Attachment 2

Salaries and Fringe Benefits Subcommittee

Report on Compensation for Promoted Non-Tenure-Track Faculty October 2023

Problem statement

Over the last several years, K-State has taken important steps to recognize the vital role of non-tenure-track faculty by creating new professional titles and providing tiered ranks that can be used for professional advancement (similar to tenure-track faculty). However, unlike the tenure track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty promotion does not currently result in an automatic increase in salary; such salary adjustments are made by the unit's supervisor, department head, and/or dean. This discrepancy in compensation practices has been the subject of discussion for several years by the Salaries and Fringe Benefits Subcommittee.

Keeping in mind that this Subcommittee makes recommendations on the internal distribution of faculty and unclassified staff salary funds and benefits, the Subcommittee sought to (a) review the impact (both qualitative and quantitative) of the current situation, and (b) make a recommendation to the K-State Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee.

Impacts - qualitative

In a December 2022 report, authored by the firm Emergent Method (contractually superintending survey research for K-State's *NextGen* Strategic Planning process),¹ there were a number of statements and allusions to the current situation faced by non-tenure-track faculty receiving promotions. In the report's data regarding specific ways K-State can improve its functions in the area of instruction/teaching," we note the following illustrative statements made by K-State employees:

- "If we are going to keep hiring more non tenure track instructors, give them funds on promotion tracks to encourage excellence. Or just go back to hiring tenure track" (p. 32)
- "Provide pay increase steps to non-tenure track faculty to improve incentives to excel" (p. 37).

Regarding ways to improve K-State's functions in the area of faculty/staff support, the following statements asserted a number of needs and observations, including these:

- "Competitive salaries, reward system for those that are not on tenure track but doing the heavy lifting. See many of the same individuals doing the work without adequate compensation" (p. 77).
- "consistent merit raises. clearer professional promotional tracks for staff" (p. 77).

¹ For the full report, see https://www.k-state.edu/strategic-planning/feedback/survey/K-State SurveyReport-FacultyStaff Dec-2022.pdf. The report's key contact, John Snow (john@emergentmethod.com; phone: 225-372-5102), is happy to answer questions about the report. In an email dated 13 April 2023, Mr. Snow authorized the subcommittee "to use or reference any of the data in our report as necessary to inform [its] work" (see Appendix A).

- "Non-tenure track faculty and staff need opportunities for advancement to avoid stagnant wages and to retain talent. This has been a major problem as lack of mechanisms for raises effectively punish employees with dedicated loyalty to K-State" (p. 87).
- "[K-State should] provide all levels of teaching positions the same opportunity for automatic raises as they are promoted within their level. Tenure-track teachers get this, but not other levels of teaching positions" (p. 89).
- "Teaching faculty are still being treated as lesser when compared to traditional tenure track research faculty. Teaching faculty, especially those who engage in scholarship, should be treated as equals and given similar rights as tenured faculty, including but not limited to pay equality, room for advancement, voting rights, tenure or tenure equivalent, and better worklife balance" (p. 94).
- "There are not clear career pathways unless you are P&T track" (p. 95).

Regarding the impact of discrepancies in promotion/compensation practices for tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty, K-State's aspiration to "shared governance" seems undermined:

• "The university or certain colleges need to work with the non-tenure track faculty in regards to promotion. As we keep losing more and more tenure track lines for non tenure track there has to be a better mechanism in place to promote those individuals. The process currently in place is not working but higher ups seem unwilling to work/collaborate to find a solution" (p. 196).

In response to the question, "What specifically should K-State invest in or prioritize to position itself for continued success in the future?," the following excerpted statements are illustrative:

• [K-State should prioritize] Non-tenure track faculty. These people contribute just as much as tenure track faculty, are more flexible in addressing new needs, and should have the same or greater pay due to accepting a higher level of employment risk" (p. 256).

With respect to the question, "How can K-State best fulfill [its] commitment [to building a more diverse and inclusive university]?," the following noteworthy statements were made:

- "Make sure policies/benefits are equal between the levels of teaching roles instructor, tenure-track professors. There are instructors, some with only a master's, that are made to feel "lesser-than" professors even though the instructor's TEVALs are higher than tenured professors" (p. 424).
- "Rethink how instructors are compensated versus tenure-track faculty. We need more instructors with real-world experience that can help prepare our students for well-paying careers..." (p. 432).

Perhaps the most cogent statement in all of the survey data occurs on page 463: "Salaries for non-tenure track employees has to be addressed."

Impacts - quantitative

While the above comments are insightful, they are admittedly anecdotal. Therefore, the Subcommittee requested assistance from Chris Urban (K-State Office of Institutional Research and Assessment) to ascertain the extent to which non-tenure-track faculty are, in fact, being impacted by the current compensation practices.

In a report generated on 23 March 2023, available in Appendix B), the Subcommittee learned the following:

- Over the last 8 years, there have been **1,669 distinct non-tenure-track faculty at K-State**. This pool includes faculty involved in the following functions and bearing the following titles:²
 - o Instruction (instructor, senior instructor, and advanced instructor),
 - Practice (professor of practice, senior professor of practice)
 - Teaching (teaching assistant professor, teaching associate professor, and teaching professor)
 - o Clinical (clinical assistant professor, clinical associate professor, and clinical professor)
 - Research (research assistant professor, research associate professor, and research professor)
 - Extension (extension assistant professor, extension associate professor)
- During the period 2014-present, there were 111 instances of promotion for non-tenure-track faculty. In 36 (32.1%) of these promotion events, no salary compensation occurred. Depending on the particular function and title area, there were major differences:³
 - Instruction (64.3% of the promotions were not accompanied by a salary increase)
 - o Practice (23.1% of the promotions were not accompanied by a salary increase)
 - Teaching (52.3% of the promotions were not accompanied by a salary increase)
 - Research (7.7% of the promotions were not accompanied by a salary increase)

Recommendations

- Following Next-Gen Theme 2 Build and Sustain The Next-Generation Land-Grant Workforce at K-State Bold ideas:
 - Establish a university employee compensation philosophy and supporting structures focused on competitiveness and performance
 - Rethink and broaden traditional approaches to incentivizing and rewarding faculty and staff
 - Recommendations from <u>2016 Faculty Compensation Task Force Report "Structuring Faculty Salaries Towards K-State 2025 & Beyond</u>" and the <u>2022 Salary and Fringe Benefits Committee Recommendations on Faculty and Staff Salaries from the Salaries and Fringe Benefits Committee we make the following recommendations:
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² See page 1 of Appendix B

³ See page 3 of Appendix B

- We recommend that all non-tenure-track promotions should receive a salary increase of at least 7.5% of the salary of all faculty at K-State (the average salary increase was 8.5% in our analysis, which is in line with this recommendation).
- We recommend that if this recommendation is not enacted that faculty, staff and administration identify a solution to standardize the promotion compensation for non-tenure track faculty.

Appendices:

- A: Email from Emergent Method's John Snow to committee member Justin Kastner authorizing the use and reference of its December 2022 report
- B: Data tables and figures courtesy of Chris Urban, K-State Office of Institutional Research and Assessment

Justin Kastner

From: John Snow <john@emergentmethod.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:45 AM

To: Justin Kastner
Cc: Robyn Stiles

Subject: RE: Survey report use question

This email originated from outside of K-State.

Hi Justin,

Thanks for reaching out and checking! Sounds like a big lift your committee is taking on with this effort, so thanks for the time I'm sure is going and will continue to go into it.

You are more than welcome to use or reference any of the data in our report as necessary to inform your work. Let me know if you have any other questions as you move forward.

Thanks!

John

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From: Justin Kastner <jkastner@ksu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:11 AM
To: John Snow <john@emergentmethod.com>

Subject: Survey report use question

Dear John, if I may,

Greetings from Kansas State University. I am a faculty member serving on a number of Faculty Senate (governance) committees, one of which is charged with making recommendations regarding salaries and benefits of employees. Like most committees, we are simply to gather information and offer our perspectives to the wider Faculty Senate community and university administration.

Our subcommittee is in the throes of putting together a report that captures a number of perspectives on the broad (and admittedly complex!) issue of compensation. As we author our report (which we would share with Faculty Senate, likely next Fall), I wonder if we have permission from Emergent Methods to cite/quote/excerpt some of the anecdotal and qualitative data found in this report:

https://www.k-state.edu/strategic-planning/feedback/survey/K-State SurveyReport-FacultyStaff Dec-2022.pdf

Can you advise me on this? I figured that because it is a survey/report prepared for K-State, we could use any or all of it; however, I wanted to doublecheck.

Sincerely,

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Non-Tenure Faculty

Headcounts & Time in Job

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Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total (Distinct)
□ Instructor	564	590	586	523	525	517	462	469	445	396	1280
Instructor	564	590	583	509	513	505	450	457	433	383	1277
Senior Instructor		1	2	10	11	10	10	11	11	10	13
Advanced Instructor		2	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	7
□ Practice			5	17	20	31	33	48	60	59	80
Professor of Practice			5	16	19	28	31	46	58	54	74
Senior Professor of Practice				1	1	3	2	2	2	5	6
□ Teaching		9	22	28	46	58	67	83	94	93	124
Teaching Assistant Professor		4	14	17	33	41	43	55	63	63	91
Teaching Associate Professor		4	6	8	9	12	13	15	15	13	25
Teaching Professor		1	2	3	4	9	12	17	18	17	19
☐ Clinical	26	38	42	47	51	61	64	65	74	68	117
Clinical Assistant Professor	14	26	30	30	35	42	43	43	51	48	97
Clinical Associate Professor	11	12	12	13	13	17	14	15	14	10	29
Clinical Professor	1	1	2	5	5	9	9	10	11	10	11
☐ Research	73	77	71	66	70	62	61	61	55	44	152
Research Assistant Professor	62	62	56	50	56	50	49	50	45	35	135
Research Associate Professor	9	11	12	11	10	9	8	5	5	4	20
Research Professor	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	6	5	10
□ Extension							1	1	2	3	3
Extension Assistant Professor									1	2	2
Extension Associate Professor							1	1	1	1	1
Total (Distinct)	658	706	721	674	705	716	683	716	725	663	1669

-	Curre	ently in Job	Not in	Job	Total	
Category	#	Yrs in job	#	Yrs in job	#	Yrs in jo
☐ Instructor	401	10.77	891	7.86	1280	9.2
Instructor	388	10.93	889	7.91	1277	9.3
Senior Instructor	10	6.08	3	4.80	13	5.8
Advanced Instructor	3	3.09	4	3.74	7	3.5
□ Practice	58	3.79	22	2.28	80	3.4
Professor of Practice	53	3.81	21	2.31	74	3.5
Senior Professor of Practice	5	3.47	1	1.75	6	3.2
□ Teaching	92	3.83	42	3.80	124	3.8
Teaching Assistant Professor	62	3.84	29	3.64	91	3.7
Teaching Associate Professor	13	3.34	12	4.31	25	3.8
Teaching Professor	17	4.04	2	1.88	19	3.9
☐ Clinical	66	5.28	62	4.28	117	4.7
Clinical Assistant Professor	46	4.99	51	3.91	97	4.4
Clinical Associate Professor	10	5.62	19	5.00	29	5.2
Clinical Professor	10	5.72	1	6.00	11	5.7
□ Research	43	10.30	113	6.48	152	8.0
Research Assistant Professor	34	10.33	101	6.41	135	8.0
Research Associate Professor	4	6.51	16	7.04	20	6.9
Research Professor	5	12.30	5	5.80	10	10.2
□ Extension	3	2.28			3	2.2
Extension Assistant Professor	2	0.19			2	0.1
Extension Associate Professor	1	2.67			1	2.6
Total	663	9.25	1095	7.16	1669	8.2

Notes & Definitions

Only includes employees with non-tenure faculty titles as their *primary* job. Years in job does not account for breaks in service, only the last date in the job compared to the first date in the job. Excludes unpaid positions and jobs held <3 months.

Data from March 2014 to present by Calendar Year. Salary increases determined by the employee's *hourly rate*, which accounts for changes in FTE. Promotions include individuals who changed positions and departments.

Promotions only valid if they occur within a year of moving from one non-tenure faculty title to a more advanced title in the ladder or from instructor to any other non-tenure title. Promotions exclude rehires and title changes within the first month of employment.



Office of Institutional Research and Assessment

Non-Tenure Faculty

Headcounts by Contract & Appointment

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Employee Head	Employee Headcounts in Non-Tenure Faculty Jobs by Regular/Temporary Status														
Reg/Temp	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total				
□ Regular	440	459	475	467	480	470	464	442	471	421	1019				
	346	341	338	312	302	282	264	226	234	204	666				
			5	15	17	19	18	21	28	26	45				
		9	22	28	46	52	58	71	84	83	115				
	26	38	42	47	51	59	62	63	68	61	110				
⊞ Research	68	71	68	65	64	58	61	60	55	44	143				
							1	1	2	3	3				
⊟ Temporary	218	247	246	207	227	246	219	274	254	242	757				
	214	244	244	204	218	222	193	233	206	192	691				
				2	3	12	15	27	32	33	35				
					1	6	9	12	10	10	14				
						2	2	1	6	7	8				
⊞ Research	4	3	2	1	5	4		1			12				
Total	658	706	721	674	705	716	683	716	725	663	1669				

Empl	oyee H	leadco	unts ir	n Non-	Tenure	e Facu	lty Job	s by 9.	/12 Mc	onth St	atus
9/12 Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
☐ 12-Month	227	237	241	267	276	286	292	315	341	320	701
	139	133	132	150	150	137	130	141	157	146	386
⊕ Practice			2	7	8	19	20	34	37	39	48
		3	6	7	10	19	25	26	28	29	36
	25	37	41	46	48	56	60	59	69	62	110
⊞ Research	63	64	60	57	60	55	56	54	48	41	135
							1	1	2	3	3
∃ 9-Month	432	469	480	407	429	430	392	401	384	343	1052
	422	452	450	366	369	367	328	318	283	250	951
			3	10	12	12	13	14	23	20	34
		6	16	21	36	39	42	57	66	64	89
	1	1	1	1	3	5	4	5	5	6	8
⊞ Research	9	10	10	9	9	7	5	7	7	3	21
Total	658	706	721	674	705	716	683	716	725	663	1669

	Employee Headcounts in Non-Tenure by Full/Part-Time Status														n-Ten	ure b	y Ful	l/Part	-Time	e Stat	us										
Year	2014			2015			2016	ì		2017	,		2018			2019			2020			2021			2022			2023			Tot
Full/Part-Time	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	FT	PT	Tot	
Instructor	304	256	560	298	287	585	302	280	582	280	236	516	267	252	519	245	259	504	219	238	457	196	263	459	195	245	440	178	218	396	1275
Practice							4	1	5	13	4	17	17	3	20	14	17	31	14	19	33	18	30	48	25	35	60	23	36	59	80
Teaching				8	1	9	21	1	22	25	3	28	43	4	46	51	7	58	56	11	67	70	13	83	82	12	94	81	12	93	124
Clinical	18	8	26	30	8	38	36	6	42	41	6	47	44	7	51	51	10	61	52	12	64	52	12	64	59	15	74	54	14	68	117
Research	59	13	72	63	11	74	62	8	70	57	9	66	58	11	69	52	10	62	56	5	61	54	7	61	48	7	55	38	6	44	151
Extension																			1		1	1		1	2		2	3		3	3
Total	381	277	658	399	307	706	425	296	721	416	258	674	429	277	705	413	303	716	398	285	683	391	325	716	411	314	725	377	286	663	1669

Notes & Definitions

Employee type, contract and appointment information on this page is determined based on the employees last known status in the specified year (i.e. if someone switched from FT instructor to PT Teaching Prof. during the year, they will be counted as PT Teaching Prof).

Data by calendar year.

Non-Tenure Faculty

Promotions & Salary Increases

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Promotions with No Increase

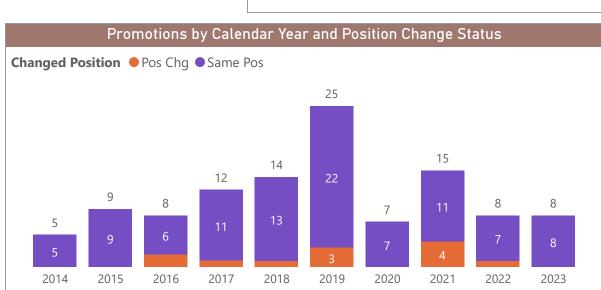
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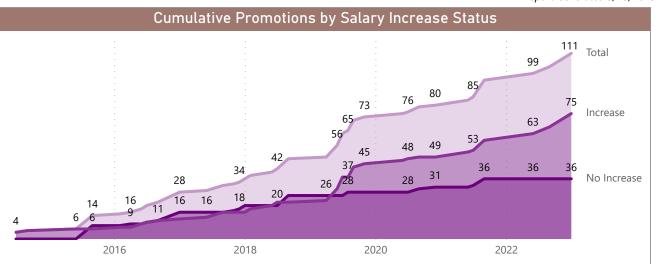
Promotions

32.1%

% of Promotions with No Increase

Promotions	by Pay Incre	ease Status, 2	014-Present
Category	Promotions	# No Increase	% No Increase
☐ Instructor	14	9	64.3%
Pos Chg	2	1	50.0%
Same Pos	12	8	66.7%
□ Practice	13	3	23.1%
Pos Chg	3	0	0.0%
Same Pos	10	3	30.0%
Teaching	44	23	52.3%
Pos Chg	5	0	0.0%
Same Pos	39	23	59.0%
☐ Clinical	27	0	0.0%
Pos Chg	1	0	0.0%
Same Pos	26	0	0.0%
Research	13	1	7.7%
Pos Chg	1	0	0.0%
Same Pos	12	1	8.3%
Total	111	36	32.4%





	Title Changes and Avera	ige Pa	y Ir	ncrease		
Previous Title	Promoted Title	#	A	Avg. Sal Chg	w/Pos Chg	Same Pos
Instructor	Teaching Assistant Professor	2	9	10.0%	37.7%	4.2%
Clinical Assistant Professor	Clinical Associate Professor	1	2	10.8%		10.8%
Instructor	Professor of Practice	1	0	10.2%	12.1%	9.4%
Instructor	Senior Instructor		9	1.7%	-1.9%	2.7%
Clinical Associate Professor	Clinical Professor		8	11.9%		11.9%
Research Assistant Professor	Research Associate Professor		8	14.0%		14.0%
Teaching Assistant Professor	Teaching Associate Professor		6	5.5%		5.5%
Instructor	Clinical Assistant Professor		6	5.7%	12.2%	4.4%
Instructor	Advanced Instructor		5	6.0%		6.0%
Instructor	Teaching Associate Professor		5	2.4%		2.4%
Teaching Associate Professor	Teaching Professor		4	5.9%		5.9%
Instructor	Senior Professor of Practice		3	2.3%		2.3%
Research Associate Professor	Research Professor		3	18.1%		18.1%
Instructor	Research Assistant Professor		2	4.1%	5.8%	2.5%
Instructor	Clinical Associate Professor		1	2.4%		2.4%
Total		11	1	8.5%	19.9%	7.2%