

**WHEREAS Statement for Sanctioning Committee Rules Change**  
**8/27/2026**

WHEREAS the Sanctioning Committee, as established under university faculty rule 3335-5-04.3 requires that membership on the committee must include 15 tenured faculty from at least eight different Colleges and regional campuses; and

WHEREAS appointments are staggered so that every year six new members are appointed and members may be appointed for a second 4-year period; and

WHEREAS each panel must be comprised of 3 tenured faculty members from outside the College from which a case has emanated; and

WHEREAS the current composition of the committee has made it difficult to ensure availability for service and to avoid conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS the rules require that a panel must be established, complete its review, and submit its report to the respondent dean within 30 days; and

WHEREAS the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, when not conflicted, are allowed under the current rules to serve as panel facilitators to assist with matters of process and procedures; and

WHEREAS increasing the membership on the committee from 15 to 24 tenured faculty members from at least eight different Colleges and regional campuses will make it easier and more efficient to find faculty who are willing and eligible to serve and to complete the work of a panel in the allowed amount of time; and

WHEREAS allowing the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, as participants familiar with the case, to serve as alternates on a panel should an assigned member become unable or unwilling to serve; and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee approved this resolution and proposed language unanimously at their 08/28/2026 meeting;

Be it therefore resolved that Committee membership of the University Sanctioning Committee be expanded from 15 members to 24 members, and that it be specified that either the Chair or the Vice-Chair may be appointed as panel members when necessary.