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**Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Revisions to Academic Personnel Manual (APM)
360, Appointment and Promotion, Librarian Series**

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed for systemwide review are proposed revisions to Academic Personnel Manual (APM) as follows:

- Section 360, Appointment and Promotion / Librarian Series (APM - 360).

The proposed revisions are intended to address substantive matters discussed in more detail below.

Background

In 2015-2016, a Joint Task Force on the Librarian Series Definition comprised of the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) and the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) proposed that APM - 360, Librarians Series be revised to include a new definition for the Librarian series. The proposed revisions underwent systemwide review and the revised APM - 360 was issued on March 1, 2016.

Upon further review of the Librarian definition, the University has identified errors in the 2016 revision that requires the following corrections and updates:

- “*In the University campus libraries*” has been added to the introductory paragraph and is consistent with the text in the remainder of APM - 360 that refers to the campus libraries. The original Librarian definition clarified that the professional services are performed in the libraries and the Joint Task Force’s original proposed definition also maintained that the services would be performed in the libraries. However, when APM - 360 was issued in 2016, the reference to professional services being performed in the libraries was erroneously removed and inadvertently broadened the scope to professional services performed anywhere in the University. The inclusion of “*University campus libraries*” in this draft is meant to clarify the intent as the 2016 revision erroneously removed the important reference to performance in the libraries.

- In APM - 360-4(c), engaging with users to provide them with guidance and “*instruction*” has been modified to providing users with guidance and “*training and resources*” on information resources and collections. As currently written, the policy states that Librarians engage in “*instruction*” when engaging with users of library services. In the current context and the manner that this provision has been written, providing “*instruction*” implicates the teaching mission of the University. The teaching mission of the University is not a subcategory under the broader category of professional library services, which is how the current policy reads. In addition, if a Librarian is serving as instructor of record and engaging in the teaching mission of the University, they are expected to do so in an appropriate concurrent instructional title. The substitution of “*training and resources*” for “*instruction*” is intended to clarify this and to avert any future potential for misunderstandings.
- In APM - 360-4(d), “*carrying out research and creative activity*” in support of the professional services performed in the libraries has been modified to “*acquiring information and knowledge*” in support of the professional services performed in the libraries. The original Librarian definition referenced “*research where necessary*” and the Joint Task Force’s original proposed definition referenced “*research in support*” of the professional services performed in the libraries. However, when APM - 360 was issued in 2016, the reference to “*research*” was erroneously expanded to “*carrying out research and creative activity*” in support of the professional services performed in the libraries. The research/creative activity mission of the University is not a subcategory under the broader category of professional library services, which is how the current policy reads. The substitution of “*acquiring information and knowledge*” for “*carrying out research and creative activity*” is intended to clarify this because the use of the word “*research*” in the original version of APM - 360 resulted in a misunderstanding of the intent of the word and was inadvertently expanded to include “*creative activity*.”
- In addition to the professional library services provided by Librarians, academic Librarians engage in at least one or more of the following, to the extent they are relevant to the Librarian’s career path: (1) professional activity outside of the library; (2) university and public service; and (3) research and other creative activity. Librarians who are academic appointees undergo academic reviews where these achievements have been recognized in APM - 360-10. However, these additional criteria have not previously been recognized in the Librarian definition in APM - 360-4. In recognition of the important contributions in these areas made by academic Librarians, the criteria from APM - 360-10 has been repeated in APM - 360-4 Definition but in a separate paragraph from the delineation of professional library services.

Key Policy Revisions

The policy revisions are proposed to.

- Update the definition of the Librarian Series

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Employees should be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the draft policies, available on the [Systemwide Academic Personnel website](#). Attached is a Model Communication which may be used to inform non-exclusively represented employees about these proposals. Systemwide Labor Relations at the Office of the President is responsible for informing the bargaining units representing union membership about policy proposals.

We would appreciate receiving your comments no later than **June 17, 2025**. Please submit your comments to SystemwideAP-PolicyReviewComments@ucop.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Anders at kelly.anders@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- 1) Draft APM - 360, Appointment and Promotion / Librarian Series (clean copy)
- 2) Draft APM - 360, Appointment and Promotion / Librarian Series (tracked-changes copy)
- 3) Model Communication

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DRAFT - Appointment and Promotion: APM - 360 - Librarian Series

360-4 Definition

The librarian series is used for academic appointees who--in support of the University's educational, research, and public service missions--provide professional library services in the University campus libraries that facilitate the creation and transmission of knowledge. These services may include:

- a. obtaining, organizing, and providing access to information resources;
- b. curating and preserving collections of scholarly, scientific, cultural, or institutional significance;
- c. engaging with users to provide them with guidance, training, and resources on the discovery, evaluation, and use of information resources and collections;
- d. acquiring information and knowledge in support of the foregoing and for the continual improvement of the profession; and,
- e. library administration and management.

In addition to the professional library services above and to the extent relevant to the Librarian's career path, the academic Librarian series is expected to engage in at least one or more of the following: (1) professional activity outside of the library; (2) university and public service; and (3) research and other creative activity.

360-6 Responsibility

- a. It is the responsibility of each Chancellor and of each University Librarian or administrative officer with comparable responsibility for the supervision of appointees to this series to provide for review of the qualifications of candidates for appointment, merit increase, promotion, and career status.
- b. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall be responsible, through individual LAUC division procedures, for the selection of members of a personnel committee to advise the Chancellor on the appointments, merit increases, promotions, and career status actions for members of the librarian series. Appointees holding titles in the series shall compose the majority of this committee.
- c. When the Chancellor determines the need for an *ad hoc* review committee, the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall be responsible, through individual LAUC division procedures, for the nomination of members of *ad hoc* review committees to

advise in the academic review of members of this series. The Chancellor may request nominations additional to those submitted by LAUC. The Chancellor shall appoint members to *ad hoc* committees.

360-8 Types

- a. There are three ranks in the librarian series with titles as follows:
 - (1) Assistant Librarian
 - (2) Associate Librarian
 - (3) Librarian
- b. An appointment occurs when an individual is employed in one of the three ranks above and when the individual's immediately previous status was:
 - (1) not in the employ of the University; or
 - (2) in the employ of the University, but not with a title in this series.
- c. A promotion is advancement to the next higher rank within this series, i.e., Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian and Associate Librarian to Librarian. A change from a title in another series to a title in this series (possibly involving an increase in salary) is not defined as a promotion or merit increase, but as an appointment as described above.
- d. A merit increase is advancement in salary point without a change in rank following a positive review.
- e. "No action" is:
 - (1) A neutral, non-prejudicial action for those at the top salary point of the Associate Librarian or Librarian ranks; or,
 - (2) An action intended to address performance issues and actions required for improvement for those at any salary point.
- f. Career status is typically achieved upon successful completion of a suitable trial period in potential career status (see APM - 360-17-a-b).
- g. An intercampus transfer is treated as an appointment by the new campus, although it may involve a merit increase or a promotion. A librarian making an intercampus transfer retains career status, seniority for purposes of merits, promotions, and layoff, accrued sick leave, vacation, and retirement credits.

360-9 Recruitment

- a. It is the policy of the University to recruit and appoint the most qualified individuals to fill librarian series positions.
- b. Recruitment shall proceed in accordance with campus procedures developed in consultation with the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC).
- c. All positions shall be open for outside recruitment unless the University determines that recruitment shall be limited to University employees at a campus. Members of the librarian series currently employed by the University who apply for positions shall be considered with all other applicants in accordance with campus recruitment procedures.

360-10 Criteria

- a. A candidate for appointment shall have a professional background of competence, knowledge, and experience to assure suitability for appointment to this series. Such background will typically include a professional degree from a library school with a program accredited by the American Library Association. However, a person with other appropriate degree(s) or equivalent experience in one or more fields relevant to library services may also be appointed to this series.
- b. A candidate for merit increase or promotion in this series shall be evaluated on the basis of the first of the following criteria, and, to the extent they are relevant to the candidate's career path, on one or more of the last three:
 - (1) professional competence and quality of service within the library;
 - (2) professional activity outside the library;
 - (3) University and public service; and
 - (4) research and other creative activity.

In the consideration of individual candidates, reasonable flexibility shall be exercised in weighing the comparative relevance of these criteria.

- c. Promotion shall be justified by demonstrated superior professional skills and achievement and, in addition, growing competence and contribution to the candidate's position, and/or the assumption of increased responsibility. This is assessed through objective and thorough review. If, on the basis of a review, the individual does not meet the criteria for advancement, there is no obligation on the part of the University to continue or to advance the candidate. The assumption of administrative responsibility is not a necessary condition for promotion.

- d. The criteria are set forth in [APM - 210-4](#), Review and Appraisal Committees, Instructions to Review Committees Which Advise on the Appointment, Merit Increase, Promotion, Career Status Actions for Members of the Librarian Series.

360-16 Restrictions

- a. Appointments to and retention in positions in this series that are supported by State or other permanent funds administered by The Regents are subject to budgetary limitations established on the respective campuses, both as to funds and numbers of positions.
- b. Promotions and merit increases may be approved only within the limits of available funds.

360-17 Terms of Service

- a. An appointment in this series may be an explicitly temporary appointment, a potential career appointment, or a career appointment, depending on the circumstances as described below. Typically, an initial appointment to a title at any rank in this series is a temporary appointment or a potential career appointment. However, the Chancellor may grant career status upon hire in exceptional circumstances, for example, when appointing individuals who have already achieved career status or the equivalent.

A potential career appointment is distinguished from an explicitly temporary appointment by the fact that no definite date of termination of the appointment is specified and by the fact that the appointee is regarded as one who may qualify, after a suitable trial period and careful review, for a continuing career appointment. Potential career appointees in the librarian series are eligible for career status, merit increases, and promotion through the ranks from Assistant Librarian to Librarian.

Temporary appointees are eligible for merit increases on the same basis as potential career and career status appointees and evaluated on the major areas of librarianship as outlined in APM - 360-10. Temporary appointees whose next successful review would move them to another rank must provide a review file prepared in accordance with library and campus guidelines and procedures. Temporary appointees are not eligible for career status.

The status of career appointment is typically achieved after a trial period in potential career status. The process by which one achieves career status is described in APM - 360-17-b(1), (2), (3), (4).

(1) A temporary appointment:

- (a) shall have a specified date of termination;
- (b) shall be for a period of two years or fewer, unless the appointment is supported by external funds, e.g., from a University funding source but not from the Library's general funds. Externally funded positions may be continued for one

additional year. Positions funded by extramural funds, e.g., grants and certain restricted gifts, may be continued for the duration of the fund.

- (c) shall be reviewed following the same procedures and review cycles set forth for review of potential career or career appointees, when the length of the appointment permits;
- (d) is automatically self-terminating, and notice of intention not to reappoint is not required; and
- (e) is subject to the conditions relating to notice of termination in APM - 360-20-c and -d.

(2) A potential career appointment or career appointment:

- (a) shall have no specified date of termination; and
- (b) is subject to the conditions set forth in APM - 360-17-b and to the conditions relating to notice of termination in APM - 360-20-b, -c, and -d.

b. The following principles and procedures shall be applied to appointments, promotions, and terminations of potential career or career appointees:

- (1) An individual holding the rank of Assistant Librarian and whose appointment is not explicitly temporary is considered to be in potential career status for the period of the appointment in this rank. During potential career status, the individual shall be subject to periodic reviews of performance, professional competence, achievement, and potential for further professional growth. Individuals with six years of service at the Assistant Librarian rank are eligible for a promotional review even if they have not achieved a salary that overlaps with the Associate Librarian rank. If, after such reviews, the appointee is promoted from the rank of Assistant Librarian to a higher rank in this series, the individual is thereby moved to career status. On the other hand, an Assistant Librarian is subject to termination after due notice if, after thorough review and a reasonable trial period (not more than six years), the appointee is not deemed worthy of further advancement.
- (2) An individual whose initial appointment in this series is to the rank of Associate Librarian and whose appointment is not explicitly temporary is considered to be in potential career status for a trial period of not more than four years and not less than two years in the rank, unless promoted sooner to the rank of Librarian. During potential career status, the individual shall be subject to periodic review of performance, professional competence, achievement, and potential for further professional growth.

The trial period will be brought to a close with one of three decisions made after appropriate review as specified in [APM - 210-4](#): 1) place the appointee in career status with the rank of Associate Librarian, 2) promote to the rank of Librarian with career status, or 3) terminate the appointment after due notice.

- (3) An individual who is promoted from career status as an Associate Librarian to the rank of Librarian is thereby continued in career status. However, there is no obligation on the part of the University to promote an Associate Librarian to the rank of Librarian solely on the basis of years of service.
- (4) An individual whose initial appointment in this series is to the rank of Librarian and whose appointment is not explicitly temporary is considered to be a potential career appointee for a trial period of not more than three years and not less than two years in rank. During potential career status, the individual shall be subject to periodic reviews of performance, professional competence, achievement, and potential for further professional growth. The trial period will be brought to a close with one of two decisions made after appropriate review as specified in APM - 360-80 and [APM - 210-4](#): 1) place the appointee in career status with the rank of Librarian, or 2) terminate the appointment after due notice.
- (5) An appointee in career status either as an Associate Librarian or as a Librarian, having successfully passed the trial period of service in either one of the ranks or having been promoted to one of these ranks from a lower rank, is expected to continue to perform the duties of the position at a satisfactorily high standard.
- (6) In the event of an intercampus transfer, the following provisions shall apply to the status of potential career and career appointees: the normal period of potential career status shall not be lengthened as a result of an intercampus transfer; career status acquired on one campus shall be continued upon transfer to another campus; and promotion in rank at the time of an intercampus transfer shall confer career status.
- (7) Reviews of career status appointees will be conducted at regular intervals to determine if a merit increase or promotion is indicated. If, in connection with that review, there is reason to doubt that the career appointee is performing satisfactorily, the appointee will be provided with a written remediation plan to address the perceived deficiency. After a reasonable remediation period, a review of the appointee to coincide with a regularly scheduled review will be conducted. If a review results in an unfavorable evaluation, the appointee may be subject to termination after due notice. Otherwise the appointment will be continued. If such a review does not coincide with a regularly scheduled review, an off-cycle review will be conducted in accordance with established campus review procedures (see APM - 360- 80-a(1)). The appeals procedures in [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances provides non-Senate academic appointees the opportunity to grieve any action that the appointee deems to be arbitrary or capricious or a violation of University policy,

rules, or regulations that adversely affected the appointee's then-existing terms or conditions of appointment.

- c. Rules concerning effective dates of appointments shall be as stipulated in [APM - 200-17](#), Appointment and Promotion, General. The effective date of merit increases and promotions as a result of the review process will typically be July 1, although exceptions may be approved as provided in APM - 360-24-b.
- d. The following rules of computation will be observed for determining periods of service at ranks and salary points in this series. These rules of computation do not apply to the University of California Retirement Plan benefit calculation.
 - (1) A period of service is calculated from the beginning of the first complete calendar month of service.
 - (2) A fiscal-year appointee with an effective date of appointment in the period of July 1 through January 1 will be credited with one year of service for that year at rank and or salary point toward the appointee's next advancement as provided in [APM - 200-19-c](#).
 - (3) A fiscal-year appointee with an effective date of appointment in the period January 2 through June 30 will not be credited with service for that year toward the appointee's next advancement.
 - (4) Completed years of service will be counted regardless of the percentage of time of appointment.
 - (5) Service on any campus of the University of California within this title series is included, although for statistical purposes an intercampus transfer is considered an appointment at the new campus (see APM - 360-8-f).
 - (6) Any approved leave without salary or any break in service because of layoff or resignation does not invalidate service prior to the interruption.
 - (7) Any leave with salary is included as service, but leave without salary is not included for purposes of determining completed years of service.
 - (8) For purposes of review, an appointee must have worked at least six (6) months of the period under review. A period under review may be a calendar year or other 12-month period or multiple thereof, in accordance with the review cycles defined in APM – 360 - 80-a(1). For example, an appointee with an effective date of appointment in the period January 2 to June 30 and a period of review based on the calendar year could be reviewed at the next review period, depending on the rank and salary point of appointment.

- (9) A temporary appointee whose appointment continues into a new fiscal year will be reviewed according to the review cycles defined in APM - 360-80-a and the guidelines established in APM - 360-17-d(8).

360-18 Salary

- a. Authorized salary scales for this series are issued by the Office of the President.
- b. Members of the librarian series at a given rank and salary point shall be paid in accordance with the published salary scales for the librarian series, except for payment of administrative stipends pursuant to [APM - 633](#), Administrative Stipends, Academic Appointees.
- c. A positive review shall result in an increase of at least two salary points on the applicable scale for Assistant and Associate Librarian ranks, and at least three salary points on the applicable scale at the Librarian rank. The University is not precluded from granting merit increases of a greater number of points.
- d. In exceptional circumstances, a librarian who receives no action may be awarded one point salary advancement at the Assistant and Associate Librarian ranks and one- or two-point advancement at the Librarian rank.
- e. An Assistant or Associate Librarian may be advanced less than two salary points and a Librarian less than three salary points in cases where fewer points remain on the scale for the respective rank.
- f. A librarian who has achieved a salary point in a rank that overlaps the next rank may request a promotional review in accordance with the review process described in [APM - 210-4](#), APM - 360-80, and local procedures. A positive review results in promotion to the next rank.
- g. A librarian who is promoted will receive an increase of at least two salary points above the librarian's previous salary at the Assistant Librarian rank and at least three salary points above the librarian's previous salary at the Associate Librarian rank.
- h. The Chancellor may withhold or postpone a merit-based increase for an appointee who is the subject of corrective action under the terms of [APM - 150](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Corrective Action and Dismissal.

360-20 Conditions of Employment

- a. **Temporary appointment**

The following conditions apply to individuals holding temporary appointments. Temporary appointees:

- (1) shall have a specified date of termination, and notice of intention not to reappoint is not required (see also APM - 360-20-c, and 360-20-d);
- (2) are expected to perform their duties with the same proficiency as Potential Career or Career appointees;
- (3) shall be given the same opportunity as Potential Career or Career appointees to participate in activities that fulfill the second, third and fourth criteria listed in [APM - 210-4-e](#) or 360-10-b;
- (4) shall be reviewed following the same procedures and review cycles set forth for reviews of Potential Career or Career Appointees when the length of appointment permits (see APM - 360-80-a);
- (5) shall be subject to all provisions of the APM that apply to other members of the librarian series unless otherwise stated;
- (6) may hold a given temporary appointment for no more than two (2) years, unless the appointment is funded by external funds, in which case the appointment may be renewed for one additional year, or by extramural funds, in which case the appointment may be continued for the duration of the funding;
- (7) if appointed to a permanent position, will be given consideration for time spent in temporary status when determining assignment to rank and salary point.

b. Non-reappointment

When an appointment other than a temporary one with a title in this series is not to be continued, written notice shall be given to the individual in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) With less than one year of University service by intended date of termination: not less than a four-month notice.
- (2) With one year or more of University service by intended date of termination: not less than a six-month notice.

c. Layoff

- (1) When an appointment with a title in this series is to be terminated in the event of lack of work, lack of funds, or programmatic change, a written notice of not less than 60 days shall be given to the individual whenever feasible. Opportunity to file a grievance

shall be provided in accordance with the terms of [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances.

- (2) In the event of termination of an appointment in this series because of lack of work, lack of funds, or programmatic change, the provisions of [APM - 145](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Layoff and Involuntary Reduction in Time, shall apply.
- (3) When there is no substantial difference in the degree of special skills, knowledge, or ability essential to the department or unit, the order of layoff among members of the librarian series shall be in inverse order of seniority within the following types of appointments: temporary positions, (other than those on extramural funds), potential career, career status.

d. Dismissal

If a member of this series conducts themselves or performs, or fails to perform their duties, in a manner that would justify immediate dismissal, the appointee shall be entitled to appropriate shorter notice as determined by the University and in accordance with the terms of [APM - 150](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Corrective Action and Dismissal; nonetheless, in any such contingency, opportunity for appeal shall be provided in accordance with the terms of [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances.

e. Reassignment

- (1) When there is a significant change in duties and responsibilities, which may result in a change in working title or department, the change is deemed a reassignment. Reassignment is a change that does not involve a move to a new campus. It does not constitute discipline and does not affect the rank or salary point and/or career status of the librarian in this series.
- (2) A written description of the new assignment, including its duration, if not indefinite, shall be provided to the librarian in this series before the start of the new assignment.
- (3) When such a change is anticipated, the University shall meet with the librarian in this series to discuss the proposed change.

f. Sick leave and vacation

An appointee to this series accrues sick leave credit and vacation credit in accordance with the provisions of [APM - 710](#), Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave and [APM - 730](#), Leaves of Absence/Vacation, respectively. When a librarian is not able to use accumulated vacation because of programmatic needs of the campus and the librarian's accumulation reaches the forty-eight (48) working day maximum, a one-time exception will be granted to allow the librarian to accumulate six (6) additional vacation days.

g. Removal expenses

For eligibility for reimbursement of certain removal expenses, see [APM - 560](#), Removal Expenses/General.

h. Leave of absence

A leave of absence with full or partial salary may be granted to an appointee with a title in this series when the leave is relevant to the appointee's duties and professional development, when the project is of direct relevance to the functioning of the library as well as in the best interests of the University, and when funding is available from the fund source(s) from which the appointee's salary is paid. Leaves of absence are subject to the provisions in [APM - 750](#), Leaves of Absence/Leave for Service to Governmental Agencies, [APM - 752](#), Leaves of Absence/Leave to Attend Professional Meeting, and [APM - 758](#), Leaves of Absence/Other Leaves with Pay.

- i. The provisions of [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances, shall be applicable to appointees in this series.

360-24 Authority

- a. Each Chancellor is authorized to approve appointments, promotions, career status actions, and merit increases consistent with the published salary scales after appropriate review, subject to the provisions of APM - 360-24-c.
- b. Each Chancellor may approve, as exceptions, promotions, career status actions, and merit increases having effective dates other than July 1.
- c. Each Chancellor may approve, as exceptions, appointments, promotions, and merit increases retroactively (that is, with the beginning date of service prior to the actual date of approval).

360-35 Records

- a. A member of the librarian series shall have access to the librarian's academic personnel records in accordance with policies found in [APM - 160](#), Academic Personnel Records/Maintenance of, Access to, and Opportunity to Request Amendment of, specifically in [APM - 160-20-b\(1\)\(a\)](#), [APM - 160-20-b\(1\)\(c\)](#) and [APM - 160-20-c](#).
- b. The campus shall designate an office that will have overall responsibility for academic personnel records for members of the librarian series. See [APM - 160-20](#) for policies concerning access to records.

- c. The confidential academic review record is that portion of the academic personnel records pertaining to an individual maintained by the University for the purpose of consideration of personnel actions under the criteria set forth in APM - 360-10. An individual's confidential academic review record shall contain only material relevant to consideration of personnel actions under these criteria. In addition to the confidential academic review record, academic personnel records pertaining to an individual as an employee of the University may include materials such as miscellaneous correspondence, leave records, and documents related to employment history, benefits, payroll, etc.

Such materials shall not be referred to or considered in connection with a recommendation or decision in a personnel action unless they are placed in the individual's review file by an appropriate administrative officer. See [APM - 160-20-b](#) for definition of records and information maintained by the University about academic employees.

- d. Under normal circumstances, within ten working days of a written request, a member of the librarian series shall be given one complete copy of requested "personal" information and a list of the types of confidential academic review material in the record. Requests for additional copies may require payment based on local copying rates. If a written request for a redacted copy of confidential material is received by the University, the request shall be fulfilled within thirty working days, under normal circumstances.
- e. A member of the librarian series may request corrections or deletions of material in the librarian's record in accordance with [APM - 160-30](#).
- f. Access to an academic personnel record, other than a confidential academic review record, by other than the individual member of the librarian series to which it pertains shall be governed by the provisions of [APM - 160-20-d\(1\), \(3\), \(4\), and -e](#).
- g. For further policies regarding records, see the following APM sections:
- [APM - 150](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Corrective Action and Dismissal;
 - [APM - 158](#), Rights of Academic Appointees;
 - [APM - 160](#), Academic Personnel Records/Maintenance of, Access to, and Opportunity to Request Amendment of;
 - [APM - 160](#), Appendix A, Supplemental Information Regarding Academic Policy;
 - [APM - 160](#), Appendix B, Additional Academic Personnel Policies Pertaining to Academic Personnel Records;
 - [APM - 200-30](#), Academic Personnel Actions - Personnel Review Files;

- [APM - 210-4](#), Review and Appraisal Committees.

360-80 Procedures

- a. In order to assure fair and equitable treatment for appointees to this series, the following provisions shall apply:
 - (1) The performance of each appointee shall be reviewed periodically, and the review shall include participation by an advisory review committee (see APM - 360-6-b and -c).
 - (2) Types of reviews
 - (a) A standard review is one that takes place every two years in the Assistant and Associate ranks and every three years in the Librarian rank. Service at the highest salary points of the Associate Librarian and Librarian ranks may be of indefinite duration. However, a review will be conducted for Librarians, per their review cycle, at the highest salary point of the Associate rank (every two years) and of the Librarian rank (every three years).
 - (b) An off-cycle review is one that takes place earlier than the standard review schedule (two or three years, depending on rank). The review file will be prepared in accordance with campus guidelines and procedures.
 - (c) A deferred review is the omission of an academic review during a year when a review would typically take place. It is a neutral action that can only be initiated with the written agreement of the individual scheduled to be reviewed.

A review may be deferred if prolonged absence or other unusual circumstances have resulted in insufficient evidence to evaluate performance. Reasons for review deferral must be in writing and all proposed deferrals must be submitted for written recommendations to the designated University official. All documentation and recommendations must be forwarded to the designated University official for a decision. A review, if deferred, is deferred for a period of one year.

A deferral is defined as a deferred action for one 12-month period whether a person's review cycle is two or three years. Hence, deferral for an additional, consecutive year should be regarded as a new request subject to the same procedure. After the completion of a review that has been deferred, the review cycle will resume anew at the two- or three-year interval. Work conducted during the extended review period shall be reviewed as though it were completed in the normal period.

- b. To assure adequate consideration of all proposals for personnel actions in this series, each Chancellor, in consultation with the University Librarian or comparable administrative officer and after opportunity for receiving recommendations from appropriate representatives of the campus division of LAUC, shall establish review procedures that meet the requirements of APM - 360-6 and the provisions of APM - 360-17; (2) utilize appropriately the criteria mentioned in APM - 360-10 and described in [APM - 210-4; \(3\)](#) are consistent with the provisions of APM - 360-80-c; (4) insure that all recommendations and decisions are based solely upon the material in the academic review record; and (5) are appropriate to the needs and functions of the campus.
- c. The call for merit increases, promotions, and career status actions and the calendar of due dates for the review process shall be issued and distributed each year to every member of the librarian series. The calendar shall establish deadlines that are designed to ensure that all reviews will be completed, and salary actions can be processed to take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. The calendar shall be adhered to by all parties. Deadlines may be extended upon the mutual agreement of the parties.
- d. All members of the librarian series will be informed in writing, on a yearly basis, of their eligibility for review. A member of the librarian series who is not typically eligible for a review during a particular review cycle may request an off-cycle review during that cycle.
- e. Formal consideration of appointments, merit increases, promotions, and career status actions are typically initiated by the department or unit head herein called the review initiator. Early in the course of an academic review, the review initiator shall notify the candidate of the impending review and in one or more conferences with the candidate make certain that the candidate is adequately informed about the entire review process, including the criteria mentioned in APM - 360-10 and described in [APM - 210-4](#). The candidate shall be given the opportunity to ask questions and to supply pertinent information and evidence to be used in the review. In accordance with established campus policy applicable to the personnel action under consideration, the review initiator shall solicit letters evaluating the candidate from qualified persons, including a reasonable number of persons whose names have been provided by the candidate. All such letters used in the review, even if unsolicited, shall be included in the file. When soliciting letters of evaluation or following the receipt of an unsolicited letter, the review initiator should include, attach, or send a statement regarding confidentiality of such letters.
- f. The candidate may provide in writing to the review initiator or other appropriate person, as provided in campus procedures, names of persons who in the view of the candidate, for reasons set forth, might not objectively evaluate in a letter or on a committee, the candidate's qualifications or performance. Any such statement provided by the candidate shall be included in the academic review record.

- g. An academic review record shall be prepared for each candidate who is being considered for a merit increase, promotion, or career status action. The review initiator is responsible for preparing the candidate's review record, which consists of the review initiator's letter of recommendation together with necessary additional letters and documents, including those letters solicited from individuals selected from a list provided by the candidate. The review initiator's letter, without disclosing the identities of sources of confidential documents shall discuss the proposed personnel action in light of the criteria cited in APM - 360-10 and described in [APM - 210-4](#) and shall be substantiated by supporting evidence.

Before forwarding the academic review record to the University Librarian or other administrative officer with comparable responsibility, the review initiator shall provide the candidate the opportunity to inspect all documents to be included in the review record other than confidential academic review records. (Only those documents specified in [APM - 160-20-b\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\)](#) are defined as confidential academic review records for members of the librarian series.) The review initiator shall provide a copy of the letter of recommendation to the candidate. In addition, campus procedures may provide that any statements added to the review file by those acting in a supervisory capacity above this initiating level shall be made available to the candidate upon request.

The candidate shall be allowed a reasonable period of time, no less than seven consecutive calendar days, to review and respond to the file. This period of time may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The candidate may submit for inclusion in the record a written statement responding to or commenting on material in the file.

A redacted copy of the confidential documents included in the record shall be provided to the candidate without disclosing the identities of persons who were the sources of these documents. The candidate may submit for inclusion in the record a written statement in response to or commenting on material in the record.

- h. Upon completion of the procedures described in APM - 360-80-d and -e, a statement shall be signed by the candidate certifying that the prescribed procedures have been followed. A documentation checklist listing the contents of the review record shall also be signed by the candidate. The certification statement and the documentation checklist shall be included in the review record.
- i. The review record, in accordance with established campus procedures, will be referred to the personnel committee (see APM - 360-6-b). On the basis of all available evidence including the report from the ad hoc committee, if any, the personnel committee will submit a comprehensive report and recommendation for action to the Chancellor.
- j. If, during subsequent committee review or administrative review of a recommendation, the review record is found to be incomplete or inadequate, additional information shall be solicited through the Chancellor who will inform the review initiator and the candidate that such new material is being added to the review record. The candidate shall have access to all non-

confidential material added to the record and a redacted copy of the confidential documents shall be provided to the candidate. The candidate shall also be provided the opportunity to submit a written statement in response to the additions to the review record. The review shall then be based upon the personnel review record as augmented.

No documentation other than the recommendation(s) of the review committee(s) may be added to the review record without annotation of the certification statement and the documentation checklist.

- k. In cases of promotion, conferral of career status, or recommendation for termination of appointment, if the preliminary assessment of the Chancellor is contrary to the recommendations of the personnel committee appointed under the provisions of APM - 360-6-b, the Chancellor shall notify that committee of the assessment. The personnel committee shall be given the opportunity for further comment before the final decision is made.

In a case of conferral of career status, if the Chancellor is not to confer career status, the candidate shall be notified of the opportunity to request access to records in the personnel review record. The candidate and review initiator shall then have the opportunity to respond in writing and to provide additional information and documentation.

- l. The Chancellor shall inform the candidate in writing of the final administrative decision in a timely manner. In the event of an unfavorable decision, the written statement shall include the reasons for the decision, and upon request a redacted copy of the confidential documents in the academic review record shall be provided. Such a statement shall not disclose the identities of persons who were sources of confidential documents and shall not identify separately the evaluations and recommendations of the review committees or administrative officers. Upon request, a candidate receiving a favorable review may receive from the Chancellor a written statement of the reasons for the Chancellor's decision and, if requested, a redacted copy of the confidential documents in the academic review record.

Revision History

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- Revision to update the definition of the Librarian series.

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- Technical revision to remove gendered language and to correct minor grammatical errors.

For details on prior revisions, please visit the [policy issuance web page](#).

**Professional Academic Issues
Procedures and Principles**

Librarian Series

- A. Potential Career appointees in the Librarian Series are eligible for career status, merit increases, and promotion through the ranks from Assistant Librarian to Librarian.
- B. A librarian need not assume administrative responsibilities in order to reach the highest rank.
- C. Temporary appointees in the Librarian Series are expected to perform their duties with the same proficiency as the Career Status and Potential Career Status appointees in accordance with the terms of their appointment letters.

Academic Personnel Manual

Those sections of the current Academic Personnel Manual (APM) that apply to librarians will continue in full force and effect unless modified by these revisions of the APM.

Librarians Association of the University of California

- A. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall continue to advise the University, the campus, and the library administration on the operations and policies of the libraries. One copy of each report filed by the LAUC President with the University will be forwarded by the University to the University Council-American Federation of Teachers (UC- AFT).
- B. LAUC will not advise the University, the campus, and the library administration with respect to matters that are covered by the collective bargaining agreement between the University and the UC-AFT.

Program, Service, and Technological Changes

The Librarians Association of the University of California shall advise the University, the campus, and the library administration in the planning, evaluation, and implementation of any major program, services, or technological changes in the libraries of the University of California.

Recruitment

The University, in accordance with campus procedures developed in consultation with the Librarians Association of the University of California, shall continue to recruit the most qualified librarians to fill professional positions on its staff. Open recruitment, which is essential to the selection of qualified librarians, shall occur for Career Status and Potential Career Status positions whenever the University determines that such positions are open for outside recruitment. Librarians currently employed by the

University who apply for a vacancy shall be considered with all other applicants in keeping with the recruitment process as developed by the campus where the vacancy exists. Review Committee(s) will continue to participate in the appointment process.

Peer Review

- A. Criteria for Promotion and Merit shall be those found in the APM - 360-10-b,-c, -d, and [210-4-e](#).
- B. Campus review procedures should ensure that all decisions and recommendations shall be based solely upon material within the review packet.
- C. The University shall invite LAUC to study the peer review process at the campus and University level and make recommendations, where appropriate, for improvement and refinement.

Professional Activities and Development

- A. The University of California recognizes professional development of librarians as beneficial to the individual, the libraries, and the University. Professional development opportunities contribute to the professional growth of the librarian, enabling greater effectiveness as academic appointees and thus enhancing the appointee's service to the University.
- B. The Librarians Association of the University of California shall recommend procedures for the allocation of funds for research and creative activity, and procedures for the allocation of funds for attendance at professional meetings, conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Presidential Statement on the Status of the Librarians Association of the University of California

The Librarians Association of the University of California shall serve for the purposes of and subject to the conditions herein described and set forth more fully in the Bylaws of the Association.

1. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) is recognized as an official unit of the University. LAUC is authorized to serve in an advisory capacity to the University on professional and governance matters of concern to all librarians.
2. Membership in the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall consist of all persons holding appointment half-time or more in the librarian series, or in any one of the following titles: Assistant University Librarian, Associate University Librarian, Assistant Law Librarian, Associate Law Librarian, Law Librarian and each University Librarian or the same in an acting capacity.
3. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall advise the Office of the President, campus administration, and library administration on the operations and policies of the libraries; on professional standards, rights, privileges and obligations of members of the librarian series of the University of California; and on the planning, evaluation, and implementation of programs, services or technological changes in the libraries of the University.
4. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall not advise the Office of the President, the campus administration, and the library administration with respect to matters which are covered by a collective bargaining agreement or are otherwise subject to negotiation with an exclusive bargaining unit.

Supersedes Presidential Statement on the Status of the Librarians Association of the University of California, January 27, 1975, issued on February 20, 1975, by then President Hitch.

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360-4 Definition

The librarian series is used for academic appointees who--in support of the University's educational, research, and public service missions--provide professional library services in the University campus libraries that facilitate the creation and transmission of knowledge. These services may include:

- a. obtaining, organizing, and providing access to information resources;
- b. curating and preserving collections of scholarly, scientific, cultural, or institutional significance;
- c. engaging with users to provide them with guidance, training, and instruction-resources on the discovery, evaluation, and use of information resources and collections;
- d. ~~carrying out research and creative activity~~ acquiring information and knowledge in support of the foregoing and for the continual improvement of the profession; and,
- e. library administration and management.

In addition to the professional library services above and to the extent relevant to the Librarian's career path, the academic Librarian series is expected to engage in at least one or more of the following: (1) professional activity outside of the library; (2) university and public service; and (3) research and other creative activity.

360-6 Responsibility

- a. It is the responsibility of each Chancellor and of each University Librarian or administrative officer with comparable responsibility for the supervision of appointees to this series to provide for review of the qualifications of candidates for appointment, merit increase, promotion, and career status.
- b. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall be responsible, through individual LAUC division procedures, for the selection of members of a personnel committee to advise the Chancellor on the appointments, merit increases, promotions, and career status actions for members of the librarian series. Appointees holding titles in the series shall compose the majority of this committee.
- c. When the Chancellor determines the need for an *ad hoc* review committee, the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall be responsible, through individual LAUC division procedures, for the nomination of members of *ad hoc* review committees to

advise in the academic review of members of this series. The Chancellor may request nominations additional to those submitted by LAUC. The Chancellor shall appoint members to *ad hoc* committees.

360-8 Types

- a. There are three ranks in the librarian series with titles as follows:
 - (1) Assistant Librarian
 - (2) Associate Librarian
 - (3) Librarian
- b. An appointment occurs when an individual is employed in one of the three ranks above and when the individual's immediately previous status was:
 - (1) not in the employ of the University; or
 - (2) in the employ of the University, but not with a title in this series.
- c. A promotion is advancement to the next higher rank within this series, i.e., Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian and Associate Librarian to Librarian. A change from a title in another series to a title in this series (possibly involving an increase in salary) is not defined as a promotion or merit increase, but as an appointment as described above.
- d. A merit increase is advancement in salary point without a change in rank following a positive review.
- e. "No action" is:
 - (1) A neutral, non-prejudicial action for those at the top salary point of the Associate Librarian or Librarian ranks; or,
 - (2) An action intended to address performance issues and actions required for improvement for those at any salary point.
- f. Career status is typically achieved upon successful completion of a suitable trial period in potential career status (see APM - 360-17-a-b).
- g. An intercampus transfer is treated as an appointment by the new campus, although it may involve a merit increase or a promotion. A librarian making an intercampus transfer retains career status, seniority for purposes of merits, promotions, and layoff, accrued sick leave, vacation, and retirement credits.

360-9 Recruitment

- a. It is the policy of the University to recruit and appoint the most qualified individuals to fill librarian series positions.
- b. Recruitment shall proceed in accordance with campus procedures developed in consultation with the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC).
- c. All positions shall be open for outside recruitment unless the University determines that recruitment shall be limited to University employees at a campus. Members of the librarian series currently employed by the University who apply for positions shall be considered with all other applicants in accordance with campus recruitment procedures.

360-10 Criteria

- a. A candidate for appointment shall have a professional background of competence, knowledge, and experience to assure suitability for appointment to this series. Such background will typically include a professional degree from a library school with a program accredited by the American Library Association. However, a person with other appropriate degree(s) or equivalent experience in one or more fields relevant to library services may also be appointed to this series.
- b. A candidate for merit increase or promotion in this series shall be evaluated on the basis of the first of the following criteria, and, to the extent they are relevant to the candidate's career path, on one or more of the last three:
 - (1) professional competence and quality of service within the library;
 - (2) professional activity outside the library;
 - (3) University and public service; and
 - (4) research and other creative activity.

In the consideration of individual candidates, reasonable flexibility shall be exercised in weighing the comparative relevance of these criteria.

- c. Promotion shall be justified by demonstrated superior professional skills and achievement and, in addition, growing competence and contribution to the candidate's position, and/or the assumption of increased responsibility. This is assessed through objective and thorough review. If, on the basis of a review, the individual does not meet the criteria for advancement, there is no obligation on the part of the University to continue or to advance the candidate. The assumption of administrative responsibility is not a necessary condition for promotion.

- d. The criteria are set forth in [APM - 210-4](#), Review and Appraisal Committees, Instructions to Review Committees Which Advise on the Appointment, Merit Increase, Promotion, Career Status Actions for Members of the Librarian Series.

360-16 Restrictions

- a. Appointments to and retention in positions in this series that are supported by State or other permanent funds administered by The Regents are subject to budgetary limitations established on the respective campuses, both as to funds and numbers of positions.
- b. Promotions and merit increases may be approved only within the limits of available funds.

360-17 Terms of Service

- a. An appointment in this series may be an explicitly temporary appointment, a potential career appointment, or a career appointment, depending on the circumstances as described below. Typically, an initial appointment to a title at any rank in this series is a temporary appointment or a potential career appointment. However, the Chancellor may grant career status upon hire in exceptional circumstances, for example, when appointing individuals who have already achieved career status or the equivalent.

A potential career appointment is distinguished from an explicitly temporary appointment by the fact that no definite date of termination of the appointment is specified and by the fact that the appointee is regarded as one who may qualify, after a suitable trial period and careful review, for a continuing career appointment. Potential career appointees in the librarian series are eligible for career status, merit increases, and promotion through the ranks from Assistant Librarian to Librarian.

Temporary appointees are eligible for merit increases on the same basis as potential career and career status appointees and evaluated on the major areas of librarianship as outlined in APM - 360-10. Temporary appointees whose next successful review would move them to another rank must provide a review file prepared in accordance with library and campus guidelines and procedures. Temporary appointees are not eligible for career status.

The status of career appointment is typically achieved after a trial period in potential career status. The process by which one achieves career status is described in APM - 360-17-b(1), (2), (3), (4).

(1) A temporary appointment:

- (a) shall have a specified date of termination;
- (b) shall be for a period of two years or fewer, unless the appointment is supported by external funds, e.g., from a University funding source but not from the Library's general funds. Externally funded positions may be continued for one

additional year. Positions funded by extramural funds, e.g., grants and certain restricted gifts, may be continued for the duration of the fund.

- (c) shall be reviewed following the same procedures and review cycles set forth for review of potential career or career appointees, when the length of the appointment permits;
- (d) is automatically self-terminating, and notice of intention not to reappoint is not required; and
- (e) is subject to the conditions relating to notice of termination in APM - 360-20-c and -d.

(2) A potential career appointment or career appointment:

- (a) shall have no specified date of termination; and
- (b) is subject to the conditions set forth in APM - 360-17-b and to the conditions relating to notice of termination in APM - 360-20-b, -c, and -d.

b. The following principles and procedures shall be applied to appointments, promotions, and terminations of potential career or career appointees:

- (1) An individual holding the rank of Assistant Librarian and whose appointment is not explicitly temporary is considered to be in potential career status for the period of the appointment in this rank. During potential career status, the individual shall be subject to periodic reviews of performance, professional competence, achievement, and potential for further professional growth. Individuals with six years of service at the Assistant Librarian rank are eligible for a promotional review even if they have not achieved a salary that overlaps with the Associate Librarian rank. If, after such reviews, the appointee is promoted from the rank of Assistant Librarian to a higher rank in this series, the individual is thereby moved to career status. On the other hand, an Assistant Librarian is subject to termination after due notice if, after thorough review and a reasonable trial period (not more than six years), the appointee is not deemed worthy of further advancement.
- (2) An individual whose initial appointment in this series is to the rank of Associate Librarian and whose appointment is not explicitly temporary is considered to be in potential career status for a trial period of not more than four years and not less than two years in the rank, unless promoted sooner to the rank of Librarian. During potential career status, the individual shall be subject to periodic review of performance, professional competence, achievement, and potential for further professional growth.

The trial period will be brought to a close with one of three decisions made after appropriate review as specified in [APM - 210-4](#): 1) place the appointee in career status with the rank of Associate Librarian, 2) promote to the rank of Librarian with career status, or 3) terminate the appointment after due notice.

- (3) An individual who is promoted from career status as an Associate Librarian to the rank of Librarian is thereby continued in career status. However, there is no obligation on the part of the University to promote an Associate Librarian to the rank of Librarian solely on the basis of years of service.
- (4) An individual whose initial appointment in this series is to the rank of Librarian and whose appointment is not explicitly temporary is considered to be a potential career appointee for a trial period of not more than three years and not less than two years in rank. During potential career status, the individual shall be subject to periodic reviews of performance, professional competence, achievement, and potential for further professional growth. The trial period will be brought to a close with one of two decisions made after appropriate review as specified in [APM - 360-80](#) and [APM - 210-4](#): 1) place the appointee in career status with the rank of Librarian, or 2) terminate the appointment after due notice.
- (5) An appointee in career status either as an Associate Librarian or as a Librarian, having successfully passed the trial period of service in either one of the ranks or having been promoted to one of these ranks from a lower rank, is expected to continue to perform the duties of the position at a satisfactorily high standard.
- (6) In the event of an intercampus transfer, the following provisions shall apply to the status of potential career and career appointees: the normal period of potential career status shall not be lengthened as a result of an intercampus transfer; career status acquired on one campus shall be continued upon transfer to another campus; and promotion in rank at the time of an intercampus transfer shall confer career status.
- (7) Reviews of career status appointees will be conducted at regular intervals to determine if a merit increase or promotion is indicated. If, in connection with that review, there is reason to doubt that the career appointee is performing satisfactorily, the appointee will be provided with a written remediation plan to address the perceived deficiency. After a reasonable remediation period, a review of the appointee to coincide with a regularly scheduled review will be conducted. If a review results in an unfavorable evaluation, the appointee may be subject to termination after due notice. Otherwise the appointment will be continued. If such a review does not coincide with a regularly scheduled review, an off-cycle review will be conducted in accordance with established campus review procedures (see [APM - 360- 80-a\(1\)](#)). The appeals procedures in [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances provides non-Senate academic appointees the opportunity to grieve any action that the appointee deems to be arbitrary or capricious or a violation of University policy,

rules, or regulations that adversely affected the appointee's then-existing terms or conditions of appointment.

- c. Rules concerning effective dates of appointments shall be as stipulated in [APM - 200-17](#), Appointment and Promotion, General. The effective date of merit increases and promotions as a result of the review process will typically be July 1, although exceptions may be approved as provided in APM - 360-24-b.
- d. The following rules of computation will be observed for determining periods of service at ranks and salary points in this series. These rules of computation do not apply to the University of California Retirement Plan benefit calculation.
 - (1) A period of service is calculated from the beginning of the first complete calendar month of service.
 - (2) A fiscal-year appointee with an effective date of appointment in the period of July 1 through January 1 will be credited with one year of service for that year at rank and or salary point toward ~~their~~the appointee's next advancement as provided in [APM - 200-19-c](#).
 - (3) A fiscal-year appointee with an effective date of appointment in the period January 2 through June 30 will not be credited with service for that year toward ~~their~~the appointee's next advancement.
 - (4) Completed years of service will be counted regardless of the percentage of time of appointment.
 - (5) Service on any campus of the University of California within this title series is included, although for statistical purposes an intercampus transfer is considered an appointment at the new campus (see APM - 360-8-f).
 - (6) Any approved leave without salary or any break in service because of layoff or resignation does not invalidate service prior to the interruption.
 - (7) Any leave with salary is included as service, but leave without salary is not included for purposes of determining completed years of service.
 - (8) For purposes of review, an appointee must have worked at least six (6) months of the period under review. A period under review may be a calendar year or other 12-month period or multiple thereof, in accordance with the review cycles defined in APM – 360 - 80-a(1). For example, an appointee with an effective date of appointment in the period January 2 to June 30 and a period of review based on the calendar year could be reviewed at the next review period, depending on the rank and salary point of appointment.

- (9) A temporary appointee whose appointment continues into a new fiscal year will be reviewed according to the review cycles defined in APM - 360-80-a and the guidelines established in APM - 360-17-d(8).

360-18 Salary

- a. Authorized salary scales for this series are issued by the Office of the President.
- b. Members of the librarian series at a given rank and salary point shall be paid in accordance with the published salary scales for the librarian series, except for payment of administrative stipends pursuant to [APM - 633](#), Administrative Stipends, Academic Appointees.
- c. A positive review shall result in an increase of at least two salary points on the applicable scale for Assistant and Associate Librarian ranks, and at least three salary points on the applicable scale at the Librarian rank. The University is not precluded from granting merit increases of a greater number of points.
- d. In exceptional circumstances, a librarian who receives no action may be awarded one point salary advancement at the Assistant and Associate Librarian ranks and one- or two-point advancement at the Librarian rank.
- e. An Assistant or Associate Librarian may be advanced less than two salary points and a Librarian less than three salary points in cases where fewer points remain on the scale for the respective rank.
- f. A librarian who has achieved a salary point in a rank that overlaps the next rank may request a promotional review in accordance with the review process described in [APM - 210-4](#), APM - 360-80, and local procedures. A positive review results in promotion to the next rank.
- g. A librarian who is promoted will receive an increase of at least two salary points above the librarian's previous salary at the Assistant Librarian rank and at least three salary points above the librarian's previous salary at the Associate Librarian rank.
- h. The Chancellor may withhold or postpone a merit-based increase for an appointee who is the subject of corrective action under the terms of [APM - 150](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Corrective Action and Dismissal.

360-20 Conditions of Employment

- a. **Temporary appointment**

The following conditions apply to individuals holding temporary appointments. Temporary appointees:

- (1) shall have a specified date of termination, and notice of intention not to reappoint is not required (see also APM - 360-20-c, and 360-20-d);
- (2) are expected to perform their duties with the same proficiency as Potential Career or Career appointees;
- (3) shall be given the same opportunity as Potential Career or Career appointees to participate in activities that fulfill the second, third and fourth criteria listed in [APM - 210-4-e](#) or 360-10-b;
- (4) shall be reviewed following the same procedures and review cycles set forth for reviews of Potential Career or Career Appointees when the length of appointment permits (see APM - 360-80-a);
- (5) shall be subject to all provisions of the APM that apply to other members of the librarian series unless otherwise stated;
- (6) may hold a given temporary appointment for no more than two (2) years, unless the appointment is funded by external funds, in which case the appointment may be renewed for one additional year, or by extramural funds, in which case the appointment may be continued for the duration of the funding;
- (7) if appointed to a permanent position, will be given consideration for time spent in temporary status when determining assignment to rank and salary point.

b. Non-reappointment

When an appointment other than a temporary one with a title in this series is not to be continued, written notice shall be given to the individual in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) With less than one year of University service by intended date of termination: not less than a four-month notice.
- (2) With one year or more of University service by intended date of termination: not less than a six-month notice.

c. Layoff

- (1) When an appointment with a title in this series is to be terminated in the event of lack of work, lack of funds, or programmatic change, a written notice of not less than 60 days shall be given to the individual whenever feasible. Opportunity to file a grievance

shall be provided in accordance with the terms of [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances.

- (2) In the event of termination of an appointment in this series because of lack of work, lack of funds, or programmatic change, the provisions of [APM - 145](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Layoff and Involuntary Reduction in Time, shall apply.
- (3) When there is no substantial difference in the degree of special skills, knowledge, or ability essential to the department or unit, the order of layoff among members of the librarian series shall be in inverse order of seniority within the following types of appointments: temporary positions, (other than those on extramural funds), potential career, career status.

d. Dismissal

If a member of this series conducts themselves or performs, or fails to perform, their duties, in a manner that would justify immediate dismissal, the appointee shall be entitled to appropriate shorter notice as determined by the University and in accordance with the terms of [APM - 150](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Corrective Action and Dismissal; nonetheless, in any such contingency, opportunity for appeal shall be provided in accordance with the terms of [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances.

e. Reassignment

- (1) When there is a significant change in duties and responsibilities, which may result in a change in working title or department, the change is deemed a reassignment. Reassignment is a change that does not involve a move to a new campus. It does not constitute discipline and does not affect the rank or salary point and/or career status of the librarian in this series.
- (2) A written description of the new assignment, including its duration, if not indefinite, shall be provided to the librarian in this series before the start of the new assignment.
- (3) When such a change is anticipated, the University shall meet with the librarian in this series to discuss the proposed change.

f. Sick leave and vacation

An appointee to this series accrues sick leave credit and vacation credit in accordance with the provisions of [APM - 710](#), Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave and [APM - 730](#), Leaves of Absence/Vacation, respectively. When a librarian is not able to use accumulated vacation because of programmatic needs of the campus and the librarian's accumulation reaches the forty-eight (48) working day maximum, a one-time exception will be granted to allow the librarian to accumulate six (6) additional vacation days.

g. Removal expenses

For eligibility for reimbursement of certain removal expenses, see [APM - 560](#), Removal Expenses/General.

h. Leave of absence

A leave of absence with full or partial salary may be granted to an appointee with a title in this series when the leave is relevant to the appointee's duties and professional development, when the project is of direct relevance to the functioning of the library as well as in the best interests of the University, and when funding is available from the fund source(s) from which the appointee's salary is paid. Leaves of absence are subject to the provisions in [APM - 750](#), Leaves of Absence/Leave for Service to Governmental Agencies, [APM - 752](#), Leaves of Absence/Leave to Attend Professional Meeting, and [APM - 758](#), Leaves of Absence/Other Leaves with Pay.

- i. The provisions of [APM - 140](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Grievances, shall be applicable to appointees in this series.

360-24 Authority

- a. Each Chancellor is authorized to approve appointments, promotions, career status actions, and merit increases consistent with the published salary scales after appropriate review, subject to the provisions of APM - 360-24-c.
- b. Each Chancellor may approve, as exceptions, promotions, career status actions, and merit increases having effective dates other than July 1.
- c. Each Chancellor may approve, as exceptions, appointments, promotions, and merit increases retroactively (that is, with the beginning date of service prior to the actual date of approval).

360-35 Records

- a. A member of the librarian series shall have access to the librarian's academic personnel records in accordance with policies found in [APM - 160](#), Academic Personnel Records/Maintenance of, Access to, and Opportunity to Request Amendment of, specifically in [APM - 160-20-b\(1\)\(a\)](#), [APM - 160-20-b\(1\)\(c\)](#) and [APM - 160-20-c](#).
- b. The campus shall designate an office that will have overall responsibility for academic personnel records for members of the librarian series. See [APM - 160-20](#) for policies concerning access to records.

- c. The confidential academic review record is that portion of the academic personnel records pertaining to an individual maintained by the University for the purpose of consideration of personnel actions under the criteria set forth in APM - 360-10. An individual's confidential academic review record shall contain only material relevant to consideration of personnel actions under these criteria. In addition to the confidential academic review record, academic personnel records pertaining to an individual as an employee of the University may include materials such as miscellaneous correspondence, leave records, and documents related to employment history, benefits, payroll, etc.

Such materials shall not be referred to or considered in connection with a recommendation or decision in a personnel action unless they are placed in the individual's review file by an appropriate administrative officer. See [APM - 160-20-b](#) for definition of records and information maintained by the University about academic employees.

- d. Under normal circumstances, within ten working days of a written request, a member of the librarian series shall be given one complete copy of requested "personal" information and a list of the types of confidential academic review material in the record. Requests for additional copies may require payment based on local copying rates. If a written request for a redacted copy of confidential material is received by the University, the request shall be fulfilled within thirty working days, under normal circumstances.
- e. A member of the librarian series may request corrections or deletions of material in the librarian's record in accordance with [APM - 160-30](#).
- f. Access to an academic personnel record, other than a confidential academic review record, by other than the individual member of the librarian series to which it pertains shall be governed by the provisions of [APM - 160-20-d\(1\), \(3\), \(4\), and -e](#).
- g. For further policies regarding records, see the following APM sections:
- [APM - 150](#), Non-Senate Academic Appointees/Corrective Action and Dismissal;
 - [APM - 158](#), Rights of Academic Appointees;
 - [APM - 160](#), Academic Personnel Records/Maintenance of, Access to, and Opportunity to Request Amendment of;
 - [APM - 160](#), Appendix A, Supplemental Information Regarding Academic Policy;
 - [APM - 160](#), Appendix B, Additional Academic Personnel Policies Pertaining to Academic Personnel Records;
 - [APM - 200-30](#), Academic Personnel Actions - Personnel Review Files;

- [APM - 210-4](#), Review and Appraisal Committees.

360-80 Procedures

- a. In order to assure fair and equitable treatment for appointees to this series, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) The performance of each appointee shall be reviewed periodically, and the review shall include participation by an advisory review committee (see APM - 360-6-b and -c).

(2) Types of reviews

- (a) A standard review is one that takes place every two years in the Assistant and Associate ranks and every three years in the Librarian rank. Service at the highest salary points of the Associate Librarian and Librarian ranks may be of indefinite duration. However, a review will be conducted for Librarians, per their review cycle, at the highest salary point of the Associate rank (every two years) and of the Librarian rank (every three years).
- (b) An off-cycle review is one that takes place earlier than the standard review schedule (two or three years, depending on rank). The review file will be prepared in accordance with campus guidelines and procedures.
- (c) A deferred review is the omission of an academic review during a year when a review would typically take place. It is a neutral action that can only be initiated with the written agreement of the individual scheduled to be reviewed.

A review may be deferred if prolonged absence or other unusual circumstances have resulted in insufficient evidence to evaluate performance. Reasons for review deferral must be in writing and all proposed deferrals must be submitted for written recommendations to the designated University official. All documentation and recommendations must be forwarded to the designated University official for a decision. A review, if deferred, is deferred for a period of one year.

A deferral is defined as a deferred action for one 12-month period whether a person's review cycle is two or three years. Hence, deferral for an additional, consecutive year should be regarded as a new request subject to the same procedure. After the completion of a review that has been deferred, the review cycle will resume anew at the two- or three-year interval. Work conducted during the extended review period shall be reviewed as though it were completed in the normal period.

- b. To assure adequate consideration of all proposals for personnel actions in this series, each Chancellor, in consultation with the University Librarian or comparable administrative officer and after opportunity for receiving recommendations from appropriate representatives of the campus division of LAUC, shall establish review procedures that meet the requirements of APM - 360-6 and the provisions of APM - 360-17; (2) utilize appropriately the criteria mentioned in APM - 360-10 and described in [APM - 210-4](#); (3) are consistent with the provisions of APM - 360-80-c; (4) insure that all recommendations and decisions are based solely upon the material in the academic review record; and (5) are appropriate to the needs and functions of the campus.
- c. The call for merit increases, promotions, and career status actions and the calendar of due dates for the review process shall be issued and distributed each year to every member of the librarian series. The calendar shall establish deadlines that are designed to ensure that all reviews will be completed, and salary actions can be processed to take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. The calendar shall be adhered to by all parties. Deadlines may be extended upon the mutual agreement of the parties.
- d. All members of the librarian series will be informed in writing, on a yearly basis, of their eligibility for review. A member of the librarian series who is not typically eligible for a review during a particular review cycle may request an off-cycle review during that cycle.
- e. Formal consideration of appointments, merit increases, promotions, and career status actions are typically initiated by the department or unit head herein called the review initiator. Early in the course of an academic review, the review initiator shall notify the candidate of the impending review and in one or more conferences with the candidate make certain that the candidate is adequately informed about the entire review process, including the criteria mentioned in APM - 360-10 and described in [APM - 210-4](#). The candidate shall be given the opportunity to ask questions and to supply pertinent information and evidence to be used in the review. In accordance with established campus policy applicable to the personnel action under consideration, the review initiator shall solicit letters evaluating the candidate from qualified persons, including a reasonable number of persons whose names have been provided by the candidate. All such letters used in the review, even if unsolicited, shall be included in the file. When soliciting letters of evaluation or following the receipt of an unsolicited letter, the review initiator should include, attach, or send a statement regarding confidentiality of such letters.
- f. The candidate may provide in writing to the review initiator or other appropriate person, as provided in campus procedures, names of persons who in the view of the candidate, for reasons set forth, might not objectively evaluate in a letter or on a committee, the candidate's qualifications or performance. Any such statement provided by the candidate shall be included in the academic review record.

- g. An academic review record shall be prepared for each candidate who is being considered for a merit increase, promotion, or career status action. The review initiator is responsible for preparing the candidate's review record, which consists of the review initiator's letter of recommendation together with necessary additional letters and documents, including those letters solicited from individuals selected from a list provided by the candidate. The review initiator's letter, without disclosing the identities of sources of confidential documents shall discuss the proposed personnel action in light of the criteria cited in APM - 360-10 and described in [APM - 210-4](#) and shall be substantiated by supporting evidence.

Before forwarding the academic review record to the University Librarian or other administrative officer with comparable responsibility, the review initiator shall provide the candidate the opportunity to inspect all documents to be included in the review record other than confidential academic review records. (Only those documents specified in [APM - 160-20-b\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\)](#) are defined as confidential academic review records for members of the librarian series.) The review initiator shall provide a copy of the letter of recommendation to the candidate. In addition, campus procedures may provide that any statements added to the review file by those acting in a supervisory capacity above this initiating level shall be made available to the candidate upon request.

The candidate shall be allowed a reasonable period of time, no less than seven consecutive calendar days, to review and respond to the file. This period of time may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The candidate may submit for inclusion in the record a written statement responding to or commenting on material in the file.

A redacted copy of the confidential documents included in the record shall be provided to the candidate without disclosing the identities of persons who were the sources of these documents. The candidate may submit for inclusion in the record a written statement in response to or commenting on material in the record.

- h. Upon completion of the procedures described in APM - 360-80-d and -e, a statement shall be signed by the candidate certifying that the prescribed procedures have been followed. A documentation checklist listing the contents of the review record shall also be signed by the candidate. The certification statement and the documentation checklist shall be included in the review record.
- i. The review record, in accordance with established campus procedures, will be referred to the personnel committee (see APM - 360-6-b). On the basis of all available evidence including the report from the ad hoc committee, if any, the personnel committee will submit a comprehensive report and recommendation for action to the Chancellor.
- j. If, during subsequent committee review or administrative review of a recommendation, the review record is found to be incomplete or inadequate, additional information shall be solicited through the Chancellor who will inform the review initiator and the candidate that such new material is being added to the review record. The candidate shall have access to all non-

confidential material added to the record and a redacted copy of the confidential documents shall be provided to the candidate. The candidate shall also be provided the opportunity to submit a written statement in response to the additions to the review record. The review shall then be based upon the personnel review record as augmented.

No documentation other than the recommendation(s) of the review committee(s) may be added to the review record without annotation of the certification statement and the documentation checklist.

- k. In cases of promotion, conferral of career status, or recommendation for termination of appointment, if the preliminary assessment of the Chancellor is contrary to the recommendations of the personnel committee appointed under the provisions of APM - 360-6-b, the Chancellor shall notify that committee of the assessment. The personnel committee shall be given the opportunity for further comment before the final decision is made.

In a case of conferral of career status, if the Chancellor is not to confer career status, the candidate shall be notified of the opportunity to request access to records in the personnel review record. The candidate and review initiator shall then have the opportunity to respond in writing and to provide additional information and documentation.

- l. The Chancellor shall inform the candidate in writing of the final administrative decision in a timely manner. In the event of an unfavorable decision, the written statement shall include the reasons for the decision, and upon request a redacted copy of the confidential documents in the academic review record shall be provided. Such a statement shall not disclose the identities of persons who were sources of confidential documents, and shall not identify separately the evaluations and recommendations of the review committees or administrative officers. Upon request, a candidate receiving a favorable review may receive from the Chancellor a written statement of the reasons for the Chancellor's decision and, if requested, a redacted copy of the confidential documents in the academic review record.

Revision History

DATE:

- Revision to update the definition of the Librarian series.

September 23, 2020:

- Technical revision to remove gendered language and to correct minor grammatical errors. ~~For details on prior revisions, please visit the [Academic Personnel and Programs website](#).~~

For details on prior revisions, please visit the policy issuance web page.

Professional Academic Issues Procedures and Principles

Librarian Series

- A. Potential Career appointees in the Librarian Series are eligible for career status, merit increases, and promotion through the ranks from Assistant Librarian to Librarian.
- B. A librarian need not assume administrative responsibilities in order to reach the highest rank.
- C. Temporary appointees in the Librarian Series are expected to perform their duties with the same proficiency as the Career Status and Potential Career Status appointees in accordance with the terms of their appointment letters.

Academic Personnel Manual

Those sections of the current Academic Personnel Manual (APM) that apply to librarians will continue in full force and effect unless modified by these revisions of the APM.

Librarians Association of the University of California

- A. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall continue to advise the University, the campus, and the library administration on the operations and policies of the libraries. One copy of each report filed by the LAUC President with the University will be forwarded by the University to the University Council-American Federation of Teachers (UC- AFT).
- B. LAUC will not advise the University, the campus, and the library administration with respect to matters that are covered by the memorandum of understanding collective bargaining agreement between the University and the UC-AFT.

Program, Service, and Technological Changes

The Librarians Association of the University of California shall advise the University, the campus, and the library administration in the planning, evaluation, and implementation of any major program, services, or technological changes in the libraries of the University of California.

Recruitment

The University, in accordance with campus procedures developed in consultation with the Librarians Association of the University of California, shall continue to recruit the most qualified librarians to fill professional positions on its staff. Open recruitment, which is essential to the selection of qualified librarians, shall occur for Career Status and Potential Career Status positions whenever the University determines that such positions are open for outside recruitment. Librarians currently employed by the

University who apply for a vacancy shall be considered with all other applicants in keeping with the recruitment process as developed by the campus where the vacancy exists. Review Committee(s) will continue to participate in the appointment process.

Peer Review

- A. Criteria for Promotion and Merit shall be those found in the APM - 360-10-b,-c, -d, and [210-4-e](#).
- B. Campus review procedures should ensure that all decisions and recommendations shall be based solely upon material within the review packet.
- C. The University shall invite LAUC to study the peer review process at the campus and University level and make recommendations, where appropriate, for improvement and refinement.

Professional Activities and Development

- A. The University of California recognizes professional development of librarians as beneficial to the individual, the libraries, and the University. Professional development opportunities contribute to the professional growth of the librarian, enabling greater effectiveness as academic appointees and thus enhancing the appointee's service to the University.
- B. The Librarians Association of the University of California shall recommend procedures for the allocation of funds for research and creative activity, and procedures for the allocation of funds for attendance at professional meetings, conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Presidential Statement on the Status of the Librarians Association of the University of California

The Librarians Association of the University of California shall serve for the purposes of and subject to the conditions herein described and set forth more fully in the Bylaws of the Association.

1. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) is recognized as an official unit of the University. LAUC is authorized to serve in an advisory capacity to the University on professional and governance matters of concern to all librarians.
2. Membership in the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall consist of all persons holding appointment half-time or more in the librarian series, or in any one of the following titles: Assistant University Librarian, Associate University Librarian, Assistant Law Librarian, Associate Law Librarian, Law Librarian and each University Librarian or the same in an acting capacity.
3. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall advise the Office of the President, campus administration, and library administration on the operations and policies of the libraries; on professional standards, rights, privileges and obligations of members of the librarian series of the University of California; and on the planning, evaluation, and implementation of programs, services or technological changes in the libraries of the University.
4. The Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) shall not advise the Office of the President, the campus administration, and the library administration with respect to matters which are covered by a Memorandum of Understanding collective bargaining agreement or are otherwise subject to negotiation with an exclusive bargaining unit.

Supersedes Presidential Statement on the Status of the Librarians Association of the University of California, January 27, 1975, issued on February 20, 1975, by then President Hitch.

MODEL COMMUNICATION

The University invites comments on proposed revisions to Section 360 of the Academic Personnel Manual:

- Section 360, Appointment and Promotion / Librarian Series (APM - 360).

Summarized below are the proposed key policy revisions that are being distributed for systemwide review.

- Update the definition of the Librarian Series

The proposed revisions to the APM - 360 are posted to the [Systemwide Academic Personnel](#) website under the “Systemwide Review” tab. It may also be viewed at _____ [*e.g., the campus Academic Personnel Office or Human Resources Office*].

If you have any questions or if you wish to comment, please contact _____ at _____, no later than _____, 2025.