

POLICY

| Title: | Evaluation of Adjunct Faculty | Type: | Academic |
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I. Purpose/Introduction/Rationale

At Rollins, adjunct faculty members are regularly evaluated and provided with feedback on the quality and effectiveness of their instructional services to ensure consistency with the College's mission. The purpose of this policy and associated evaluation process is to document the competence and effectiveness of adjunct faculty.

II. Definitions

Adjunct faculty members are defined as part-time instructors whose primary responsibilities are not to Rollins and who provide instructional services for a maximum of two (2) courses per term, across all programs of the College -- the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), the Hamilton Holt School (Holt), or the Crummer Graduate School of Business (Crummer).¹ Rollins staff members providing instructional services for the College outside contractual obligations are also considered adjunct faculty and are subject to this policy.²

III. Procedure or Application

Adjunct faculty evaluation processes at Rollins College shall be initiated and conducted by the faculty member's immediate academic supervisor and/or dean, consistent with Faculty Bylaws for the program where instructional services are rendered.

- In CLA, Department Chairs are "responsible for (and have authority commensurate with) the competent and efficient conduct of, and leadership in ... evaluating ... adjunct faculty, based on consultation throughout the year, through duly appointed evaluation committees which operate according to prescribed procedures and guidelines." Adjunct faculty in Holt are evaluated by the appropriate Holt Program Director in consultation with the appropriate CLA Department Chair.
- In Crummer, "the Dean shall ensure that all Adjunct Faculty and Executives-in-Residence are evaluated on a regular basis. Evaluation shall include performance of the duties outlined in the appointment letter."⁴

Adjunct faculty evaluations shall, at minimum, consist of an adjunct self-reflection on teaching and learning that occurred in the given course or term, and a review of student course and instructor evaluations, that are reviewed by the appropriate Department Chair and/or Dean, in the case of Crummer. The process shall comprise an initial evaluation, conducted immediately following the first course assignment or term of service and, at minimum, biannual year-end evaluations thereafter if instructional services are continued.

• Initial evaluations are to be performed within thirty (30) days of the completion of the first course assignment. In the case of CLA, department chairs must forward a copy of all evaluation documents to the appropriate dean within sixty (60) days of the completion of the first course assignment.

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Teaching performance will be reviewed informally on an annual basis. Formal biannual evaluations must be completed within thirty (30) days of the close of the last semester of teaching service for a given year. In the case of CLA or Holt, department chairs or program directors must forward a copy of all evaluation documents to the appropriate dean within sixty (60) days of the completion of the academic year under review.

Adjunct faculty evaluations shall include the following documentation and consultation.

- The adjunct instructor's written self-reflection on teaching and learning that occurred in the given course or term.
- A review of student course and instructor evaluations for courses taught.
- A conference between the department chair, program director, or Dean, in the case of Crummer, and the adjunct faculty member in which the supervisor provides direct feedback on teaching performance, including specific recommendations.
- Completion of a summary written evaluation prepared by the department chair, program director, or Dean, in the case of Crummer, that shall be retained in the adjunct faculty member's permanent file.

IV. Related Policies or Applicable Publications

- ¹Rollins College Faculty Handbook, Faculty of the College of Section III, Liberal Arts, *Teaching* Load/Employment, Adjunct and Overload Pay.
- ² As defined in Rollins College Policy HR 7200 *Instructional Compensation for Staff*.
- ³ Rollins College Faculty Handbook, Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, Section III, Department Chairs, Appointments/Responsibilities.
- ⁴ Bylaws of the Faculty of the Crummer Graduate School of Business, Article VII, Faculty Evaluation and Performance Expectations, Section 7.13, Evaluation of Adjunct Faculty and Executives-in-Residence.

V. Appendices/Supplemental Materials

[Not applicable.]

VI. Rationale for Revision

[Not applicable.]

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