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TO: Deans, Associate Deans, Chairs, and Directors – Norman Campus

From: André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus

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Subject: Endowed Chairs and Professorship Reviews

At its June 21, 2024 meeting, the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents approved an updated policy for [Endowed Chairs and Professorships](#). A notable change of the revised policy is the requirement that each endowed chair or professor undergo review every five years, unless otherwise specified in the faculty member's appointment letter. I strongly encourage all administrators and faculty involved in the review process to familiarize themselves with the policy and the expectations associated with endowed appointments.

As communicated in a [September 9, 2024 memorandum](#) regarding the updated policy for endowed chairs and professorships, the first cycle of reviews under the revised policy will occur during the 2026-2027 academic year. For this initial review cycle only, if reappointment would not otherwise be recommended due to newly established review processes or college-specific criteria, the faculty member may be given an additional year before undergoing review again.

At the conclusion of the college-level review process, the Dean will submit a recommendation regarding reappointment to the Senior Vice President and Provost. If a Dean recommends non-reappointment, the faculty member must be provided the opportunity to submit a written response, which will be included with the recommendation forwarded to the Provost who will approve or deny the reappointment. If reappointment is approved, the terms of the reappointment must be documented in a reappointment letter signed by both the Dean and the faculty member.

Attached is a list of all faculty members holding endowed appointments, faculty who are scheduled for review during the 2026-2027 academic year are highlighted in orange. Recommendations for reappointment must be submitted by the Dean to the Provost's Office no later than **April 15, 2027**. Colleges should establish internal timelines that allow sufficient time for committee review, administrative consideration, faculty response (if applicable), and final submission by the deadline.

Please contact Faculty Affairs at facultyaffairs@ou.edu with any updates, questions or corrections to the attached list. For all other questions, please contact Vice Provost for Faculty Sarah Ellis, sjr@ou.edu.