

Statement on Professional Activities

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Quality teaching is the primary activity of the faculty in the Department of Economics. Therefore, professional activity in support of teaching is valued highly as is activity that extends the frontiers of the discipline. Activities that use the specialized knowledge, expertise, or training of the discipline are considered to be professional activity. The department also encourages interdisciplinary professional activity.

Within the broad definition of professional activity, there are three general categories: traditional scholarship, exposition, and consulting. The quality of contribution within the category, as attested to by interested and competent professional peers, is more important to the department than the category.

Traditional Scholarship – the preparation of research-based material for presentation to scholarly and professional audiences in either written or oral form. This includes but is not limited to:

- articles in refereed journals.
- articles in non-refereed or quasi-refereed publications, such as those of regional publications, business research bureaus, governmental agencies (including materials accepted for publication).
- invited articles in scholarly publications.
- books or monographs written for the profession.
- papers presented at national, regional, or state professional association meetings.
- submission of grant proposals written in support of research activities.

Exposition – the preparation or presentation of discipline-related materials to students, other members of the profession, or to professionally-related audiences. This includes but is not limited to:

- preparation of textbooks and policy monographs.
- reviews of books and articles and editorial assistance to publishers.
- submission of grant proposals written in support of the teaching activities of the department.
- participation at national, regional, or state professional association meetings as a discussant or session chair.
- preparation of workbooks and manuals.
- preparation of case studies or computer-assisted learning devices for classroom use.
- expert testimony related to the discipline before government commissions, legislative bodies, courts of law, or other bodies where the testimony may be challenged by other members of the profession.

Consulting – advising government, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, etc., where professional expertise is involved. Consulting that is recognized as of significantly high quality by scholars or professionals beyond the College is considered professional activity.

Activities that do not directly employ one's professional expertise before a professional audience are considered Other Contributions to the Purposes of the College.²

¹ *Faculty Manual*, §4.VII.A.2.a (1999)

² *Faculty Manual*, §4.VII.A.3 (1999)