SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
JOINT WORKSHOP
CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION
AND
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC PERSONNEL
ASSIGNMENT OF WORK FOR LECTURER FACULTY
WHAT IS “ENTITLEMENT”?

- After completing a full academic year of workload:
  - A lecturer faculty member receives a 1-Year appointment and is given an “entitlement time-base” equal to the number of Weighted Teaching Units (WTU’s) taught during the previous academic year in a single department.

- After completing 6 consecutive academic years in single department, and upon receiving a satisfactory cumulative evaluation:
  - A lecturer faculty member gets a 3-Year appointment with a yearly entitlement based on their time-base (number of WTU’s taught) from their 6th year.

To be considered “Full-time” as a Lecturer Faculty member, you must have a 1.0 time-base (30 WTU’s/year) in a single department. Anything less than 30 WTU’s/year means a lecturer faculty members appointment is “Part-time.”

If you are in the middle of a 3-year appointment and have a full-time, 30 unit/year entitlement in a single department, then you have an unconditional appointment.

Also, if you hold a 1-year appointment and are assigned fulltime (30 WTU’s/year) work, after having worked full-time the previous academic year (AY), then you have an unconditional appointment.

All other lecturer faculty have appointments that are conditional on budget, enrollment, curricular changes and course availability.
A department must first meet the assignment needs of tenured (including FERP) and probationary faculty, and in some cases, assignments are prioritized for other categories, including Administrators, T.A.’s (where teaching in the discipline is part of their T.A. position requirements) and other student employees (when teaching is part of the expectation of their student employment), or volunteer faculty (see Art. 12.29 for more detail).
PREFERENCE FOR WORK FOR LECTURER FACULTY IN FALL SEMESTER

ARTICLE 12.29

- 3-Year Full-time Lecturer Faculty
- Other multi-year full-time Lecturer Faculty that are not 3 year (these are very rare in the CSU)
- 3-Year Part-time Lecturer Faculty up to their entitlement
- Lecturer Faculty on department re-employment list, pursuant to Article 38.48 (also rare)
- Other multi-year part-time Lecturer Faculty up to their time base entitlement (very, very rare)
- Visiting faculty (subject to 12.32 Also very rare)
- 1-year Full-time & Part-time Lecturer Faculty and Lecturer Faculty who were employed in the academic year prior to the year for which they are being considered.
NEW OR ADDITIONAL WORK “2ND BITE AT THE APPLE”

- If a part-time 3-Year, or part-time 1-Year Lecturer Faculty member’s entitlement is met, and there is still “new or additional” work available, these lecturer faculty members now have an opportunity to add to their time-base and build towards a 1.0 (full-time) entitlement of 30 WTU’s/year.

- “New or additional work” first gets offered to qualified part-time 3-Year Lecturer Faculty bringing them up to full-time.

- If new or additional work still exists, it should then be offered to qualified part-time 1-Year Lecturer Faculty, bringing them up to full-time.

- These steps *must* be taken before a department seeks to hire a new lecturer
PREFERENCE FOR WORK FOR LECTURER FACULTY IN SPRING SEMESTER

- 3-Year Full-time Lecturer Faculty
- Continuing multi-year full-time Lecturer Faculty that are not 3 year (very rare in the CSU-none at SSU)
- 3-Year Part-time Lecturer Faculty up to their Entitlement
- Lecturer Faculty on department reemployment list, pursuant to Article 38.48 (also rare)
- 1-Year Full-time Lecturer Faculty
- 1-Year Part-time Lecturer Faculty (not rare) & Other multi-year part-time Lecturer Faculty up to their time base entitlement (very, very rare)
- Visiting faculty (subject to 12.32. Also very rare)
- All other incumbent lecturer faculty (like those who have only taught for a single semester)
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- New or Additional work may come about with faculty leaves, requested decrease in a lecturer’s workload for a semester, growing enrollment and new course sections or retirements, as examples.
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION  ARTICLE 12.7

- Each department or equivalent must maintain a list of lecturer faculty who have been evaluated by the department or equivalent unit.
- If the lecturer applies for a position in the department or equivalent unit or a pool, the lecturer’s previous periodic review and application shall receive careful consideration.
- A list shall be maintained in each department of lecturers who have been evaluated by the department or equivalent unit and those courses previously taught by the lecturer.
- This list will be referenced with all assignments made by the Department Chair or assigning equivalent.
- Lecturer pools provide an opportunity for the lecturer to demonstrate qualifications for additional courses for careful consideration.
- Careful consideration means cautious, accurate, and thorough concern, thought and consideration based on a reasonable criteria and at a minimum logging into and reviewing the lecturer’s Personnel Action File.
LECTURER FACULTY TIME BASE ENTITLEMENT-
REDUCED BUDGET AND/OR DECREASED ENROLLMENT

➢ In cases where the CSU experiences reduced enrollment, a reduced budget, and/or new tenure track department hires, there may be not enough work to meet all of the entitlements of conditional lecturer faculty.

➢ However, departments must follow the preference for work steps articulated in Article 12.29 when assigning course work.

➢ Best Practice: Make offers of work in writing (with reasonable deadlines to reply)
TRUE OR FALSE?

- Lecturer Faculty are NOT allowed to be appointed at 15 units/full-time.
  - FALSE
- TA’s have preference for work over Lecturer Faculty.
  - TRUE
- It is OK to hire new Lecturer Faculty after all incumbent Lecturer Faculty entitlements have been met.
  - FALSE
- An “expert in the field” new hire Lecturer Faculty member may not be offered work before an incumbent minimally qualified Lecturer Faculty.
  - TRUE
- Only Lecturer Faculty with 3-year appointments have a time base entitlement.
  - FALSE
- The union contract spells out a date of hire seniority system.
  - FALSE
QUESTIONS & RESOURCES

Questions…

Type them in the chat please. We’ll take them in the order they are received.

Resources

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions/issues at the emails below…

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