

Promotion and Tenure

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Promotion and Tenure are two different processes

Tenure entitles a faculty member to continue in an academic position unless dismissed for good cause.

Promotion is appointment to the next rank (assistant to associate or associate to full professor)

Promotion and Tenure section of Faculty Handbook, beginning on p. 46

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Eligibility

- Must be in a tenure track line
- Tenure track assistant professor must apply for promotion and tenure at the same time
- Categories for review are the same as Annual Review of Faculty
 - Instructional Responsibilities
 - Intellectual Contributions
 - Professional Service

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Eligibility for promotion

- Promotion to associate professor
 - 5 years in rank
 - Outstanding or excellent in all three categories (IR, IC, PC)
- Promotion to professor
 - At least 4 years at associate professor rank
 - Outstanding in either Instructional Responsibilities or Intellectual Contributions
 - Excellent in the other two categories

Eligibility for tenure

- Outstanding or excellent in all three categories

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Third Year Review

- Consider it a “dry run”
- Opportunity for midpoint input from senior faculty and administrators
- Critical juncture in promotion and tenure path
- Take it seriously

Considerations

For Associate Professor

- Apply beginning of your 6th year (5 years in rank)
- Based on demonstrated performance and future potential

Key Question

- What have you accomplished since becoming a tenure track faculty member at WTAMU?

Considerations

Professor

- Eligible to apply at beginning of 5th year in rank as associate professor
- Based upon having achieved professional and scholarly achievement
- Evidence of:
 - Outstanding teaching
 - Significant scholarship
 - Professional growth
 - Service

Considerations

Key Question:

What have you accomplished since last promotion?

Promotion and Tenure Portfolio

For 3rd year Review and Promotion and Tenure Consideration (pp.60-63)

- Must follow sections/order in faculty handbook. This will be set up for you in Interfolio.
- Begin with first year of tenure track appointment and continue to August 31 of application year
- Only focus is on the digital portfolio (supplementary folders not required to be turned in but should have information available if evidence is requested)
- You may review a colleague's portfolio but must obtain permission from that colleague and review in the Provost's office for hard copies or within a specific time frame for online versions.

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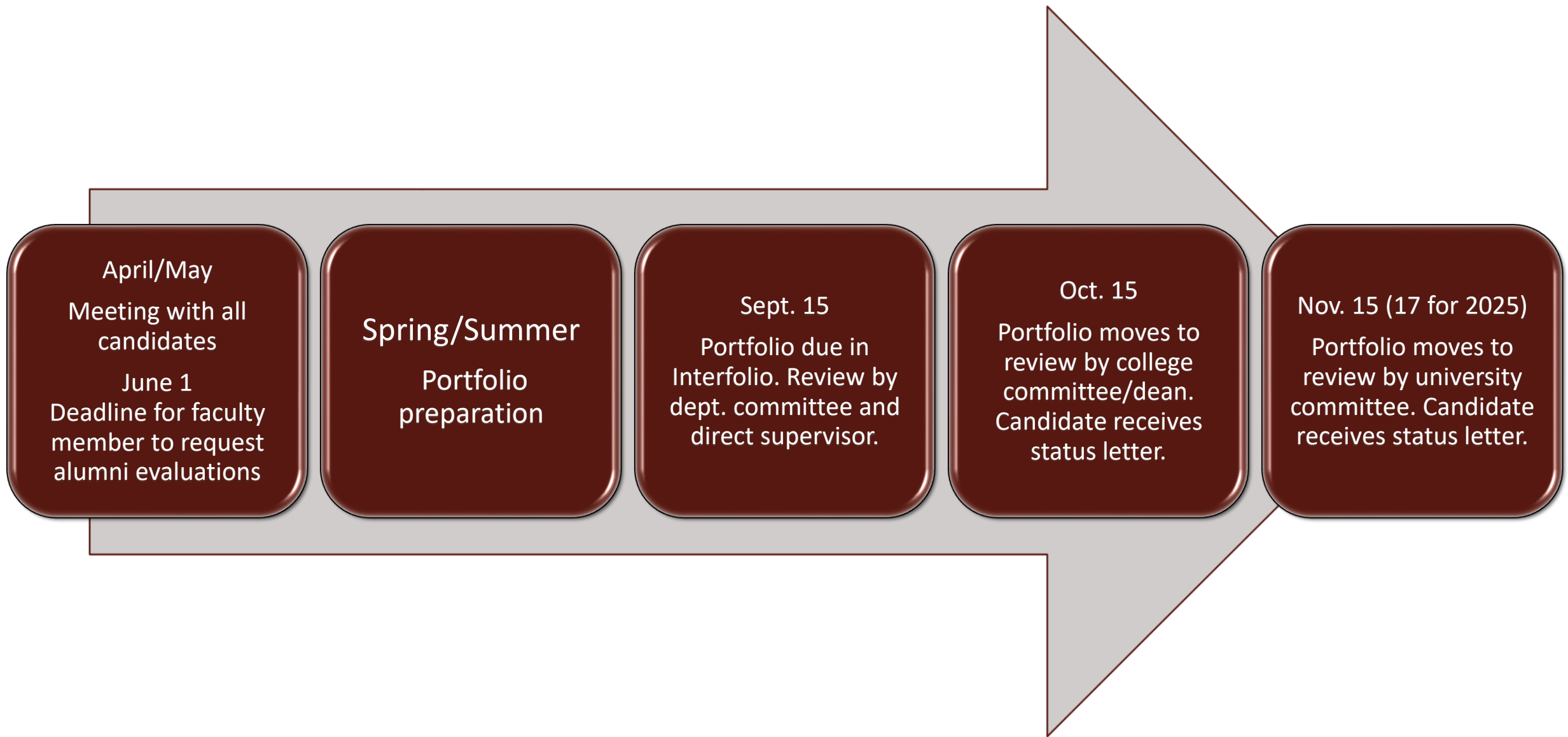
- All portfolios are due on or before September 15
- See Faculty Handbook, pp. 61-64 for detailed contents of the portfolio
 - Alumni evaluations for Promotion and Tenure or Promotion only, must be requested **by the faculty member** from the office of Institutional Effectiveness office by June 1. Please contact Jarvis Hampton for those evaluations. **Please note, third year review candidates do NOT need alumni evaluations.**

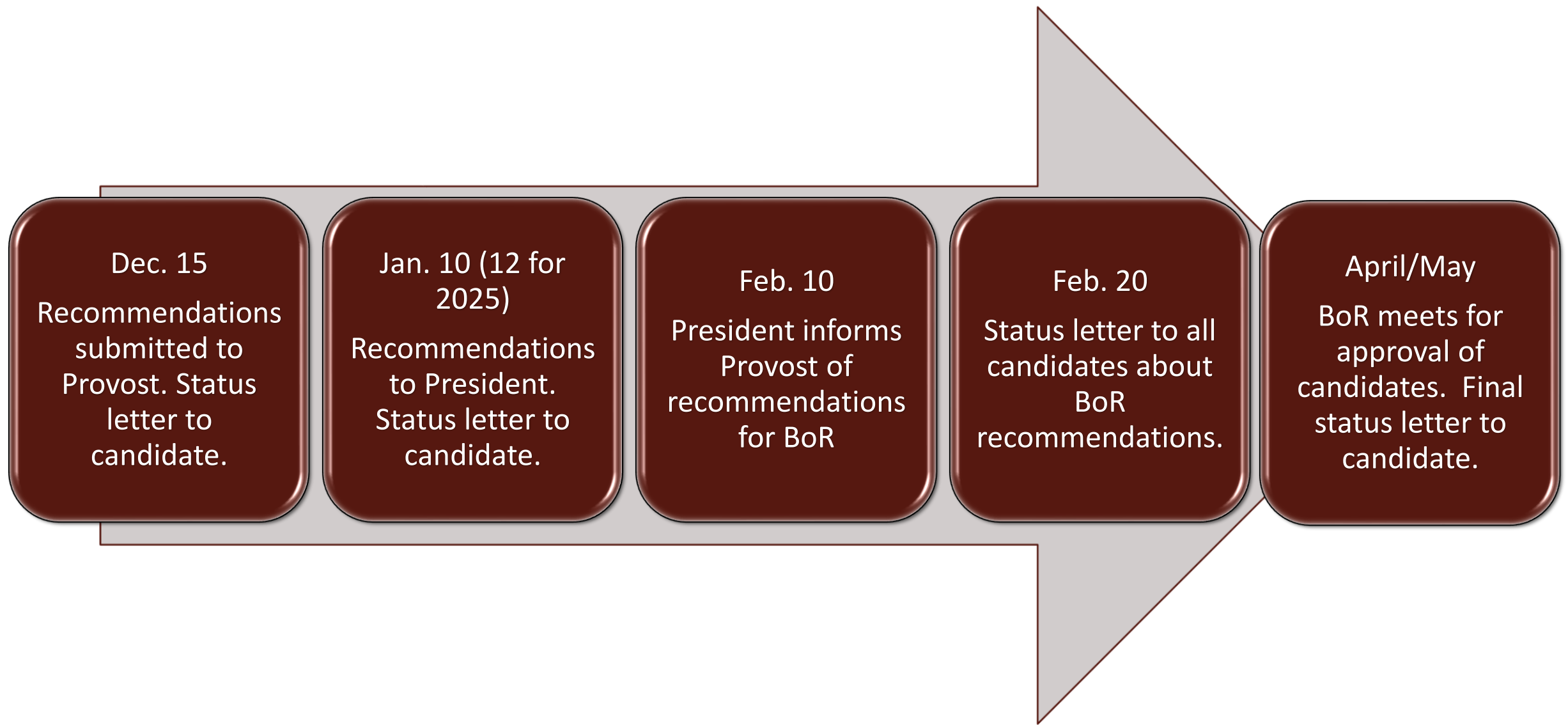
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Grade distributions and course evaluations are available online by searching the WTAMU website for grade distributions (found [here](#)).

If you cannot find the year you need, please contact the office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Course evaluations from IOTA can be found by clicking Buff Connect on the WT home page and scrolling down to the Course Evaluations button.





Change to Faculty Handbook

The only substantial change to the promotion and tenure portion of the faculty handbook for the upcoming 2025 version is moving Section 8 (regarding non-renewal of non-tenured tenure track faculty) to the Grievance Section of the Faculty Handbook.

Interfolio Review, Promotion, and Tenure is the vehicle to facilitate this process.

Tips to get started

Stay focused

Organize materials documenting your record (Recommend using Dossier in Interfolio)

Critically document your activities

Demonstrate continuous growth

Use and improve on your annual evaluations

Know the guidelines

Seek advice from at least two senior faculty members

Questions? Comments?

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

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