

“The Senate Council on Academic Freedom, Faculty Quality and Faculty Welfare, at the request of the Academic Personnel Board (APB), supports a three year pilot during which the promotion or award of permanent status of County Extension Faculty will not be reviewed by the APB. The review of their cases will otherwise be unchanged.”

Background: County Extension faculty hold faculty status at the University of Florida. The Academic Personnel Board believes that the characteristics that determine their advancement (Scholarship of Engagement) are best judged within their own peer group.

Review process during the pilot: Faculty committees review promotion packets and make recommendations to the Dean of Extension. The Dean reviews the packets and makes a recommendation to the Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Senior Vice President reviews the packet and makes a recommendation to the President. The President makes the final decision on all promotions. If the County Extension faculty is a candidate for Permanent Status, the President makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees who make the final decision.