

3335-5-03 Appointment of faculty and staff; tenure.

- (A) The board of trustees shall appoint the president and all employees of the university not in the classified civil service, subject to the laws of the state of Ohio, and in the case of tenure-track faculty, to the rights and protection of tenure as provided for in these rules.
- (B) Tenure is a commitment by the university and may be earned by all individuals with tenure-track faculty status subject to successful completion of a probationary period. Tenure-track faculty status is defined in rule 3335-5-19 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The protections of tenure and academic freedom extend to all levels of faculty responsibility within the university in accordance with rule 3335-5-01 of the Administrative Code and are not restricted to activities identified with specific instructional, research or public service programs.
- (D) Tenure is lost only by formal resignation, by voluntary reduction of appointment below fifty per cent of service to the university except in the case of an approved leave of absence, by retirement, by voluntary transfer to clinical/teaching/practice, research, or associated faculty status, or may be terminated by reason of proved incompetence or grave misconduct in accordance with rule 3335-5-04 of the Administrative Code, for causes set forth in rule 3335-5-02 of the Administrative Code, or under the conditions of bona fide financial exigency, as specified in rule 3335-5-02.1 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) Tenured members of the faculty who serve the university as administrators do not lose tenure by virtue of being administrators.