Overview of the University of Michigan Faculty Handbook – Ann Arbor Campus

Abridged and Unabridged Versions (2021-2022)

The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs produces the Faculty Handbook, both unabridged (http://provost.umich.edu/faculty/handbook/toc.html) and abridged versions (http://provost.umich.edu/faculty/handbook/FacultyHandbook_abridged_2021-22_12.17.21.pdf), to provide readers with brief descriptions of existing policies, procedures, resources, and other information that affects faculty. The Handbook also includes referrals to primary sources for more information.

The abridged version contains the complete table of contents for the unabridged version and several key chapters in full. It also includes a list of acronyms. Both the abridged and unabridged versions are updated on an as-needed basis to reflect changes in policy, procedures, and other relevant information.

Neither version of the Faculty Handbook is, nor are they intended to be, a primary source of official University policy. Official policies are found in the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, the Standard Practice Guide (SPG), the bylaws of the schools and colleges, and many other documents, some of which are referenced in the Handbook (see, http://spg.umich.edu/about/policy-hierarchy). Throughout the Handbook, references to authoritative sources of University policy are provided. The Handbook is not intended to directly establish or imply contractual obligations to any faculty group or individual faculty member. University policies may be revised at any time. Unless otherwise stated, revised University policies, when approved, apply to University faculty and staff, regardless of their initial appointment dates.

Although the Faculty Handbook is written for Ann Arbor faculty, it includes information about University of Michigan-Dearborn and University of Michigan-Flint. Key differences among the campuses are noted and some information about local resources provided by the provosts on those campuses has been included. The UM-Dearborn Faculty Handbook Supplement is available online at https://umdearborn.edu/about/policies-and-procedures/faculty-staff-policies-and-procedures/faculty-handbook-policies. UM-Flint’s Faculty Code of the University of Michigan-Flint is posted online at https://www.umflint.edu/bylaws/.

Every effort was made to ensure that the information contained in the abridged version of the Faculty Handbook is accurate as of December, 2021. However, the University of Michigan is a dynamic institution, constantly growing and changing. Some of the information will become out of date. Please contact the Provost’s Office with questions at (734) 764-9290.