Faculty/Librarian Recruitment Checklist

This document is intended as a quick reference for the steps to be followed in completing a search and screen process for the hiring of faculty and librarians.

1. **Getting Ready to Search**
   - The department chair will coordinate the identification of a search and screen committee and committee chair in accordance with school/college guidelines.
   - The department chair will oversee the completion and submission of the appropriate hiring forms. Forms are available on the respective websites (HROIE, OAA, and Accounting Services.)

2. **Request to Recruit and Advertise the Position**
   Using reports provided by Institutional Research, review the following information and trends:
   - Form HREO-1 is completed by the search committee chair and/or department chair.
   - The department chair signs the completed HREO-1 and forwards it to the dean, along with:
     - an electronic copy of the proposed IPFW Faculty/Librarian Vacancy Web Posting and the ad copy,
     - a hard copy of the proposed print ads with Form 12 (Purchasing Requisition),
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   - An ad must be placed in The Chronicle either print or online ad. For online ads, please printout of the full webpage listing of the ad, including the URL, date, etc., in combination with a receipt for payment of the ad, is perfect documentation of the advertisement.
   - The dean signs HREO-1 and forwards all documents to Julie Yoder for HROIE
   - The Associate Director of Compliance reviews and signs the forms and forwards them to the VCAA:
     - OAA assigns a Real Internal Order (RIO) number.
     - The VCAA approves the request, signs HREO-1 (if permission to recruit is denied, HREO-1 is routed back to HROIE or Held in OAA, depending on the reason).
     - The VCAA approves and signs the proposed ads and Purchasing Requisition for ads.
     - OAA posts the job vacancy announcement on the OAA web site (HR will link to this site) and HigherEdJobs.com for free.
     - Copies of the signed HREO-1 are emailed to all signatories.
   - The department chair informs the search committee of the approval to recruit and the department OIE goals from the signed form.

3. **Processing Applications**
   - A designee of the search committee sends acknowledgment letters/emails, including the Applicant Self-Identification survey address.
     - Acknowledgement letters/emails may also describe more details about, and expectations of, the position.
   - The search committee reviews applications to create a short list using a consistent criteria rubric modified for each search.
   - As part of the screening process, phone interviews are conducted with top candidates in order to determine whether to invite them for on-campus.
     - The committee develops and uses a consistent list of questions to ask each candidate during the initial phone interview.
The interviewing process for internal candidates should be the same as for external candidates. The search committee should make calls/emails to external references at this time. Calls to persons not on the reference list may only be made after receiving the candidate’s permission.

4. Request to Interview

Forms EEOR-2a and EEOR-2b

- **Three top candidates should be selected** for on-campus interviews (approval for less than three requires extraordinary circumstances). Additional candidates may be invited if there is no expense or if additional expense has been approved by the VCAA.
  - Alternate candidates may be identified if there is an expectation that individuals in the top three may withdraw prior to the on-campus interview.
- The search committee chair or department chair completes EEOR-2a (Request to Interview) and EEOR-2b (List of Applicants). This form is located on the OAA webpage.
  - For EEOR-2b, provide a list of all applicants in alphabetical order by last name, and include reasons for inclusion/exclusion on the final list interview
  - CV’s of candidates selected for on-campus interviews are attached to EEOR-2a
  - The department chair approves, signs and forwards EEOR-2a, with attachments and EEOR-2b, to the dean for signature and routing to HROIE
- The Dean reviews, approves and forwards to Julie Yoder for HROIE
- The Associate Director of Compliance reviews documents, contacts chair to verify information if necessary, signs EEOR-2a and forwards all documents to the VCAA for review and signature.
- The VCAA signs.
- **EEOR-2a must have all signatures of approval before applicants can be contacted for on-campus interviews.**
  - A copy of the signed EEOR-2a is emailed to all signatories.

5. On-Campus Interviews

Before the campus visit:

- A designee of the search committee schedules the interviews
- Official transcripts should be requested at this time
- Form 17C (Request Approval for Reimbursement of Expenses for Prospective Employee Travel Interview Trips, available from Accounting Services at [ipfw.edu/offices/accounting/forms/index.html](http://ipfw.edu/offices/accounting/forms/index.html)) is completed (if applicable) 10 days prior to travel and submitted to OAA.
  - Faculty Records verifies the candidates listed has been approved for interview, signs and forwards to Travel
- The search committee develops a list of questions based on the position qualifications rubric to ask the interview. See Attachment B for a listing of questions that may and may not be asked.

During the campus visit:

- Candidates meet with search committee, department chair, and others as appropriate (e.g., department staff, department faculty, students groups, dean, OSP, HR, etc.)
- Candidates for positions appointed with tenure and/or appointed for chair or other administrative positions must meet with the VCAA during the interview visit.
- Follow Hospitality Expenditure Policy guidelines (Accounting Services web site)

After the campus visit:

- The candidates’ original itemized receipts for appropriate expenditures are submitted, with form DIV (Direct Invoice Voucher), to Accounting Services (use RIO number in order).
- A separate DIV must be submitted to reimburse a host for a meal.

6. Request to Extend Offer

Form EEOR-3

- After consultation with the Search Committee (and others as appropriate), the department chair completes and signs form EEOR-3 and forwards it to the dean for approval and routing to Julie Yoder for HROIE.
- The Associate Director of Compliance reviews information, signs, and forwards to VCAA.
- The VCAA approves.
EEOR-3 must be approved by all signatories before an offer can be made.

- Concerns about legal status to work in the U.S. should be directed to Brian Mylrea (mylreab@ipfw.edu) after all approvals are obtained, and prior to making a verbal offer.
- Tenure can be awarded only to candidates who are permanent residents of the U.S.
- Copies of the signed EEOR-3 are emailed to all signatories.
- Following verbal acceptance, a written offer letter and contract are prepared by OAA and the contract will be routed to the appropriate dean’s office for signature. The executive assistant to the VCAA can help address any special circumstances or concerns.
- The VCAA signs.
- The offer letter packet is mailed by OAA to the candidate
- The candidate signs the offer letter and other documents and returns them to OAA by the identified deadline.
- OAA will prepare the position request and the PA and will send to the appropriate business manager for signature and then copies will be sent to the appropriate dean’s assistant.
- The unit secretary forwards the dossier (3 original reference letters, official transcripts, and CV) to OAA.

7. **Hiring Report**

   **EEOR-3 Bottom Section**
   - The department chair completes the bottom of EEOR-3
     - The form EEOR-3 is sent to Julie Yoder for HROIE
   - A designee of the Search Committee informs all unsuccessful candidates that the position has been filled

8. **Disposition of Search and Screen Materials**

   The department must retain (in the department files) all materials for a minimum of three years, including application materials from unsuccessful candidates, related notes, references, and correspondence, and one original publication in which the ad appeared.

   **Special Situations - Waiver of Full Search Process.**

   When a position must be filled on short notice, the department chair, in collaboration with the dean, will decide whether a full search is appropriate or if the situation warrants a waiver of the full search process. If a waiver is desired, the department chair should submit form HREO-1 (Request to Recruit) to Christine Marcuccilli with: a memo requesting a waiver of the requirements for a full search and the name of individual the department recommends be hired (if known); the individual’s CV; and Form EEOR-3 (Request to Extend Offer). The hiring process should proceed as follows:
   - HREO-1, EEOR-3, candidate CV and waiver memo are forwarded to the Associate Director of Compliance for approval and transmittal to the VCAA. The VCAA approves. If the waiver is not approved the department chair will be notified by OAA or HROIE.
   - Copies of the signed HREO-1 and EEOR-3 are emailed to all signatories and to HROIE.
   - The steps for a written offer and contract are completed as in Step 7.
   - The Hiring Report (EEOR-3) is completed as in Step 8.

   **NOTE:** Waiver of the Search Process should only be used in the case of an urgent faculty/librarian opening due to exceptional circumstance (i.e. late resignation of a faculty member, etc.) and only after consultation with the dean and VCAA. The person hired will be hired as a Visiting faculty member only, with the expectation that a full search for the position will be initiated during the following academic year.

Carl N. Drummond  
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Appropriate and Inappropriate Interview Questions

Address
  Appropriate: "How long have you lived in this area?"
  Inappropriate: List of previous addresses; how long at each specific address.

Age
  Appropriate: None
  Inappropriate: Questions about age; requests for birth certificate.

Arrest Record
  Appropriate: Indiana law permits questions on pending charges if related to job, i.e., security or sensitive jobs.
  Inappropriate: Questions about pending charges for jobs other than those mentioned.

Convictions
  Appropriate: None
  Inappropriate: Questions about convictions unless the information bears on job performance.

Family
  Appropriate: None
  Inappropriate: Number and ages of children, child bearing/rearing queries.

Education
  Appropriate: Inquiries about degree or equivalent experience.
  Inappropriate: Questions about education that are not related to job performance.

Disability
  Appropriate: May ask about applicant’s ability to do job-related functions.
  Inappropriate: Question (or series of questions) that is likely to solicit information about a disability.

Marital or Family Status
  Appropriate: Whether applicant can meet work schedule or job requirements. Should be asked of both sexes.
  Inappropriate: Any inquiry about marital status, children, pregnancy, or child care plans.

National Origin
  Appropriate: May ask all applicants if legally authorized to work in this specific position.
  Inappropriate: May not ask if a person is a U.S. citizen.

Personal Finances
  Appropriate: None.
  Inappropriate: Inquiries regarding credit record, owning a home, or garnishment record.

Political Affiliations
  Appropriate: None.
  Inappropriate: Inquiries about membership in a political party.

Organizations
  Appropriate: Inquiries about professional organizations related to the position.
  Inappropriate: Inquiries about professional organizations suggesting race, sex, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

Race, Color, or Sexual Orientation
  Appropriate: None.
  Inappropriate: Comments about complexion, color or skin, height, weight, or sexual orientation.

Religion
  Appropriate: Describe the work schedule and ask whether applicant can work that schedule. Also, suggest that accommodations to schedule are possible.
  Inappropriate: Inquiries about religious preferences, affiliations, or denominations.

Work Experience
  Appropriate: Applicant’s previous employment experience.
  Inappropriate: Stereotypical inquiries regarding protected group members.