

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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All applicants for sabbatical leave must present a plan that set forth a purpose for the leave that will enhance the faculty member's value to Southern University.

Eligibility

Full-time members of the faculty (including administrators and staff with faculty status) shall be **eligible to apply** for sabbatical leaves for the purpose of professional or cultural improvement, study or research, or rest and recuperation, for the two semesters (fifty-two weeks for twelve-month employees) immediately following any six or more consecutive years of active service in the institution where such individual is employed or for the following any three or more consecutive years of such service, provided that absence on approved sick leave shall not be deemed to interrupt the active service herein provided for. A sabbatical leave taken during a summer shall be considered a semester for leave purposes.

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Campus policies and application procedures for sabbatical leaves shall be established by the Chancellor of each campus or his/her designee, with input from the chief academic officer, other appropriate administrators and the faculty, and approved by

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Manner in Which Leave May Be Spent

Every person on a sabbatical leave shall spend such leave in a manner calculated to attain the purpose for which the leave was granted.

No person applying for a sabbatical leave for the purpose of study or research will receive outside compensation for such study or research, unless such compensation and such leave are approved in writing in advance by the Chancellor of the employee's institution and the System President.

Reports on Manner of Spending Leave

Each campus must include in its sabbatical leave policies and procedures the method by which every person on sabbatical leave shall report on the manner in which such leave was spent after each leave period is completed. Evidence shall be submitted to the Chancellor or his designee and document that the purpose for which the leave was granted has been achieved. The campus policies and procedures may require an employee of sabbatical leave to submit interim reports during the leave period for evaluation and other purposes.

Penalties for Noncompliance

In accordance with State law, refusal by a faculty member to comply with the provisions of this Procedure may result in the forfeiture of tenure and/or eligibility for increase of salary and promotion in rank until the necessary requirements are met. The University may also require an individual granted paid leave to reimburse all money paid if the purpose for which the paid leave was granted is not achieved.

Compensation While on Leave

Each person granted sabbatical leave shall receive and be paid compensation for the period of leave approved at the rate and according to procedures approved for the campus by the Chancellor, System President and Board. Contributions to the retirement system and other fringe benefits shall be made by the University and the employee, on the basis on the annual salary rate while he/she is on leave as required or agreed. No individual granted paid leave shall receive compensation at a rate greater than his/her University approved salary.

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Compensation, retirement and other fringe benefits payable to persons on sabbatical leave shall be paid at the times at which salaries and benefits of the other members of the faculty are paid and in the same manner.

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Each person granted a sabbatical leave shall sign an agreement or contract with his/her institution stipulating that as a condition of accepting the sabbatical leave, he/she will return to the University for at least one year of further service after the leave is completed. Such signed agreement must be completed in order for the position to be held open until the faculty member returns and/or for the faculty member to be eligible for compensation during the leave.

Other Provisions to be Included

Recommendations

The campus' policies and procedures shall require each person seeking a sabbatical leave to include the recommendation of his/her department chair, dean and/or other immediate supervisors. Such recommendations may be to approve or to deny the leave and shall include the reason(s) therefor.

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An appropriately appointed committee designated by the campus Chancellor or his designee shall evaluate applications. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee will be outlined in the campus' procedures. The procedures shall also provide complete instructions for the submission of applications, evaluation criteria, the deadlines to be observed and other factors that will be considered as part of the evaluation process. The transmission of applications that are recommended to the chief academic officer shall include a statement of the reasons for recommending approval or denial of the application.

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The campus policies and procedures shall include a provision for a faculty member on sabbatical leave to be included in the annual faculty evaluation.

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Each campus may impose additional requirements that are to be met by an individual seeking a sabbatical leave as conditions for an application to be approved.

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■ SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE
PROPOSED SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICY**

- I. General Policy.** Members of the SUBR faculty with tenure at the time of submitting the application for sabbatical leave, and the rank of assistant professor or above, may be granted sabbatical leave after six complete academic years of continuous service at SUBR (continuous service shall not include leaves of more than two months). Sabbatical leave is granted on the basis of application by the faculty member and recommendation by the Sabbatical Leave Evaluation Committee (which is appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) and upon approval by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Chancellor. Recommendations will be forwarded to the President of the Southern University System and the Southern University Board of Supervisors, as appropriate. At no time during any semester of an academic year shall the number of persons on sabbatical leave exceed five percent of the total faculty in any academic unit or the University.
- II. Purpose.** The primary purpose of a sabbatical leave is to enhance the faculty member's value to SUBR. Specifically, a sabbatical leave is to be used for one or more of the following purposes:
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- III. Period of Leave and Salary.** A sabbatical leave may be granted for the following periods and salary levels, depending on whether a nine- or twelve-month appointment is held by the faculty member or administrator with faculty status:
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 - B. six months at full pay (12-month appointees)
 - C. an academic year at half pay (9-month appointees)
 - D. twelve months at half pay (12-month appointees)

Normally, sabbatical leaves will be taken over a period of consecutive months. When it is in the best interest of the University as determined by the Chancellor, the period of the sabbatical leave may be split such that is from beginning to end must be completed within 18 months and cannot extend beyond the total approved time period.

- IV. Additional Compensation.** Faculty members granted sabbatical leaves may be permitted to receive additional compensation for study and research if written approval for such compensation is granted by the Chancellor of SUBR. The following conditions apply:
- A. Sabbatical leave pay may be supplemented by fellowships, grants, or other sources provided the total compensation does not exceed the regular full-time salary rate as apportioned for the period of the leave, and provided that activities resulting from additional compensation are not in conflict with the purposes for which the sabbatical leave was granted.
 - B. Normal consulting arrangements may be continued provided they do not conflict with the purpose and spirit of the sabbatical leave program and comply with SUBR's policies governing outside employment.
 - C. Grants or stipend adjustments to defray relocation cost reimbursements, cost-of-living allowances, and/or research expenses may be accepted, provided such reimbursements, allowances, and/or expenses are not for personal compensation.
 - D. Faculty members are encouraged to seek external funds (i.e., as from the host institution) to cover part or all of the cost of their salary and benefits during the sabbatical leave. While the acquisition of such funding is not part of the evaluation process, it clearly could lead to the granting of leaves that may not otherwise be possible because of fiscal constraints.
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- VII. Other Conditions.** The decision as to the acceptability of a sabbatical leave application will not be based on whether additional compensation may be

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VIII. Annual Faculty Evaluation by Chairperson. Faculty members on sabbatical leave will be included in the annual University evaluation process. The performance evaluation by the faculty member's chairperson shall reflect the faculty member's achievement of the stated purpose and goals while on sabbatical leave.

IX. Obligation of Faculty Members. Any faculty member taking sabbatical leave has the following obligations.

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- B. Within six weeks after returning, submit to the departmental chairperson an original and four (4) copies of a complete report of his or her activities while on leave. The report should provide evidence that the purpose for which the leave was granted has been achieved. The copies shall be distributed to the Dean, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Chancellor and the chairperson of the SLEC.

X. Application for Leave. Six copies of an application shall be submitted to the SLEC, along with recommendations from the departmental chairperson and the dean. The SLEC evaluates the application in accordance with *Sections X, XI and XII*. The application should present the benefits to be derived from the proposed leave by the applicant and SUBR clearly and convincingly, and should be prepared with the care and thoroughness of a paper submitted for publication. The application should consist of the following:

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pertinent comments.

- B. Abstract. Maximum length: 250 words.
- C. Description of Proposed Sabbatical. Major headings should include: a detailed statement of what the applicant plans to do while on sabbatical leave; the objectives and significance of the proposed activities; the value of these activities to the applicant's SUBR obligations; the feasibility and methods of accomplishing the objectives; and the applicant's qualifications that are pertinent to the proposed activities. This section should consist of not more than five single-spaced typewritten pages.
- D. A Curriculum Vitae (not more than 10 pages).
- E. Appendix. Include supportive documentation such as evaluation of the application by the departmental chairpersons, dean and any other appropriate administrators; letters of acceptance from persons at the institution or in industry with whom the applicant plans to work or study and itinerary.

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- B. Applicant's record of and/or potential for engaging in research, teaching, service and/or other pertinent activity at SUBR - 30 percent.
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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE
SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICY
AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT**

Sabbatical Leave Evaluation Committee (SLEC) 2000-2002

Professor Willie Burton, Committee Chairman

Dr. Barry Hester

Mrs. Rosalyn Holt

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Mr. George Lewis, III

Mr. Haywood Joiner

Mrs. June Phillips

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