

Should the UFC undertake to draft guidelines for the CoPTs

A few thoughts and a proposal

Motivation

- Why do we need to do anything?
 1. CoPT membership varies year-to-year
 2. Applied standards vary year-to-year
 3. Two-Tier versus Three-Tier system (Kent - Armor)
 4. Standards within Academic Units vary (Architecture - Chemistry)
 5. General Inconsistency

What NOT to do...

- Specify standards for promotion and tenure
- Draft binding rules
- Recommend detailed procedures

What we should do...

- Define the broad roles played by each CoPT as part of a comprehensive system for promotion and tenure
- Discuss the differences between the various colleges (with recommendations?)
- Recognize the differences between academic disciplines and recommend how the role played by each CoPT may change as a consequence thereof

How to proceed?

- Select a small group of faculty with a reasonable cross-section of representation
- Collect input from a variety of sources
- Draft guidelines
- Discuss with UFC
- Iterate
- Present results to faculty
- Iterate (if necessary)