



# PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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## **Policy 1987-01: Degree Equivalencies in Faculty Appointment and Promotion Criteria**

**See Also:**

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### **A. Purpose and Scope**

To determine the boundaries under which professional degrees such as the J.D. and M.F.A. may be considered equivalent to statutory academic degree qualifications for appointment and promotion of faculty.

### **B. Policy**

Holders of professional doctorates, including but not limited to the J.D. degree, shall be deemed eligible for consideration for appointment or promotion, provided that they meet other criteria or expectations for appointment or promotion and that their candidacy is in compliance with the Act 182 stipulation that "Graduate degrees and preparation ... shall be earned in fields related to the service rendered to the college." Similarly, holders of the M.F.A. degree, when related graduate preparation totals at least 60 semester credit hours, shall be deemed eligible for consideration for appointment or promotion, provided that they meet other criteria or expectations for appointment or promotion and their preparation and primary assignment are in the studio or performing arts.

### **C. Effective Date**

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