

Introduction to the Service Tracking Dashboard

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The mobilization of the UO Senate Task Force on Service was motivated by the observation that allocation of service is a serious, long-term problem at the UO. One pattern, clear at UO and in the academy more broadly, is that women and faculty of color carry heavier service loads. This, in turn, contributes to the documented trend that women and faculty of color are promoted more slowly. Please see the Report from the Senate Task Force on Service (Spring 2023) for excellent background documentation of service inequity.

The Service Dashboard model in the accompanying spreadsheet is a combination of several models the Senate Task Force (and in 2023-24, the Senate Service Working Group) gleaned from UO departments and other universities.

Benefits of using this model:

- Describes service loads for each faculty member, so that more equitable service loads might be identified.
- Describes “invisible” services performed by faculty members, to be more aware of service burdens that often go unrecognized.
- Documenting service roles this year with this model helps UO accurately build the software that will be implemented in the next year or two (creating a digital dashboard for each faculty member).

Limits of the model:

- Describing membership or even leadership of a service role does not accurately measure actual effort. Some faculty members may put in minimal effort in a service role. Note that the flexibility in points on the grid allows for some calibration reflecting effort level.
- It takes extra work by the department to modify the model to fit the department’s unique situation.
- It takes extra work for faculty members to provide a record of their service roles.

Questions:

Who assigns the points for these categories? This is determined by the department. The faculty may give the department head the autonomy to assign points to the categories, for example.

What about course releases for major service roles such as DGS, directing a degree program, etc.? Faculty are in short supply for these heavy service roles, and quite often the course release does not adequately compensate for the time required to carry out these roles. Therefore, the model has no adjustment for course releases. Departments might modify this as they wish.

How does this affect the department policy process that is underway? As each department creates its own updated Professional Responsibilities policy this year, we hope that this model is useful in describing service responsibilities. Departments are not required to incorporate this model into the policy document, specifically.

Sample Service Grid			Faculty Name: Freddie Mercury			Department: Music Icon Studies					
						Academic Year: 2024-25					
Points			Points			Points					
Department/Unit Service			College/School Service			University Service					
						Professional Service					
						Public Service					
Small Commitment = 1-2 points each											
2	Ugrad Program Committee Member		College Curriculum Committee		1	Budget Advisory Group		Editorial board member		Advisory Council member	
	Grad Program Committee Member		DEI Committee			Committee on Committees		Conference proposal reviewer		Trustee/Board member	
	DEI Committee Member		Event committee			Policy Committee		Conference committee member		Task force member	
	Program admissions review					Grievance Committee		Executive committee member			
	Scholarship Committee					Athletics Committee		P & T external reviewer			
1	Travel Award Committee					Executive search comm member					
	Dept. facilities committee					Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee					
	Peer Evaluation of Teaching					Senate Budget Committee					
1	Organized or led a workshop					(etc.)					
	Organized an event										
	Library liaison										
	Speech at an awards event										
	Staff/instructor hiring committee										
2	Graduate Recruitment Committee										
1	Merit Raise Committee										
	Liaison to other unit on campus										
	IRB representative										
2	Honorary society chair/rep										
Medium Commitment = 3-4 points each											
	Organized speakers series		Organized and led multi-dept event			UO Senate		Editor for special issue		Provided testimony	
	Dept policy revision lead					Executive search comm chair		Task force organizer/leader			
	Committee chair					Committee on Courses					
	Dept. Personnel Committee					Undergraduate Council					
3	Faculty Search Committee				4	Graduate Council					
4	Curriculum Committee member					Senate Executive Committee					
	Merit Raise Committee chair					SAIL program faculty					
	Service data lead										
	Director of a certificate or specialization										
4	Curricular area director										
	Designated mentor for other faculty										
	Grad recruitment lead										
Maximum Commitment = 5-6 points each											
	6	Director of a Masters program	DAC (CAS) or FPC (non-CAS)			Faculty Personnel Committee		President of an organization			
		Director of Undergrad program						Conference committee chair			
		Director of PhD program						Editor of a journal			
		Curriculum Committee chair									
		Department head									
Total Points by Category	26		0		5						
Total Service Points			31								

Guiding Principles of the Service Grid: transparency, equity, accountability, and support										
Departments/units fill in the relevant sections of the service grid shown in blue.										
This is offered as a model. <u>Departments are free to create their own model to track service.</u>										
Add or subtract service activities that are relevant to your department and college/school.										
List points earned by the faculty member for each service task in the grey shaded columns.										
Total service effort for "visible service" is shown at the bottom of the grid.										
Invisible service										
Many faculty are burdened with uncompensated, "invisible" tasks. Invisible service is vital academic work that is not formally recognized, measured, or compensated as part of a faculty member's service requirements. By definition, these activities are non-promotable tasks in that they are outside a faculty member's job description, typically occuring behind the scenes, and thus are insufficiently credited and not directly tied to career advancement. Because invisible service typically occurs outside the university committee or task force structure, it is difficult to identify, quantify, evaluate and reward. Invisible service related to diversity, equity, and inclusion need particular attention, as it disproportionately falls on the shoulder of minoritized groups and women. These hidden tasks are a form of 'cultural taxation', adding to the already recognized formal DEI activities and emotional labor carried out by certain faculty members.										
Invisible service ranges from serving as a mentor and advisor to students (even outside your department) because you are an underrepresented faculty member, serving as an unofficial "social organizer" of department events, fixing problems in the computer lab because you are the "techie" of the faculty, mentoring new instructors in syllabus construction and fielding their questions in their first year or two of teaching, taking notes at meetings and writing up minutes, and so on.										
Please provide a short narrative describing any invisible service, with estimates of hours per year spent on each invisible service task.										

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