

MEAS Policy on Adjunct Faculty

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Consistent with NC State University regulations¹ the department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences appoints as adjunct faculty non-faculty NC State University employees and people employed outside the university who perform academic service to the department. Such service can comprise teaching, service on graduate student committees, collaboration with department faculty in research, education, or outreach, or an advisory role.

- Adjunct appointments will be made at the request of a sponsor, who is a member of the MEAS faculty. Appointments require the approval of MEAS department voting faculty (DVF) at the same and higher academic rank as the proposed appointment. The sponsor introduces a request for an adjunct appointment at a faculty meeting. The DVF vote on the appointment takes place at a subsequent meeting, prior to which the curriculum vita of the candidate is circulated to the faculty.
- Adjunct appointments are made at an academic rank commensurate with the appointee's qualifications, typically matching the rank of her/his primary academic appointment when such an appointment exists.
- Adjunct appointments end at the beginning of the fourth academic year following an initial or re-appointment. Appointments may be renewed at the request of a faculty sponsor, without a vote of the DVF.
- The rank of an adjunct appointment may be changed at the request of a faculty sponsor with the approval of the relevant DVF.
- Because NC State reciprocally grants graduate faculty status to members of the graduate faculties of Duke University, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro², adjunct appointments are not conferred on faculty from these institutions when the sole purpose of the appointment is service on an MEAS graduate student committee.

¹ REG 05.20.34 sections 4.3, 5.1, & 8

² NC State Graduate School Handbook, section 1.3D