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question about confidential research products

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Chris:

I think these should not be included in the criteria for promotion and tenure, because of the blue book provision about occurring in a public forum. The Blue Book would need to be modified, if they were to be included, so as it stands now, no.

Faculty are permitted to do confidential work as part of workload. There are some extant examples, including the supervision of students in Psychology clinics, and the conduct of proprietary and classified research. As far as annual and comprehensive performance evaluation, supervisors get input on the work quality from program managers, clinic supervisors, and the like. Those people don't release any confidential information, they just say something like, "Bob Smith had a classified research contract with the Office of Naval Research, and he produced the deliverables by the contract deadline. The ONR is satisfied with the quality of the research."

We have just a few faculty doing classified work (unusually senior faculty) and they are advised that they need to do a significant amount of unclassified research over a period of years so there is something for peers to review.

Susan