

**Resolution on  
Commercialization as a Possible Criteria for Promotion and Tenure  
Promotion and Tenure Committee of the Faculty Senate  
First Reading  
February 5th, 2017**

Whereas the Ohio Revised Code 3345.45-C1/2 now requires a pathway for commercialization as a criteria that can be considered in promotion and tenure;

Whereas, the Legislature has determined that beginning on July 1, 2018, as a condition for a state university to receive any state funds for research that are allocated to the department of higher education under the appropriation lines items referred to as either “research incentive third frontier fund” or “research incentive third frontier-tax,” the chancellor shall require the university to include multiple pathways for faculty tenure, one of which may be a commercialization pathway, in its Board-approved policy.

Be it resolved that section II.C.6.a of the Faculty Handbook be revised:

Original: **6. Faculty Tenure**

- a. Tenure is awarded to those individuals whose records indicate that they are likely to continue to make significant positive contributions to the academic life of the University throughout their professional careers. Eligibility for tenure shall be determined by the department concerned and is reserved for those who are engaged in academic activities, including teaching, research, and service.

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- a. Tenure is awarded to those individuals whose records indicate that they are likely to continue to make significant positive contributions to the academic life of the University throughout their professional careers. Eligibility for tenure shall be determined by the department concerned and is reserved for those who are engaged in academic activities, **including research, and/or scholarly activity, and/or creative activity (of which any may include activities leading to commercialization),** teaching, and service.