Every year, as part of the College’s Performance Development Program, the College conducts Performance Reviews for non-exempt staff (hourly paid staff). This year’s review will “soft” open on January 8 and formally commence on Monday February 19, and the completed written reviews will be due in Human Resources (HR) by close-of-business on **Friday, March 23, 2018.**

By that same due date, Managers should report to their Directors or VP’s their review ratings – on the 1-5 scale – for individual employees. The date of hire for eligibility for a merit increase in the 2018-19 review cycle is on or before January 28, 2018. More information on the salary adjustment portion of the review will be communicated shortly.

The components of the review process and the expectations for managers and the employees being reviewed – the “reviewees” – are much the same as last year. HR has set forth a calendar – below – for you to follow, to help you stay on track and complete the review within the time allotted.

**Needed to Start the Review**

To conduct the review managers and reviewees will need to have the following

1. The employee’s job description
2. The employee’s Self-Review form (filled out by the employee being reviewed prior to meeting with the Manager) – ***for non-exempt employees the Self-Review form continues to be “optional but highly recommended”***
3. The Performance Review form

*If you need job descriptions contact Cheryl Archambeault x 2756 in HR. All the 2018 Performance Review forms are available at* [*http://www.holycross.edu/human-resources/performance-development-program-forms*](http://www.holycross.edu/human-resources/performance-development-program-forms)*. If you do not see the forms you want to use, please contact Kate.*

**Week 1: February 19 to February 23, 2018**

*Manager:*

* Reviews the job description (see below)
* Reviews the mid-year review and prior year’s review, including performance goals set
* Reviews any other relevant documentation – e.g. feedback received concerning the employee during the year, records of counseling or discipline, etc.
* ***Optional but highly recommended:*** Asks the employee to fill out a Self-Review form by February 23

The *job description* defines the essential responsibilities of the job and is critical for setting work expectations during the course of the year. Role descriptions should be clear and unambiguous.  The job description also outlines the knowledge and skills needed for success in the job. Please review the job description with the employee to make sure it is accurate.

**Reminder of Soliciting External Feedback**- When an employee has more than one manager, it is the responsibility of the primary manager to seek out input from the secondary manager and incorporate this feedback into the review discussion and document. If the employee serves on College committee or performs work for another department consistently – e.g. serves as a Title IX panelist – the manager should solicit information on the other service and incorporate it into their review. Managers can also solicit feedback from departments that the employee regularly engages with – e.g. Finance, ITS, HR, etc. – for a perspective on those interactions.

*Employee:*

* ***Optional but highly recommended:*** Fills out a Self-Review Form & delivers to Manager by February 23

**Weeks 2 & 3: February 26 to March 9, 2018**

*Manager:*

* Reviews employee’s Self-Review (if completed)
* Schedules a time to meet with the employee
* Creates a draft of the employee’s Performance Review form, to be shared with the employee during the annual review meeting
* Meets with the employee to discuss the Self-Review (if completed), the draft Performance Review form, the employee’s progress towards the goals set during the prior year’s review, new goals for the upcoming year, and the plans for employee’s professional development
* Reviews with the employee the job description – does it need to be updated?

*Employee:*

* Meets with the Manager to discuss the Self-Review (if completed), progress towards the goals set during the prior year’s review and the plans for professional development
* Reviews with the Manager the job description – does it need to be updated?

**Weeks 4 & 5: March 12 to March 23, 2018**

*Manager:*

* Edits the draft performance review and creates the final version
* Determines the overall ratings – on the 1-5 scale – for all direct reports and communicates that to his or her Director/VP for approval
* Initials each page of the review and signs the front page
* Fills out the overall rating, as approved by the Director/VP– on the 1-5 scale – on the form
* Gives the review to the employee for their signature
* Gives a copy of the final signed review to the employee and keeps a copy of the review and Self-Review for his or her files
* Delivers the original of the final signed Performance Review and Self-Review to HR by the March 23 deadline – the form must have the overall rating filled out: HR will not accept forms without ratings or narrative content or ratings without forms
* If needed, updates the job description

*Employee:*

* On receiving the final review, reads it and signs it (the employee can also add their comments)
* Signs the review and returns it to the manager