Sam Houston State University Academic Policy Statement 800722 Merit Advances in Salary Page 1 of 6 Revised January 13, 2010

1. MERIT ADVANCES IN SALARY

- 1.01 The academic rank system is designed to serve as a guide for the placement in the faculty of newly appointed personnel and to provide a framework for annual merit advances in salary within rank guidelines. (See APS 900417, *Faculty Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion.*)
- 1.02 Salary advances shall be awarded on the basis of merit except on those occasions when the legislature mandates periodic salary adjustments for all faculty. (See Academic Policy Statement 820317, *The Faculty Evaluation System.*)

2. SALARY STRUCTURE

Merit salary increases shall be awarded in accordance with the criteria and procedures established in this policy and in Academic Policy Statement 820317.

3. EVALUATIVE CRITERIA FOR MERIT ADVANCES

- 3.01 Merit advances in salary shall be based upon a determination of merit in relation to stated criteria.
- 3.02 Evaluation in the following categories will be considered in determining whether or not a merit advance in salary within rank will be recommended. (See Academic Policy Statement 820317 for specific evaluative criteria for each of the categories.)
 - a. Teaching Effectiveness
 - b. Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments
 - c. Service
 - d. Administrative Assignments (if applicable)

For special evaluative criteria pertaining to faculty members who are librarians, see Academic Policy Statement 810814, *Tenets for Academic Status for Professional Librarians*.