

POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK
TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5 (Personnel Policy for Faculty), Section 5.4 (Duration of Employment Contracts)

Amending subsection 5.4.2 related to contracts for athletic directors, head athletic coaches and certain other athletic personnel

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

5.4.2 Duration of Employment Contracts.

- (a) Except as provided in this subsection, an employment contract shall be for a term not to exceed twelve months. In any case, an employment contract's termination shall coincide with the conclusion of a fiscal year of the System. Except as provided in this subsection, an employment contract for a term in excess of twelve months or which overlaps a fiscal year requires the approval of the Board of Regents prior to being issued or becoming binding.

- (b) At the time of the initial appointment to employment of a faculty member who would otherwise be eligible for tenure and after consultation with the applicable department or other similar administrative unit, a president may offer at the president's discretion, and the faculty member may agree to accept, an employment contract for a period of up to three years which would not provide for eligibility for an appointment with tenure. A faculty member employed under such a contract shall not be eligible for appointment with, nor shall have, tenure during the period of such contract under any circumstances. At the termination of such an initial employment contract, succeeding employment contracts for periods of up to three years each under the same conditions as stated in this paragraph may be offered by the president at the president's discretion and accepted by the faculty member. Alternatively, the contract, at the discretion of the president, may be renewed on an annual basis and accepted as such by the faculty member. Faculty members accepting employment contracts authorized by this paragraph shall be placed in Rank O or Range O, as the case may be. During the term of such contracts such faculty members shall be eligible to receive salary increases and faculty benefits authorized under Subsection 5.6 of the NSHE Code at the same time and under the same conditions as other faculty members of the System. An initial employment contract authorized by this paragraph for a term of up to one year shall require at least 90 calendar days notice of nonrenewal of appointment prior to the contract's termination, such a contract for a term of two years shall require at least 180 calendar days notice of nonrenewal of appointment

prior to the contract's termination and such a contract for a term of three years shall require at least 365 calendar days notice of nonrenewal of appointment prior to the contract's termination. All succeeding employment contracts authorized by this paragraph of whatever duration shall require 365 calendar days notice of nonrenewal of appointment prior to the contract's termination. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the president from offering at the president's discretion, and the faculty member from accepting, an employment contract for a position providing eligibility for tenure after the termination of any employment contract authorized by this paragraph.

- (c) Except as provided in this paragraph, after the third year of employment, a president may offer at the president's discretion, and a nontenured faculty member may accept, an employment contract for a period of up to three years. At the termination of such an employment contract, succeeding employment contracts for periods of up to three years each may be offered by the president at the president's discretion and accepted by the nontenured faculty member. Alternatively, the contract, at the discretion of the president, may be renewed on an annual basis and accepted as such by the faculty member. During the term of such contracts, such nontenured faculty members shall be eligible to receive salary increases and faculty benefits authorized under Subsection 5.6 of the NSHE Code at the same time and under the same conditions as other faculty members of the System. The minimal notice of nonrenewal of appointment shall be as provided in Section 5.9 of the NSHE Code. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to faculty employed for a probationary period in a position providing eligibility for tenure or employed under paragraph (b) herein. The president may establish specific criteria in the institutional bylaws for issuance of extended contracts under this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph shall give rise to any appointment or eligibility for appointment with tenure under any circumstances.
- (d) Nontenured faculty at the William S. Boyd School of Law, after the third year of employment, may be offered and may accept an employment contract for a period of up to five years. At the termination of such an employment contract, succeeding employment contracts for periods of up to five years each may be offered. All such employment contracts shall be on the same basis as, and subject to the same limitations, terms and conditions as those described in paragraph (c) herein.
- (e) ***Contracts for athletics directors, head athletic coaches, and certain other athletic personnel are subject to and governed by Title 4, Chapter 24.***
[Contracts for appointment of head athletic coaches and assistant coaches, including interim or acting appointments, shall require only approval of the

~~institutional president as long as the term or remaining term of the contract together with any option that has been exercised or any extension that has been offered a) does not exceed 36 months, and b) the total compensation is \$1,200,000 or less for the contract term. For these purposes, total compensation does not include standard fringe benefits available to all NSHE employees including but not limited to retirement contributions, insurance, travel, out-of-pocket expense reimbursement, annual and sick leave nor does it include outside income from sources including but not limited to commercial endorsements of products and services, income from written and video materials, summer camps or apparel and equipment endorsements. Total compensation includes performance bonuses and perquisites including but not limited to moving expenses, host account, automobile allowance or privilege, housing allowance or privilege, club membership, guest travel, event tickets and media and personal appearances. The Chancellor may approve contracts that exceed 36 months for head athletic coaches and assistant coaches, other than head athletic coaches of football and men's and women's basketball. Such appointments shall not take effect, and no employment contracts for such positions shall be issued or binding, until the Chancellor approves the appointments. The appointments shall be reported to the Board of Regents by the president and/or the Chancellor. If, in the Chancellor's opinion, any contract rises to a level in length of term that the Board's approval is needed, such approval will be required. Contracts for head athletic coaches of football and men's and women's basketball that exceed 36 months, all contracts that exceed \$1,200,000 for the contract term, and all contracts for directors of athletics shall require approval of the Board of Regents.]~~

~~[(f) The president shall negotiate all athletic department personnel contracts involving directors of athletics or coaches with the assistance of institutional counsel. Such appointments shall not take effect, and no employment contracts for such positions shall be issued or binding, until approved by the president and by the vice Chancellor for legal affairs, including as to consistency of form.~~

~~(g) — Institutions shall not relocate a candidate or hold events introducing a candidate as a new coach or athletic director until after the Board has approved the candidate's contract.]~~