Prior to the revision to DSU Policy 631 in Spring 2019, there exists a small group of full-time faculty members who were hired under the policy which stated that they could transition to tenure-track status and apply for tenure upon completion of both their terminal degree and their probationary period.

In light of the revisions to Policy 631, these existing full-time Continuing-Status faculty will be classified as Professional Track or Clinical Track Faculty, and will be eligible for rank advancements within that track (which do not require a terminal degree), or Regular Tenure-Track Faculty, in which they will need to complete the terminal degree to advance through tenure-track ranks. Existing Continuing Status faculty that are classified as Professional or Clinical Track Faculty and then earn their terminal degree may request to be moved to the tenure-track. These requests will require the approval of their dean and the Provost/VPAA.