such CAPT shall also provide a written review for full-time assistant and associate professors in the non-tenure track, known within the School of Medicine as the combined-achievement track (see below, page 17, section 5.1), at least every six years, concerning readiness for promotion. Copies of all such reviews shall be provided to the dean's office.

4:3 Academic Department Chairs

a. Each academic department shall have an academic chair appointed by the president of the university on recommendation of the dean. In order to select candidates, the dean will appoint a search committee, which shall normally be multi-departmental in composition, to provide a slate of candidates from which the selection will normally be made. The search committee shall include representation from the full-time faculty of the department in question. The department faculty representation shall consist of at least one full-time faculty member

elected by the full-time faculty of that department. The search committee shall identify its membership to the academic department and indicate its ready availability, particularly that of the elected full-time departmental representative member(s) of the search committee, to receive suggestions, views and advice from interested individual department members or from the entire academic department throughout the search process. Verbal and/or written suggestions, views, and advice directed to any member of the search committee should be transmitted promptly to the whole search committee, unless specified otherwise by the departmental member offering such suggestions, views and advice.

All department chairs shall be selected in strict accordance with the university policy governing affirmative action.

The president will appoint acting or interim department chairs after receiving the recommendations of the dean. Before making recommendations, the dean is requested to seek the advice of a committee consisting of the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council and the Faculty Council representative from the department for which an acting or interim chair is to be appointed. When a member of the Steering Committee or the Faculty Council representative is a candidate for acting or interim department chair, the chair of the Faculty Council shall designate an alternate member from the department to serve on the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall identify its membership to the academic department and indicate its ready availability, particularly that of the representative from the department, to receive suggestions, views and advice from interested individual department members or from the entire academic department. Verbal and/or written suggestions, views and advice directed to any member of the advisory committee should be transmitted promptly to the whole advisory committee, unless specified otherwise by the departmental member offering such suggestions, views and advice. This process shall take place as expeditiously as possible before the advisory committee makes its recommendations to the dean.

b. Each department chair or head of a division with departmental status or an appropriate designee shall meet annually with each full-time faculty member to review performance and to set future goals. The department chair or the appropriate designee shall then provide a written summary of each evaluation to the faculty member, with a copy provided to the dean.

c. The chair of an academic department may reside at the School of Medicine or at any one of its affiliated institutions.

d. Any individual service of an established academic department in an affiliated teaching institution may petition the Faculty of Medicine for independent status as a separate academic department, autonomously representing the academic discipline. The chair of each such independently established academic department shall be selected in accordance with section

4:3a and appointed by the president on recommendation of the dean. The dean is requested to seek the advice of the Steering Committee and elected departmental member(s), as outlined in article 4:3a, before making recommendations to the president.

e. All chairs of academic departments and all directors of individual services of affiliated institutions within a single discipline should meet regularly to coordinate their university-related functions.

4:4 Establishment and Discontinuance of Academic Departments

Petitions to establish or discontinue academic departments shall be presented to the Faculty Council. Recommendations of the Faculty Council for establishment or discontinuance shall be referred to the University Faculty Senate, upon approval of the dean.

4:5 Review of Academic Departments

Periodic review of each department by persons external to the department is important for evaluation of the functioning of that department by the faculty and the dean. A committee appointed by the dean shall review each academic department at intervals no greater than 10 years. The review committee shall include at least one outside consultant. The dean shall transmit the review committee's report and recommendations to the chair of the Faculty Council.

ARTICLE 5 – FACULTY APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTION, AND GRANTING OF TENURE

5.1: Classification of Appointments

An appointment shall be classified as initial, renewal, or continuing (for appointments with tenure or for appointments past the first year of several year terms).

An appointment shall be classified as full-time or part time. Eligibility for appointment or reappointment to the full-time faculty is subject to approval by the dean and requires that (1) 50% or more time be devoted to approved academic activities and (2) the academic activities must be conducted at an approved site. If 50% or more of compensation is paid through the university, the full-time faculty member is eligible for fringe benefits.

An appointment shall be classified by academic title and whether the appointment is (a) with tenure, (b) without tenure but leading to tenure consideration (tenure-track), (c) without tenure and not leading to tenure consideration (non-tenure track, known within the School of Medicine as the combined achievement track); or (d) special, which will include the prefix adjunct, clinical, visiting, or emeritus. If the appointment leads to consideration for tenure, the appointment letter shall specify clearly the academic year in which this consideration will become

mandatory. With regard to special faculty appointments, adjunct appointments usually refer to part-time faculty members devoting their time to research and/or teaching in the basic science departments. Clinical appointments usually refer to faculty members devoting their time to patient care and teaching. Visiting faculty appointments are issued for specified terms of one year or less than one year and can be full- or part-time. Special faculty are not eligible for tenure.

The dean of the School of Medicine and the provost of the university must approve available tenured or tenure track slots. The School of Medicine is exempt from the Faculty Handbook ruling that the majority of the members of each constituent faculty must be tenured or on the tenure track (Chapter 2, Article I, Sec. D, p. 15), as approved by the University Faculty Senate and the provost (January, 2004).

If the appointment applies to more than one constituent faculty, or department, or to an administrative office as well as an academic unit, the appointment may be identified either (1) as a primary-secondary appointment or (2) as a joint appointment. For a primary-secondary appointment arrangement, one constituent faculty or department shall be identified as the primary appointment and the other as secondary. Responsibility for the initiation of consideration of re-appointment, promotion, award of tenure, or termination shall rest with the primary unit. Faculty with joint appointments have full rights as a faculty member in both constituent faculties or departments. The notice of appointment shall be issued jointly by the two constituent faculties or departments. Consideration of appointment, reappointment, promotion, and/or tenure for joint appointment arrangements shall be as described in the Faculty Handbook sections pertaining to such appointments.

5.2: Terms of Appointment

Appointments with tenure shall be of unlimited duration until retirement, subject only to termination for just cause (see below). Tenure-track appointments shall normally be made for a term of one to five years and may be renewed until the end of the pre-tenure period. Non-tenure eligible "combined achievement track" appointments are renewable and shall normally be made for a term of one to five years. Special appointments shall be made for terms of one year or less.

5.3: Academic Freedom

Academic freedom is a right of all members of the Faculty of Medicine, and applies to university activities, including teaching and research. Specifically, each faculty member may consider in his or her classes any topic relevant to the subject matter of the course as defined by the appropriate educational unit. Each faculty member is entitled to full freedom of scholarly investigation and publication of his or her findings.

5.4 Tenure

The basic purpose of tenure is to provide the assurance of academic freedom throughout the university. Another important purpose of tenure is to attract and retain outstanding faculty through continued commitment of the university to these faculty members. Tenured faculty members are protected explicitly against dismissal or disciplinary action because their views are unpopular or contrary to the views of others. Non-tenure-eligible "combined achievement track" colleagues shall derive protection by general extension of these principles of academic freedom.

When awarded, academic tenure rests at the constituent faculty level.

The award of academic tenure to a faculty member is a career commitment that grants that faculty member the right to retain his or her appointment without term until retirement. The appointment of a tenured faculty member may be terminated only for just cause. In the event that a tenured faculty member's school, department or other unit of the university in which the faculty member's appointment rests is closed or reduced in size, the university shall make all reasonable attempts to provide a tenured faculty member with an appointment of unlimited duration until retirement.

Examples of just cause for the termination of any faculty member (tenured, tenure track, non-tenure eligible "combined achievement track," or special) include (a) grave misconduct or serious neglect of academic or professional responsibilities as defined through a fair hearing; (b) educational considerations as determined by a majority vote of the entire constituent faculty of the affected individual which lead to the closing of the academic unit of the university or a part thereof in which the faculty member has a primary appointment; and (c) financial exigent circumstances that force the university to reduce the size of a constituent faculty in which the faculty member has a primary appointment.

A tenured faculty member may be terminated for financial exigent circumstances only after all faculty members who are not tenured in that constituent faculty have been terminated in the order determined by the dean of the School of Medicine in consultation with the department chairs, the Faculty Council and other faculty members.

5.5: The Pretenure Period

The pretenure period in the School of Medicine is nine years. Each faculty member whose appointment leads to tenure consideration shall be considered for tenure no later than in the ninth year after the date of initial appointment at the rank of assistant professor or higher.

A faculty member in the tenure track may request extensions to the pretenure period. The extensions may be (1) requested by exceptionally worthy candidates in the event of unusual

constraints in the university, or part or parts thereof, which would prevent tenure award at the end of the normal period; or (2) requested for the purpose of compensating special earlier circumstances disadvantageous to a candidate's tenure consideration (such as serious illness, family emergency, maternity, or extraordinary teaching or administrative assignments); or (3) upon written request by the faculty member within one year after each live birth or after each adoption, an extension of up to one year shall be granted by the provost to any faculty member who will be the primary care giving parent. Extensions should be requested as soon after the occurrence of the relevant circumstances as practicable, ordinarily not later than one year prior to the normally scheduled expiration of the pretenure period. Extensions requested under (1) or (2) above require request by the faculty member, review and a recommendation by the department's committee on appointments, promotions, and tenure, the department chair, and the dean, and approval by the provost. Pretenure extensions may not be used to defer tenure consideration of a faculty member more than three years beyond the normal pretenure period except for extensions made under (3) above.

For faculty members whose tenure consideration has not produced tenure award during the pretenure period, further appointment is normally restricted to one year. In exceptional cases, individuals who failed to receive tenure may be appointed in the non-tenure eligible "combined achievement track" on recommendation of the department Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure, the department chair, the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure of the School of Medicine, the dean of the School of Medicine, and the approval of the provost. Such appointments are contingent upon full financial support from non-university sources.

The number, nature, and duration of pretenure period extensions made to an individual faculty member's pretenure period shall not be considered by the CAPT when reviewing that faculty member for award of tenure or promotion.

5.6: Qualifications for Appointments, Promotions and Granting of Tenure

Qualifications and standards for faculty appointments, reappointments, promotions, and granting of tenure shall be generally as stated in the Faculty Handbook of Case Western Reserve University. Specific qualifications and standards applying to the School of Medicine shall be determined by the Faculty of Medicine and appended to these bylaws. These qualifications and standards shall be reviewed every five years by the Faculty Council. The dean shall make the text of the current qualifications and standards available to all junior and newly appointed faculty members.

5.7: Tenure Guarantee

Award of tenure for faculty based in the School of Medicine should be accompanied by a base salary guaranteed by the School of Medicine that will be equal for faculty in the school's basic science and clinical science departments. The amount of the guarantee and its financial support are currently under discussion.

5.8: Rolling Appointments for Non-Tenure Track/Combined Achievement Track Professors

Upon nomination by the department chair and with the consent of the dean, faculty members at the rank of professor in the non-tenure track, referred to within the School of Medicine as the "combined-achievement track," with primary appointments in either a clinical or basic science department will be eligible to receive a rolling appointment contract of up to five years in duration accompanied by a salary guarantee for the period of appointment, equal in amount (but not duration) to that guaranteed to tenured professors. A rolling three-year appointment, for example, is a multiple-year appointment that differs from a multiple-three-year fixed term appointment in that, pending satisfactory performance and financial circumstances as determined by the chair and the dean, the appointment is renewed each year for the following three years. Financial support for rolling contracts is to be provided by the School of Medicine with the understanding that, prior to making the rolling commitment, the school would have the opportunity to enlist support from the appropriate hospital, clinical practice plan, or other appropriate entity to underwrite the guarantee. (Rec. #20).

5.9: Consideration of Recommendations for Appointments, Promotions and Granting of Tenure

a. Full-Time Faculty

The dean shall submit recommendations for appointments and promotions to the ranks of associate professor and professor and the granting of tenure concerning full-time faculty with primary appointments based in the departments of the School of Medicine given him or her by the department chairs or other persons as designated by the dean or initiated by other means as outlined in the Faculty Handbook of Case Western Reserve University, Chapter 3.1.1, to the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure of the School of Medicine. This committee shall consider the documented evidence relating to each candidate and shall report its affirmative and negative recommendations to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council. Each recommendation shall also be reported promptly to the academic chair of the candidate's department. The candidate shall be informed by the academic chair of the committee's recommendation. The academic chair or other nominator may appeal a negative recommendation by notifying the chair of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure of the School of Medicine. Appeals may be made in writing or in person. Written

documentation of the appeal and the response of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure must be appended to the candidate's file. In the event that the appeal to the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure is not successful, the academic chair or other nominator or the affected faculty member may bring to the attention of the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council, through a detailed, written submission, any alleged errors in procedure or non-adherence to the current published guidelines for appointments, promotions and tenure. The Steering Committee of The Faculty Council may investigate the allegations to the extent that it deems appropriate, may review all other candidates' files as it deems necessary, and may request the appearance of persons with knowledge of current and prior procedures and policies of the CAPT. A written report of the results of any investigation by the Steering Committee shall be appended to the candidate's file. All files will be forwarded to the dean after the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure, and, if applicable, the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council have discharged their responsibilities as specified above. The dean shall transmit the file, with added comments if desired, to the president of the university.

As an exception to the process described above, the dean is not required to submit recommendations for the appointments, promotions, and tenure awards described above to the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure of the School of Medicine if the nominee/faculty member holds a primary appointment in the department of biomedical engineering. The department of biomedical engineering is based both in the School of Engineering and the School of Medicine. Since its primary base is in the School of Engineering, review of biomedical engineering department nominees for faculty appointment, promotion, and award of tenure will follow the process described in the School of Engineering Bylaws.

b. Special Faculty Appointments and Promotions

Special faculty appointments and promotions modified by the prefix adjunct or clinical shall be recommended by the department chair and may be granted by the dean. For these clinical and adjunct appointments and promotions at the ranks of assistant professor, associate professor, and professor, the dean shall, prior to reaching a decision, also consider the recommendation of the department's committee on appointments, promotions, and tenure. The dean shall also consider letters of reference concerning the appointment and promotion of faculty to the ranks of clinical and adjunct associate professor and clinical and adjunct professor. For all ranks of clinical and adjunct faculty appointments and promotions in the division of general medical sciences, the dean shall, prior to reaching a decision, also consider the recommendation of the division's committee on appointments, promotions, and tenure. For special faculty appointments and promotions in the department of biomedical engineering, the dean of the

School of Medicine is not the final authority but shall make recommendations to the chair of the department and the dean of the school of engineering.

c. Secondary Appointments and Promotions

Secondary appointments at all ranks shall be recommended by the chair of the secondary department, require the concurrence of the primary department chair, and may be made at the discretion of the dean. Secondary appointment promotions shall be recommended by the secondary department chair and may be made at the discretion of the dean. For secondary appointments and promotions in the division of general medical sciences, the dean shall, prior to reaching a decision, also consider the recommendation of the divisions committee on appointments, promotions, and tenure. For secondary appointments and promotions in the department of biomedical engineering, the dean of the School of Medicine is not the final authority but shall make recommendations to the chair of the department and the dean of the school of engineering.

5.10: The Committee on Appointments Promotions and Tenure

a. The Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure shall be a standing committee of the faculty and shall consist of eighteen full-time faculty members elected by the full-time faculty and six full-time faculty members appointed by the dean. The associate dean for faculty affairs shall also be a member of this committee, ex officio and without vote. Department chairs are not eligible to serve on this committee. Sixteen of the full-time faculty members shall have the rank of tenured professor; four shall be professors in the non-tenure track/combined achievement track; and four shall be tenured associate professors. The elected full-time faculty members shall include nine clinical scientists and nine preclinical scientists; the appointed members shall include four clinical scientists and two preclinical scientists. In each election all reasonable effort will be taken to have the number of nominees be at least twice the number of positions to be filled. Members will be elected or appointed for three-year terms. These terms shall be staggered for the full-time faculty members. Committee members may serve only two consecutive three-year terms but subsequently may be reelected or reappointed after an absence of one year. The quorum for conducting the business of the Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure shall be eight voting members. On recommendations for appointment as or promotion to associate professor, all committee members are eligible to vote; on recommendations for appointment as or promotion to professor, faculty committee members who are tenured professors and non-tenure track/combined achievement track professors are eligible to vote; on recommendations to award tenure, tenured committee members are eligible to vote. The committee will be led by two co-chairs, each of whom shall serve a one-year term, appointed by the chair of Faculty Council in consultation with the dean of the School of Medicine.

The co-chairs may be selected from either the elected or appointed members of the committee. The chair of Faculty Council, in consultation with the dean of the School of Medicine, each year shall also appoint two co-chairs elect, to serve the following year as the committee's co-chairs. At each committee meeting, at least one of the co-chairs and one of the co-chairs elect must be in attendance.

b. The standards for appointment, promotion, and granting of tenure determined by the faculty shall be considered by the committee when evaluating candidates under review.

c. The CAPT shall review and make recommendations concerning all appointments as or promotions to the ranks of associate professor or professor and the award of tenure.

5.11 Sabbatical and Special Sabbatical Leaves

The purpose of and conditions for sabbatical leaves are discussed in the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 3, II A. The conditions are based on the premise that the faculty member requesting a sabbatical leave is tenured. A sabbatical leave may be requested by a faculty member and, based upon all factors including the specific study proposal and subsequent recommendations by the department chair, the Faculty Council Steering Committee, and the dean, may be granted by the president. In cases of tenure track and non-tenure track/combined achievement track or special faculty, special sabbatical leaves may be recommended as well, at the discretion of the dean. However, such leaves may not necessarily incur the obligation of university or School of Medicine financial support. For faculty with tenure track, non-tenure-track/combined achievement track and special appointments, the provost shall specify whether the leave period is to be counted as part of the pretenure or pre-promotion period, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 6 - AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

An amendment of the bylaws may be proposed by majority vote of the Faculty Council, by the dean, or by written petition of 20 or more faculty members. Proposed amendments will be submitted to the secretary of the Faculty Council and ordinarily will be considered by the Faculty Council within the same academic year if submitted prior to April 1 of that year. The proposed amendments and the recommendations of the Faculty Council will then be sent by mail to full-time members of the faculty and may be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the faculty held at least four weeks after the mailing. During discussion of proposed amendments at a faculty meeting, non-substantive changes in the proposed amendments may be made by majority vote. The vote on any proposed amendment shall be by mail ballot of the full-time faculty. Approval shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of those faculty members

returning ballots. At least three weeks shall be allowed between the mailing of ballots and the determination of election results. The Faculty Council shall review the bylaws at least once every five years and shall propose amendments as desired to the faculty.