

## **Linguistics Department**

All Senate members vote on all promotions, merits to full prof. level VI, and all (further) above scales. We also all vote on an acceleration or deceleration of more than one year. Ordinary merits, including a recommendation for a one year acceleration, are handled by a committee whose membership varies every year. If the committee recommends something other than the merit or a one year acceleration it goes to the entire faculty and everyone votes. A candidate can request (and be granted) a one year deceleration without a committee meeting or faculty vote.

This policy has been in effect since Vicki Fromkin first became Chair of the dept in the early 1970s. It is well known to all faculty members (since it gets put into practice every year). But your message prompts me to have our policy written up formally and put on our web site.