Recommendation regarding the campus-level requirement for external letters for teaching professor promotions

If approved, this recommendation will guide procedures for 2020-21 promotions and will be incorporated into a BFC Principles and Policies on Promotions for Non-Tenure Track Faculty document. That document will be reviewed and approved by the BFC before being considered official policy.

Recommendation:

For promotion to teaching professor, candidate dossiers include a total of 6 review letters, of which a minimum of 4 are from reviewers external to IU.

If approved, the new Principles and Policies document would include language similar to the following:

"Promotion dossiers should contain at least six review letters, at least four of which are from qualified and credentialed individuals who are not employed by Indiana University Bloomington. Half of these referees should be derived from a list submitted by the candidate, and the other half should be drawn from a list prepared by the department or school."

This language parallels the current language in the BFC Principles and Policies on Tenure and Promotion document for TT faculty:

"Promotion and tenure dossiers should contain at least six external review letters from qualified and credentialed individuals who are not employed by Indiana University Bloomington. Half of these referees should be derived from a list submitted by the candidate, and the other half should be drawn from a list prepared by the department or school."