# Welcome to



The database for entering and managing annual report data

at Appalachian State University

### 1. Access to Digital Measures

- To access Digital Measures, please visit the "Faculty" section on the College of Arts & Sciences website (www.cas.appstate.edu/faculty). Digital Measures is the first link in the list in left-hand part of the screen.
- Click on the link, which will take you to further instructions and a link to the login screen (see below). All faculty are registered in Digital Measures, but you will have to request a temporary password when you first visit the site.

Please Logi Appalachian State University	<b>Digital</b> Measures
ALERT: It appears that your not yet logged in: What's th	@appstate.edu

- 3. To get your temporary password, click the "Request your password" link at the bottom right of the screen. You will be asked to provide your user name, which is the first part of your ASU e-mail address. Upon submitting your ASU e-mail address, a password will be sent to your inbox.
- 4. Use your temporary password to log into Digital Measures.

#### 2. Navigating the Digital Measures web site



- 1. After you login to Digital Measures with your temporary password, you will be taken to a welcome screen.
- The left part of your screen displays the basic navigation menu, which will remain visible and active for as long as you are logged in.
- 3. It is recommended that you change your temporary

password to a permanent one by clicking on the appropriate link

Change Your Password

4. The two highlighted links at the top of the menu allow you to keep track of all your activities and personal data, and to create two types of reports based on the data that have been entered and stored in Digital Measures.

## 3. Entering data and managing your activities

- Click on the top link in the navigation menu to access the main menu of the activities database.
   Activities Database Main Menu
- The database is divided into five sections, which cover all possible faculty activities.
- Some of the fields in the "General Information" section have been pre-filled with data from the University's Banner system. All other information needs to be entered.
- 4. Items that have been pre-filled,
  e.g. under the heading "Yearly
  Data," are marked by a icon;
  they can be viewed, but they
  cannot be modified.
- Whenever possible, the database uses pull-down menus which allow you to select information rather than having to enter it.
- General Information Personal and Contact Information Administrative Data - Permanent Data | Yearly Data Workload Information Administrative Assignments Education Licensures and Certifications Positions Held Consulting Professional Memberships Professional Development Activities Attended Awards Awards and Honors ▶ Contracts, Grants and Sponsored Research Teaching Scheduled Teaching Student Advising & Engagement Directed Student Learning (for credit) Non-Credit Instruction Taught Scholarship/Research Artistic and Professional Performances and Exhibits Publications Intellectual Property Presentations ▶ Research in Progress Service Department College University Professional Professionally Related Community Service
  - Workshops and Guest Lecturing
- 6. When new information is required, click on the **ADD A NEW ITEM** icon to open an entry screen.
- 7. After entering each item, be sure to save the entry, either by clicking
  SAVE AND RETURN OF SAVE AND ADD ANOTHER
- 8. Text boxes can be enlarged by clicking on the blue arrow  $\blacksquare$  next to the box.

9. Once an item has been entered and saved, it is listed in the category to which it belongs. Each item listed can be managed, i.e. edited, copied, or deleted, by

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clicking on one of the following icons:  $\checkmark$ 

- 10. All data fields can be filled with text from other sources, either by copying and pasting information directly from a word-processing document, or by using the "PasteBoard" function at the bottom of each screen. Clicking on the 
  PasteBoard icon will open a box that accepts text from other sources. Highlighted text can be cut-and-pasted or dragged-and-dropped into the fields above. Clicking the "Hide" icon will hide the pasteboard.
- Some categories allow you to upload and store electronic files from your computer. Clicking on <u>Store file</u> will allow you to browse and select a file.
- 12. In order for any reports to be accurate, it is necessary to provide the date of each activity. Not entering a date will result in an inaccurate list of activities for the annual report period.
- 13. The Rapid Reports function allows you to generate a report of all activities in the database while you are entering information. Click on the link, select the type of report, the start and end dates, and the desired format, and click RUN REPORT. The document that is generated contains all the information that is currently stored in the database for the period that was selected.

#### 3. Running Custom Reports

- 1. In order to run two types of custom reports, click on the second link in the navigation menu.
- From the pull-down menu select either the "Annual Faculty Report Senate Approved" format, or the "Vita" format. Each of these options uses specialized formatting and presents data in a different way.
- 3. Select the date range—Start Date and End Date—for your custom report, select the desired file format and page size, and click **BUILD REPORT**.

4. The program will build the desired report in the desired format. The resulting report can be viewed, saved, edited, or printed.