204-A Tenure Policy Amendment

Approved by Board of Trustees
Effective Date: _____, 2020
Responsible Division: Academic Affairs
Responsible Office: University Provost
Responsible Officer: University Provost

I. Purpose

This policy permits a stoppage of the tenure clock for one (1) additional year beyond the stoppage permitted in Policy 204 Tenure V.B.4. due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have interrupted a faculty member’s research progress.

II. Amendment

Faculty members in a tenure-track appointment may request a stoppage of the tenure clock for one (1) additional year beyond the stoppage permitted in Policy 204 Tenure, Section V.B.4. due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have interrupted their progress in research/scholarship/creative activity.

Policy 204-A does not replace Policy 204 Tenure which remains in effect but is intended to supplement it. In the event of a discrepancy or inconsistency between Policy 204 and Policy 204-A, the provisions of this policy shall govern.

III. Amendment Duration

This amendment is temporary and will remain in effect only as long as the COVID-19 crisis requires the University to take exceptional measures to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the MTSU community. It will remain in effect until rescinded by the President on the recommendation of the Provost.

IV. Procedures

A faculty member requesting a tenure clock stoppage due to the COVID-19 pandemic’s effect on their research progress must submit the request in writing and secure the recommendation of the Department Chair, College Dean, and Provost, and the approval of the President. The President will notify the faculty member of the decision within one (1) month after the request has been submitted.
Forms: None.
Revisions: None.
Last Reviewed: _____ 2020.
References: Policy 204 Tenure.