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Colleagues,

As the Provost noted, the University has developed a special rollback policy and request procedure.

The University developed the policy because it is aware of and sensitive to the broad impact COVID-19 has had on the community. I am writing now to offer some additional information about the policy.

As the Provost notes, we will implement this policy with generosity. That said, the Library neither encourages nor discourages COVID-19 rollback requests. If you are a pre-tenure faculty member, you should make your own choice, based on how you feel that COVID-19 has affected your librarianship, research, and/or service.

Here are a few key factors to keep in mind:

- We will approve any rollback requests submitted under the campus policy. The process is streamlined and does not require that documentation or a justification be submitted.
- Requesting a rollback now will not affect your ability to go up for tenure on the existing schedule, should you choose to do so.
- Rollbacks will have no effect on how your case is considered during the tenure review process. The same set of standards will be applied as if no rollback had been granted.

Those who are interested should pay particular attention to the deadlines which are based on your current tenure status.

- For those currently in 5Y status (i.e. Susanne and Kit), you must request a rollback by April 24, 2020, should you choose to do so.
- For those who are currently in 4Y status, you have until April 15, 2021 to request a rollback.
- For those currently 1Y, 2Y, or 3Y, you have until August 15, 2021 to submit the request.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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