Faculty Forum Advice/Thoughts
for achieving a Successful Tenure Case

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- Create a folder on your desktop that says, “Tenure 2019,” or whichever year it is that you will go up; fill it with all of your annual reports, teaching evals, publications, etc., as the semesters go by. Seeing this everyday on your desktop makes the process seem doable. Publish!

- Seek mentors outside of your department and college who can guide you in navigating the institution. Publish!

- Continue to network with others in your field so that your work continues to gather name recognition, and conversely, you develop an idea of who you may put forth as your external reviewers. Publish!

- Be a good colleague. Face time in the office goes a long way. Publish!

- Try to align your teaching with your research (and service) however possible. This makes the tenure path seem more cohesive and seamless.

- Answer calls for special theme journal issues; these tend to have the fastest publication rate because they are on a deadline. Edited book volumes tend to be the slowest. Publish!

- Write everyday! The days are gone where as a graduate student you had long chunks of time to think and write. You will be surprised how much you can accomplish in 30 minutes a day, consistently. Publish!

- Look at the CVs, when possible, of others in your department and college who have earned tenure recently. Publish!

- Ask others to loan you their tenure statements and see how they are crafted. Publish!

- Always ask questions along the way. Publish!