

Policy on selection of External Reviewers

Current policy (Last line of 2nd paragraph of 5.3.3.1):

At least one of the reviewers, but not all, should be suggested by the candidate.

Proposed policy (the three new sentences will be added at the end of 2nd paragraph of 5.3.3.1):

At least one of the reviewers, but not all, should be suggested by the candidate. Candidates may consult with ISU colleagues about appropriate reviewers and their institutions. Candidates may submit a list of up to three people in their field who will not be contacted as reviewers. This request, if made, must be put forward at the same time candidates submit names of potential reviewers.

Background Information

As part of the S05-19, the senate passed a policy requiring half of the letters solicited to be chosen from a list submitted by the candidate and half from a list submitted by the department. However, there is a strong feeling with the administration that the external letters have more value if the candidate's role in identifying reviewers is minimized. Thus, this policy was never approved by the Provost and President. The proposed policy presented here has been vetted with the administration and has received positive support.