

**Plan of Organization of the
College of Information Studies – UMD’s iSchool
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PREAMBLE

The Plan of Organization (the Plan) and other policy documents for the College of Information Studies (the College) establish the basic framework necessary for the College to fulfill its mission in an orderly and fair manner with due regard to the shared rights, responsibilities, and participation of the entire College community. The Plan addresses specific details of the College’s organization, and is consistent with the policies, procedures, and regulations for shared governance at the University of Maryland, as set forth in the University Plan of Organization. At the same time, the Plan acknowledges the executive authority of the Dean(s) of the College, who derive their authority from the Provost.

The Plan establishes a non-departmental structure that supports the collegiality of the College. It creates a framework designed to facilitate cooperation and collaboration of the entire College community in all aspects of the College’s mission. It is meant to ensure that academic

and professional growth may be pursued in an atmosphere of stability, freedom, inclusion, and trust.

ARTICLE I – MISSION

The College engages in collaborative, interdisciplinary, and innovative research, teaching, and service. The College educates information professionals and scholars, and creates knowledge, systems, and processes to promote the effective management and use of information.

ARTICLE II – SHARED GOVERNANCE

Governance of the College is shared among administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Administrators are responsible for seeking advice, initiating action, making decisions, and implementing policy, as well as for ensuring accountability for their actions. Administrative accountability requires active accounting to other constituencies with whom governance is shared. Faculty members have the responsibility for informed and regular participation in governance activities related to all aspects of the academic mission of the College. Staff members have a vital role in support of the College's mission and have the responsibility for regular and informed participation in governance activities. Students have the right to and responsibility for informed and regular participation in governance activities, especially those that impact their areas of interest.

ARTICLE III – COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

A. The Dean

1. Appointment and Terms

Members of the College Assembly, as defined in Article VII, shall participate in the appointment of the Dean as specified in campus procedures. The Dean shall be appointed for a five-year term and reviewed in compliance with University policies.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

The Dean shall be the chief academic and administrative officer of the College. The Dean shall be responsible for professional and academic leadership, College business operations, and liaising with the campus community and the professions served by the College. The Dean shall provide leadership in maintaining accreditation of the degree programs offered by the College. The Dean shall be the chief advocate for the College and shall be responsible for the College's budgets and resources, for fundraising, and for reviewing and recommending campus-level proposals made by the College Assembly and the Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) Committee. The Dean reports to the Provost.

B. Associate Deans

1. Appointment and Terms

Associate Deans are appointed by the Dean, generally for three-year terms, and may be reappointed. Faculty, as defined in Article IV, may serve as Associate Deans.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

Associate Deans report to the Dean and shall be responsible for all tasks delegated by the Dean. Associate Deans may oversee academic programs, operations, and priorities of the College.

C. Academic Program Directors

1. Appointment and Terms

Academic Program Directors are appointed by the Dean, generally for three-year terms, and may be reappointed.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

Academic Program Directors report to the Dean, or their delegate, and shall be responsible for all tasks delegated to them by the Dean.

D. Diversity and Inclusion Officer

The Diversity and Inclusion Officer is appointed by the Dean and is primarily responsible for coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating diversity efforts in the College and carrying out other responsibilities as assigned by the Dean.

E. Other Academic Administrators

The College may have Assistant Deans, a Technology Officer, a Director of Academic Programs, a Director of Student Services, and other administrative officers as necessary.

Academic administrators shall perform those duties assigned to them by the Dean. Appointments for administrative positions shall follow the relevant University procedures.

ARTICLE IV – FACULTY

A. Membership

Unless otherwise noted, for the purposes of this Plan, full-time faculty shall include those persons who hold tenured/tenure-track and professional track academic appointments in the University of 50 percent time or more and an academic appointment in the College that is greater than 0%, and who are not candidates for a degree in the College.

All other persons, regardless of title, who hold paid academic appointments in the College shall be classified as part-time faculty.

B. Titles

In accordance with University policies, full-time and part-time faculty members may hold those titles set forth in the University of Maryland Policy and Procedures on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure of Faculty (<http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/docs/II-100A.pdf>).

C. Duties and Responsibilities

Full-time faculty shall be responsible for formulating and recommending educational policy and for teaching, research, creative work, and service activities of the College, as set forth in the faculty member's written terms of employment and in accordance with University policies. They shall consider and deliberate questions of College governance and advise the Dean on matters pertaining to the College's vision, mission, goals, and objectives.

Part-time faculty may participate in formulating and recommending educational policy and in teaching, research, creative work, and service activities of the College, as set forth in the faculty member's written terms of employment and in accordance with University policies. They may consider and deliberate questions of College governance and advise the Dean on matters pertaining to the College's vision, mission, goals, and objectives.

ARTICLE V – STAFF

A. Membership

The staff shall include all full-time and part-time, exempt and non-exempt, administrative personnel holding professional and support positions within the College, who do not hold teaching or research appointments. Exempt staff may hold titles such as Coordinator or Advisor, or other titles as defined by the University.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

Staff have the right to and responsibility for informed and regular participation in governance activities, especially those that impact their areas of interest. As appropriate, exempt and non-exempt staff shall be responsible for advising on and supporting educational policy and for teaching, research, creative work, and service activities of the College, as set forth in the staff member's written terms of employment and in accordance with University policies.

ARTICLE VI – STUDENTS

A. Membership

Students shall include all undergraduate and graduate, full-time and part-time, students who are enrolled and in good standing in the approved academic programs of the College.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

Students have the right to participate in governance activities, especially those that impact their areas of interest.

ARTICLE VII – COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

A. Membership

The voting members of the College Assembly shall include all full-time faculty and full-time exempt and non-exempt staff. The Dean shall be an ex-officio, voting member of the Assembly.

One part-time faculty member shall be elected as a voting member by the part-time faculty to represent the interests of this group. Nominations for part-time faculty to serve in this capacity shall be solicited each spring via email, and all eligible part-time members can participate in this annual election process. The elections should be completed no later than May 1st. All other part-time faculty shall have voice but no vote in College Assembly meetings.

One part-time exempt or non-exempt staff member shall be elected as a voting member by the part-time staff, to represent the interests of this group. Nominations for part-time staff members to serve in this capacity shall be solicited each spring via email, and all part-time exempt and non-exempt staff members can participate in this annual election process. The elections should be completed no later than May 1st. All other part-time exempt and non-exempt staff members shall have voice but no vote in College Assembly meetings.

Students enrolled in each undergraduate and graduate degree program shall be represented by one student elected by the students in that program and that student shall have voting privileges. The student representative must be elected from among all current students in the respective degree program who are not on academic probation. The elections should be completed no later than October 1st. If an elected student is put on academic probation during their term, the appropriate Academic Program Director shall appoint a replacement student representative for the program.

Elected members serve one-year terms and may serve no more than two full, successive terms. Individuals are eligible for re-election after a break in service of one year.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

The College Assembly shall represent the faculty, staff, and students of the College and shall serve as its policy-making body. The College Assembly shall formulate, approve, and review educational and other policies specific to the College, including recommendations for the revision or creation of programs, tracks, specializations, and certificates. The College Assembly shall also consider slates of members for standing committees created by the Nominating Committee. The College Assembly shall discuss and/or initiate action deemed necessary or advisable by the Dean, Associate Deans, Academic Program Directors, chairs of standing committees, or any member of the College Assembly. It shall regularly review the strategic plan of the College and recommend and approve changes. It shall perform any other functions as prescribed by the Plan.

C. Officers of the Assembly

The Chair of the College Assembly shall convene and preside over all regular and special meetings of the College Assembly; develop the agenda for each meeting in consultation with the Dean and members of the College Assembly; and distribute by electronic means a written agenda and other documents as appropriate to each member of the College Assembly at least two days prior to each meeting.

The Secretary of the College Assembly shall be responsible for the minutes of all College Assembly meetings; prepare drafts of the minutes from the previous meeting to be distributed with the agenda for the next College Assembly meeting; and, after review and approval by the Assembly, post minutes from each meeting so that they can be accessed by all members of the College Assembly. The Secretary also shall maintain a roster of the members of the College Assembly present at each regular and special meeting. In the absence of the Chair or the Parliamentarian of the College Assembly at any College Assembly meeting, the Secretary shall assume the duties and responsibilities identified for the absent Officer.

The Parliamentarian of the College Assembly advises the Chair on parliamentary procedure during meetings and informs the Chair of the College Assembly of errors in parliamentary procedure if they affect the basic rights of members of the College Assembly. The individual elected Parliamentarian of the College Assembly should have expertise in parliamentary procedure and sits next to the presiding officer during meetings. In the absence of the Secretary of the College Assembly at any College Assembly meeting, the Parliamentarian shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary. The Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting member of the Assembly except in the case of a ballot vote.

D. Election and Removal Process

At the first meeting held during the spring semester, the members of the Assembly shall elect a Nominating Committee, which shall present a slate of candidates as set forth in Article VIII.D.2(a). At the following meeting, the Nominating Committee shall then present to the Assembly, in writing, a slate of candidates. At the last meeting in the spring semester, additional

nominations may be made from the floor, and an election will be held. The terms of successful candidates begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

If a vacancy in the position of Chair or Secretary of the College Assembly occurs during the academic year, a special election shall be held at the next meeting of the College Assembly. The Dean will solicit nominations for the vacant position from the floor and a ballot vote will be held.

The Chair, the Secretary, and the Parliamentarian of the College Assembly are each elected for a one-year term. The Chair and the Secretary may serve no more than two full, successive terms. The Chair, the Secretary, and the Parliamentarian may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the College Assembly. The Dean of the College is not eligible to serve as the Chair or Secretary of the Assembly.

E. Regular Meetings

The College Assembly shall meet at least once during the fall and spring semesters.

Any meeting of the Assembly, whether regular or special, shall be preceded by at least ten (10) days electronic notice to all members. This notice shall include a request for agenda items and a statement that any such requests must be submitted to the Chair of the Assembly no later than one week preceding the meeting.

The Assembly may meet in person, use synchronous collaboration systems (e.g., teleconferencing), or any fully connected combination of the two. Minutes shall be taken at every meeting of the College Assembly.

A simple majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. Faculty on paid or unpaid leave and faculty on sabbatical shall not be considered when determining the quorum, unless the faculty member has informed the Chair, in writing, of their intent to participate in a meeting of the College Assembly. No vote shall be taken in absence of a quorum.

In exceptional circumstances, when it would not be feasible to assemble a quorum in other ways, voting may be conducted by asynchronous systems (e.g., email). In these circumstances, the Chair may request a vote only following a separate and announced discussion period of at least twenty-four (24) hours, which may also be conducted by asynchronous systems. A voting period of at least twelve (12) hours shall commence at the end of the discussion period. The existence of a quorum shall be determined by the total number of eligible respondents whose votes are received by the deadline specified by the Chair.

Appropriate provisions shall be made to preserve confidentiality of individual votes, regardless of the manner in which the vote is conducted.

Proposals that may require a vote must be presented in writing and shall be submitted to the Chair of College Assembly no later than one week preceding the College Assembly at which the issue is to be presented.

Meetings of the College Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

All meetings of the College Assembly shall be open to observers.

F. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the College Assembly may be called at any time 1) by the Chair of College Assembly, or 2) upon written petition of a majority of the voting membership and delivery of the petition to the Chair of College Assembly. The petitioners shall present with their petition a proposed agenda for the meeting, which shall be the only order of business at the meeting. Special meetings must follow the notification procedures set forth for regular meetings in Article VII.E.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

A. General Provisions Governing Committees

1. Terms

The term of each committee shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

In addition to specific functions outlined in the Plan, each committee shall perform any additional functions delegated by the College Assembly or as requested by the Dean.

3. Meetings

- a. Committees normally meet during the fall and spring semesters.
- b. All committee meetings shall be open, except those dealing with the appointment, promotion, or tenure of faculty (as further described in Section D.2(e) of this Article) or those addressing issues pertaining to individual students or applicants to the College.
- c. Agendas for and minutes of meetings shall be posted so that all members of all relevant stakeholder groups can access them.
- d. Unless otherwise specified, committees may meet in person, use synchronous collaboration systems (e.g., teleconferencing), use asynchronous systems (e.g., email), or any combination thereof.

- e. A simple majority of the voting membership of each committee shall constitute a quorum.
- f. Unless otherwise specified, the Chair of the committee shall be elected by and from the members of the committee. The Chair shall vote only to break a tie.
- g. No votes shall be taken in absence of a quorum.
- h. A vote may be taken by voice, show of hands, ballot, or other mechanism specified in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
- i. For meetings held via asynchronous systems, the Chair, at their discretion, may require a discussion period before a vote is held. During this discussion period, the Chair, at the request of any member of the committee, shall postpone a vote until the committee meets in person. The existence of a quorum shall be determined by the total number of eligible respondents whose votes are received by the deadline specified by the Chair.
- j. Appropriate provisions shall be made to preserve confidentiality of individual votes.
- k. Minutes are required, regardless of the manner in which the meeting or vote is conducted.

4. Formation of Subcommittees

Any committee may form subcommittees to conduct its business, unless prohibited by College or University policies. Members of subcommittees need not be members of the parent committees or the College Assembly. Actions taken by subcommittees or others designated to engage in the work of the committee are subject to review by and approval of the full committee.

B. College Advisory Committee

1. Purpose

The College Advisory Committee is intended to fulfill the requirements of the Faculty Advisory Council, as set forth in Article 11 of the University Plan of Organization.

2. Membership

The Committee shall be comprised of one member from each of the following constituencies: Tenure-Track/Tenured faculty (one Full Professor, one Associate Professor, and one Assistant Professor), Professional Track faculty (one each from the Research, Teaching/Instructional faculty, and Faculty Specialist tracks) and Staff. Associate and Assistant Deans serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect its own Chair. The Chair shall only vote to break a tie.

3. Election Process

The Nominating Committee shall prepare the slate of candidates. Full-time faculty and staff members of the College Assembly may vote on the slate of candidates.

Elections may occur at a meeting of the College Assembly or via an asynchronous system, in accordance with Section A.3(i) of this Article. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs during the academic year, the College Assembly will hold a special election.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee shall consult, at least once a semester, with the Dean on matters of interest and concern to the College, including decisions regarding budgets and facility planning. The Committee shall report at least once a semester to the College Assembly.

The College Advisory Committee shall serve as the Committee on Committees and shall propose a slate of candidates from which the Dean may appoint members to Administrative Committees, and shall provide a slate of candidates from within the College from which administrators above the College level may appoint representatives to participate in the search, nomination, and review of the Dean of the College.

C. Administrative Committees

1. Membership

Unless otherwise specified, the membership of each administrative committee shall be determined by the Dean and the Associate Deans.

The majority of members of each standing committee shall be full-time faculty. Unless otherwise noted, committee members are appointed for a one-year term and may be reappointed.

There are no term limitations on: staff members, such as Program Coordinators and Academic Advisors, who serve as ex-officio, voting members of committees; and Associate Deans, Academic Administrators, and the Dean, who serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of committees.

2. Descriptions of Administrative Committees

a. Programs, Courses, and Curriculum Committee (PCC)

i. Membership

The members of the PCC will be the Director of Academic Programs (or equivalent Academic Administrator), the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (or equivalent position), the Academic Program Directors, and the chairs of any relevant ad hoc committee (as defined in Section E of this Article). The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (or equivalent position) shall chair the committee and shall vote only to break a tie.

ii. Duties and Responsibilities

The PCC shall be responsible for advising program committees about university regulations for the review, revision, and creation of programs, tracks, specializations, certificates, and courses. The PCC shall review all recommendations regarding programs, tracks, specializations, or certificates before the information is presented to the College Assembly for approval. PCC approval is required: 1) before new courses can be offered; 2) when courses are to be removed from the course inventory; 3) when Special Topics courses are recommended for conversion to permanent numbers; and, 4) for all substantial changes in the characteristics of an existing course. This approval must take place before the recommendations are submitted to the Vice President's Advisory Committee (VPAC). Substantial changes are defined as changes in title, catalog description, prerequisites, grading method, credit level, course number, or learning outcomes.

b. Academic Program Committees

Academic Program Committees include, but are not limited to, the Bachelor of Science in Information Science (BSIS) Program Committee, the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program Committee, the Master of Information Management (MIM) Program Committee, the Master of Science in Human Computer Interaction (HCIM) Program Committee, and the Doctoral Program Committee.

Each Academic Program Committee may include one undergraduate and/or graduate student, as appropriate, to be elected by students enrolled either full-time or part-time in the College. The Dean shall appoint student members when vacancies occur during the academic year.

i. General Provisions

Each Academic Program Committee is chaired by the Academic Program Director and shall deal with issues specific to that degree program, including the recommendation of new course offerings (prior to approval by the PCC) and the regular review of courses and specializations. In cooperation with the Student Services Office (SSO) staff, the committee shall develop and review policies for the recruitment of students. Unless otherwise specified, each fall semester, the committee shall set admissions requirements and guidelines for the academic program and authorize the SSO to act on behalf of the Committee to review applications and admit students. The Committee or its designee shall review and approve or deny students' petitions. The Committee or its designee shall review students in academic difficulty and make recommendations for remedial actions or refer students to the Committee on Students in

Academic Difficulty. The Committee or its designee shall make decisions regarding scholarships, awards, or honors that may be given only to students in that particular academic program. The Chair shall vote only to break a tie.

ii. Provisions specific to the Doctoral Program Committee

The Doctoral Program Committee shall develop and review policies and procedures governing the Doctoral Program and the courses offered specifically for doctoral students in accordance with the Doctoral Student Handbook.

The Committee shall evaluate applications for admission to the Doctoral Program and make recommendations to the Graduate School on acceptance or rejection.

The Committee or its designee shall review doctoral students in academic difficulty or who are failing to make progress toward Doctoral Program milestones and, in consultation with the student's advisor, make recommendations for remedial actions or refer students to the Committee on Students in Academic Difficulty.

The Committee or its designee shall make decisions regarding scholarships, awards, or honors that may be given only to students in the Doctoral Program.

c. Committee on Students in Academic Difficulty

i. Membership

The Committee on Students in Academic Difficulty shall consist of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Director of Academic Programs (or equivalent Academic Administrator), the Directors of all academic programs offered by the College, and other appropriate Academic Administrators. It may include additional representation from academic program administration and Student Services. The Dean (or the Dean's designee) shall chair the Committee on Students in Academic Difficulty and shall vote only to break a tie.

ii. Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee on Students in Academic Difficulty shall decide on dismissal of students from the College or the imposition of conditions that the student must meet to continue in the program in accordance with College and University policies and procedures pertaining to academic progress.

d. Awards, Scholarships, and Honors Committee

i. Membership

Members of the Committee shall include one tenured faculty member, one tenure-track faculty member, one professional track faculty member, and one exempt or non-exempt staff member.

ii. Duties and Responsibilities

This Committee shall select the recipients of awards, scholarships, and/or honors that are open to any student who is in good academic standing and who is currently enrolled in any of the degree program(s) offered by the College. As noted in Section C.2.b(i), decisions regarding scholarships, awards, or honors to be given only to students in one specific academic program will be made by the appropriate Academic Program Committee.

e. Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i. Membership

Members of the Committee shall include one tenured faculty member, one tenure-track faculty member, one professional track faculty member, one exempt or non-exempt staff member, and one student member elected from those students enrolled full-time or part-time in a degree program offered by the College. The Diversity and Inclusion Officer shall serve as the Chair of the Committee.

ii. Duties and Responsibilities

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall promote awareness of issues of diversity in the College community and the information professions through organizing events, publicizing diversity initiatives, and other activities. The Committee shall work to increase representation of diverse populations among the students, staff, and faculty of the College through recruitment and publicity efforts. The members shall represent the College to the University, the information professions, and the surrounding community through involvement in organizations and events focused on diversity. The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity for the Information & Diverse Populations Specialization and shall coordinate the process for promoting the James Partridge Award and selecting the recipient thereof.

D. Standing Committees of the College Assembly

1. Membership

The majority of members of each standing committee shall be full-time faculty. Faculty and staff members may not serve for more than two successive, one-year terms on the same committee.

2. Descriptions of Standing Committees

a. Nominating Committee

i. Membership

The Nominating Committee is comprised of four members, the majority of which shall be full-time faculty. One member of the Committee shall be a full-time staff member. Members are nominated from the floor of the Assembly, typically at the March meeting. The Chair shall be elected by and from the members of the Committee.

ii. Duties and Responsibilities

Typically at the April meeting of the College Assembly, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates in writing for 1) the Chair, the Secretary, and the Parliamentarian of the College Assembly; 2) the College Advisory Committee; 3) the membership (including the Chair) of each Standing Committee, except as otherwise noted; and 4) one representative to the Graduate Council (who serves a three-year term), when applicable.

The Nominating Committee shall also coordinate the election of faculty representatives to the University Senate (when applicable) by soliciting nominations and facilitating elections, in accordance with Article 4.4a of the University Plan of Organization. The College's Senators will be elected on an at-large basis, and elections for the upcoming academic year shall ordinarily conclude by February 1 to ensure newly elected Senators are eligible to run for elected committees and councils. If a vacancy in the position of Senator occurs during the academic year, a special election shall be held at the next meeting of the College Assembly. The Chair will solicit nominations for the vacant position from the floor and a ballot vote will be held.

b. Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure

i. Membership

Voting members of the Committee on Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (the "APT Committee") shall include all full-time faculty whose primary appointment is in the College. For all discussions; 1) the Dean has voice, but no vote, 2) Associate Deans who are full-time faculty members in the College are voting members of the APT Committee, subject to the conditions stated below.

A full-time faculty member whose primary appointment is outside of the College may vote on initial appointments, provided that they are at or above the rank of the appointment under consideration. In promotion and award of tenure cases, a full-time member whose primary appointment is outside of the College has voice, but no vote, provided that they are at or above the rank to which a promotion or award of tenure is being considered.

Part-time faculty, have voice, but no vote, on initial appointments.

The Chair of the APT Committee shall be a full-time, tenured professor in the College. Upon consideration of the candidate nominated by the nominating committee and any nominations made from the floor, the Assembly shall elect the Chair of the APT Committee.

As specified in the Procedures for Review, Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure of Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty (Appendix A) and the Procedures for Review, Appointment, and Promotion of Professional Track Faculty (Appendix C), faculty members at or above the rank to which an appointment, promotion, or the award of tenure is being considered are members of the APT Committee for the discussion and/or vote on that case.

For cases pertaining to an initial appointment, APT members who have voice, but no vote, may be present and participate during the discussion and voting process.

For cases pertaining to an appointment to rank or the award of tenure, only voting members may be present and participate during the discussion and voting process.

For the approval of policies that apply to all College faculty, voting members include all voting members of the APT Committee.

For the approval of policies that apply only to tenured or tenure-track faculty, voting members include only part-time and full-time tenured/tenure-track faculty. Full-time, professional track faculty have voice, but no vote.

For the approval of policies that apply only to part-time and full-time professional track faculty, voting members include all voting members of the APT Committee.

ii. Duties and Responsibilities

The APT Committee shall:

- 1) Establish policies for the appointment, review, promotion, and tenure of faculty. The APT Committee may establish subcommittees to perform specific tasks.
- 2) Conduct reviews of professional track faculty, in accordance with the Procedures for Review, Appointment, and Promotion of Professional Track Faculty (Appendix C).
- 3) Conduct reviews of tenure-track faculty, in accordance with Procedures for Review, Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure of Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty (Appendix A).
- 4) Conduct reviews of tenured faculty, in accordance with Procedures for Review, Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure of Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty (Appendix A).
 - a) For Professors and Associate Processors after their sixth year in that rank, comprehensive reviews are normally conducted every five years. If a faculty member was on any combination of sabbatical leave, leave of absence, or University administrative assignment for one or more academic years, the post-tenure review will be delayed for the same number of years. If the faculty member is on a one-semester sabbatical leave or leave of absence in the semester in which the review would normally occur, the review will be performed during the following academic year. Comprehensive reviews for

Professors whose tenure home is in another unit will be conducted according to the policies of that unit.

- b) The APT Committee shall elect a separate Comprehensive Post-Tenure Review Committee (CPTRC) for each comprehensive review. The CPTRC shall consist of three elected members, all of whom shall be Professors at the University. For faculty with a tenure home in the College who hold a paid joint appointment in one or more other units, one member should be from one such unit. When possible, at least two members of the CPTRC should hold paid College appointments. When fewer than two unconflicted College Professors are available for election, the APT Committee may appoint one qualified member from outside the College.
- c) The faculty member being reviewed shall submit by October 15th a written report and a CV in the form required by the APT Committee. The written report shall focus on (1) research, scholarly, and creative activities; (2) teaching, advising, and other educational activities; and (3) service activities to the University, state, nation, professional community, or other organizations.
- d) After receipt of the faculty member's written report and CV, the CPTRC shall meet to consider the submitted materials and to discuss the case. The chair of the CPTRC shall then draft the appraisal report for each member of the Committee to review and edit. The appraisal report shall include a categorical ranking of Outstanding, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory. In the event that agreement cannot be reached, one or more members may submit separate appraisal reports. The CPTRC shall provide their final report to the faculty member by November 15. The faculty member may, at their option, prepare a written response to the Committee; any such response must be submitted by December 1.
- e) The Dean and the faculty member shall meet, normally in early December, to discuss the review. When the members of the CPTRC are unanimous in assigning a categorical ranking of Outstanding, the Dean should publicly recognize the faculty member's accomplishments; if resources permit, the Dean should consider additionally recognizing the faculty member's accomplishments in a materially significant way (e.g., through the allocation of travel funds to support public outreach or exploratory research). When the members of the CPTRC are unanimous in assigning a categorical ranking of Unsatisfactory, and in such other cases as the Dean may determine are necessary, the Dean and the faculty member shall discuss and agree on a firm, written development plan for enhancing meritorious work and for improving less satisfactory performance. In such cases, the development plan must include a timetable and a procedure for evaluation of progress at fixed intervals.

The Dean shall prepare a brief, written report stating their final evaluation of the faculty member, provide the report to the faculty member, and forward the report—together with all materials submitted by the candidate initially and (optionally) in response to the report, prepared by the staff, or prepared by the Committee—to the Provost by February 1. In the event that the faculty member disagrees with the final evaluation, a written appeal may be filed with the Provost by February 15. In such cases, the Provost will

review the appeal and the materials forwarded by the Dean. The Provost will meet separately with the faculty member, and the Provost will then issue a decision, normally by April 15. The Dean will then forward the materials, including the Provost's decision in the event of an appeal, to the Office of Faculty Affairs, normally by May 1. The Dean will also file a copy of all materials in the faculty member's personnel file.

- 5) Make recommendations to the Dean regarding the appointment, contract renewal, promotion, and tenure of faculty. These tasks may not be delegated to a subcommittee, although subcommittees, administrators, or staff may be asked to prepare records that will serve as a basis for the committee's deliberation. The Dean may participate in discussions, but shall not have a vote.

c. Annual Review Committee

The APT committee will elect the Annual Review Committee, usually during the Fall semester. The Annual Review Committee will consist of two Professors and two tenured Associate Professors. Each year, the Dean shall review the makeup of the Annual Review Committee over the previous five years to assure that a reasonable representation of faculty diversity has been achieved. If it has not, the Dean shall take appropriate action to rectify the situation.

The Annual Review Committee conducts the annual merit pay review for all faculty members with paid iSchool appointments, and contract renewal reviews for Assistant Professors at the end of their contract period (usually the end of the Spring semester in their third full academic year). The Annual Review Committee also conducts progress reviews for Assistant Professors and early-career Associate Professors.

d. PTK Review Committee

The APT committee will elect the PTK Review Committee, usually during the Fall semester. The PTK Review Committee will consist of four members, including one full Professor, one Principal or Senior Lecturer, one Associate or full Research Faculty member, and one Senior or Principal Faculty Specialist. Each year the Dean shall review the make-up of the PTK Review Committee over the previous five years to ensure that a reasonable representation of faculty diversity has been achieved. If it has not, the Dean shall recommend appropriate action to the APT to rectify the situation. The PTK Review Committee conducts 1) annual progress reviews for junior PTK Faculty who are not in term-limited appointments (i.e. Lecturers, Assistant Research Faculty, and Faculty Specialists), 2) biennial reviews for other PTK faculty who have not yet attained the highest position title in their series, and 3) the annual merit pay review for all PTK faculty.

E. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees may be established by the College Assembly for specific tasks or activities. Each ad hoc committee will be given a charge that specifies its membership, procedures for selecting its Chair, quorum rules, and meeting frequency. The term of each ad hoc committee expires no later than one year after its creation unless extended by the College Assembly.

ARTICLE IX– STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students, as described in Article VI of this Plan, shall have the right to organize their own academic, professional, and extracurricular organizations.

If a student organization seeks to use the College’s name or identity, the College Assembly must approve its establishment, and a faculty member must agree to serve as advisor to the organization. If such an organization does not elect officers and/or hold meetings for one academic year, the College Assembly may vote to dissolve the organization.

ARTICLE X– REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

A. General Procedures

1. Recommended amendments to this Plan of Organization must be presented in writing to the Chair of the College Assembly, who will place the recommendation(s) on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the College Assembly, in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in Article VII.E.
2. Approval of a recommended amendment by a two-thirds majority of the College Assembly membership present shall constitute adoption of the amendment.
3. An amendment shall be adopted upon a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the Assembly, either in-person or via a synchronous collaboration system.
4. Following approval by the College Assembly, the revised Plan shall be submitted to the University Senate for review and approval.

B. Periodic Review

1. An ad hoc committee comprised of faculty, staff, and students shall be elected by the Assembly to review and make recommendations regarding amendments to this Plan at intervals of no more than ten years beginning in 2020.
2. Any revision to the Plan must be submitted to the University Senate for review and approval.