Sabbatical Application Workshop

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Policies Governing Application Process

The sabbatical process is governed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Article 27 and UPS 260.102.

UPS 260.102 delineates

• Eligibility and notification
• Deadline for submitting an application (10/15/21)
• Required application materials
• Evaluation criteria used by the Professional Leaves Committee (PLC)
• PLC recommendations and final determination
• Information provided to applicants
• Conditions attached to the leave
Sabbatical Eligibility

• After six years of full-time service in the preceding seven-year period prior to the leave and at least six years after any previous sabbatical leave or difference in pay leave

• Service credit awarded upon initial probationary appointment shall be counted as equivalent years of service for the purpose of calculating eligibility
Sabbatical Duration

Faculty members in academic year (AY) appointments may apply for a sabbatical leave of either one semester at full salary or an entire academic year at one-half of full salary.

- Librarians, 12-month faculty, and 12-month counselors may apply for a sabbatical leave of either four months at full salary or eight months at one-half of full salary.

- Department chairs granted a sabbatical leave shall choose the equivalent AY or 12-month instructional faculty classification for the duration of the sabbatical leave period and will not receive the chair’s stipend during the leave period.
One Year Sabbaticals

• Article 27.10.b of the CBA indicates that all applications for a one-year sabbatical at half pay shall be granted if the criteria of Articles 27.5 - 27.8 are satisfied (rating of “Recommended” or “Highly Recommended” from PLC)

• If one is awarded a semester sabbatical, the faculty member may request to change it to a one-year sabbatical (though the reverse is not possible)
Difference in Pay Leave

• If a faculty member is not awarded a sabbatical leave, they may apply for a difference in pay leave within two weeks of the sabbatical decision.
Role of the Professional Leaves Committee

- Responsible for reviewing sabbatical leave applications and evaluating the quality of the proposed projects in three categories:
  a) Significance of the project in the context of the relevant discipline
  b) Impact of the project on the applicant and CSUF
  c) The likelihood of completion
Sabbatical Rubric

The three categories are scored and weighted
Significance of the project in the context of the relevant discipline (weighted x2)
Impact of the project on the applicant and CSUF (weighted x1)
Likelihood of completion (weighted x1)

In each of the areas, scoring will be as follows (note that scores can be any value between 1 and 4):

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An average and weighted average will be calculated for each candidate. An overall average from each committee member will determine a candidate’s overall score. The standard deviation will also be computed to gauge the consistency of the reviewers’ scores.
Professional Leaves Committee Ratings

• After all ten members of the PLC have rated each application, FAR prepares summary report

• The list of semester applicants and the list of academic year applicants are ranked from high to low according to the weighted average

• The PLC then deliberates and assigns their final recommendations: Highly Recommended, Recommended, and Not Recommended

• The Provost receives the PLC recommendation report and must award semester sabbaticals to at least 12% of the eligible pool

• All one-year (half pay) applicants with PLC ratings of Highly Recommended or Recommended will be funded
Sabbatical Application

• Online application requires title, description (75 words), resources required, indication of financial interest, proposed work product (250 words), and an agreement acknowledging one’s commitment
  – Per UPS 260.102 (revised May 2020), prior sabbatical information is no longer requested on the application

• Application narrative addressing the three categories in PDF format (not exceeding five pages)

• Abbreviated Curriculum Vita in PDF format (not exceeding two pages)
Important Points to Consider

• A sabbatical leave should provide benefit to the CSU
• An awarded sabbatical leave may be administratively deferred due to impact issues on a department, but the delay can only be for one year
• Under “exceptional circumstances,” awardees can apply to defer a sabbatical leave
• Faculty members granted a sabbatical leave shall render one term of additional service for each term of their leave
• Faculty members are required to post a bond or promissory note for an amount equal to their sabbatical leave
• Faculty members on sabbatical or DIP leaves may not accept additional or outside employment without prior approval
Important Points to Consider (cont’d)

• A one-year leave may occur over two academic years (Spring 2023 – Fall 2023)

• For both a sabbatical and difference in pay leave, faculty must submit a written report (by the end of the semester following the leave) to Faculty Affairs and Records to verify that the conditions of the leave have been met

• Faculty who do not receive sabbatical leave funding shall receive any PLC comments on their proposal

• The FAR website contains an FAQ section as well as the DIP leave application

• Applicants must use the Online Sabbatical Submission portal
QUESTIONS?