# Department of Human Resources



Staff Development Center

## Effectively Administering the Performance Evaluation Process

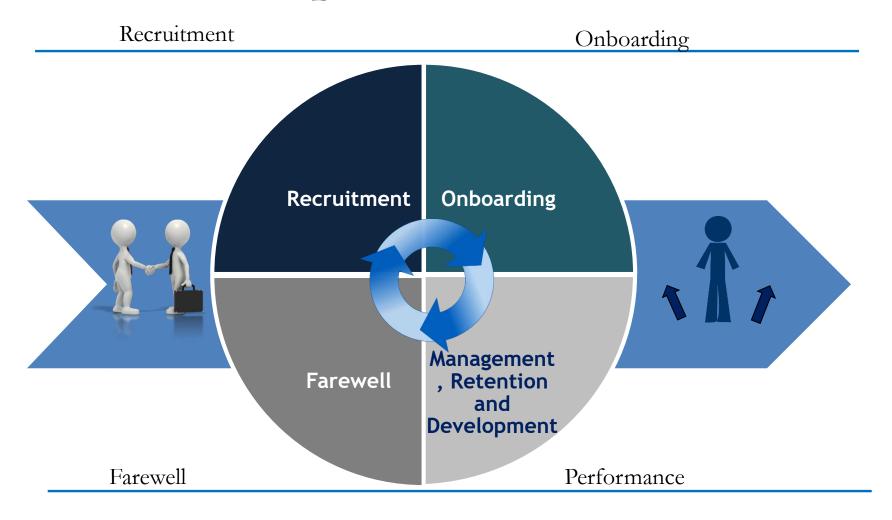


# PE Session Agenda

- > Performance Evaluation Process Overview
  - ➤ Define Performance Evaluation / Management
  - ➤ Roles & Responsibilities
  - ➤ The Evaluation Period
  - > The Performance Evaluation Tool
- > Performance Evaluation Execution Plan
  - > Preparation
  - > Engagement
  - > Communication
  - ➤ Measuring
  - > Review



## The Employment Lifecycle



HR plays a role in every step of the employees Career

### Performance Evaluation/Management



#### Performance Evaluation

> Ongoing process of communication between a supervisor and employee about performance expectations that occurs throughout the year.

#### Performance Management

> Supports the accomplishment of the strategic objectives of Jackson State University; The work system as a whole.

#### The Performance EVALUATION



- ➤ The evaluation should be a review of the past year's performance. (July 1 June 30)
- The annual evaluation should not be the first time the employee learns of your concerns.

  July 1, Goal Setting January 1-15, Mid Term Feedback
  June 1-July 30, Annual PE
- Through previous counseling and other communications, the employee should be aware of any concerns you might have about their job performance.

# The process includes:



- > Setting objectives
  - ➤ Be S.M.A.R.T.
    - Specific
    - Measurable
    - Achievable
    - Realistic
    - > Timely

- > Identifying goals
  - Immediate
  - > Intermediate
  - Long-term
- > Providing feedback
- > Evaluating results

# Performance Evaluation

#### Roles & Responsibilities



- has the overall responsibility for the administration of the Performance Evaluation Process.

#### Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors or Department Heads:

- ensures that a performance evaluation and the establishment of goals and objectives are accomplished by July 30, for each staff employee within his or her area of responsibility.

#### **Immediate Supervisor:**

- is the employee's "evaluator" and is responsible for observing and evaluating the employee's job performance and completing the performance evaluation form.

#### Reviewing Official:

- is the "Evaluator's" supervisor and is responsible for reviewing the evaluation for accuracy and objectivity.



#### Performance Evaluation Period



- The evaluation period is <u>July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.</u>
- All employees employed for at least six (6) months between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, should receive an annual performance evaluation.
- Employees who have not completed their probationary period as of June 30, should be given the appropriate appraisal upon completion of the six (6) months introductory period.
- However, you should conduct a goal planning session with <u>ALL</u> employees under your supervision to determine goals and objectives for the coming year.

#### Performance Evaluation TOOL



- For consistency, it is important that every department use the Jackson State Performance Evaluation Process through JSU P.A.W.S.
- ➤ Instructions for the Performance Evaluation process is to be located on the HR website.









## Pre-Evaluation Preparation



- > Set a calendar date in advance that is convenient for both you and the employee.
- ➤ You may ask the employee to prepare a self-evaluation and submit to you (supervisor) before the scheduled evaluation date.

#### > Gather:

- Job descriptions
- Last year's performance evaluation, including goals
- Work rules and processes
- Your documentation/notes
- Any feedback or letters from customers/co-workers
- Current disciplinary memos





- ✓ Detailed, using specific examples
- ✓ Job-related
- ✓ Goal-oriented and based on performance and behavior
- ✓ Free of personal likes, dislikes, and stereotypes
- ✓ Not **overly** strict or lenient
- ✓ Not overly weighted by a single or recent incident





- > Be certain that you have reviewed all of your employees in an objective and consistent manner.
- > **Don't** say the employee is improving if he/she is not performing well.
- > The performance evaluation should be a realistic snapshot of the employee's performance.
- Don't create a situation where it appears that you are providing excuses for one employee while holding another employee accountable.

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# Rate the employee's performance, not the employee's attitude



- ➤ Keep your comments job-related and based on the employee's ability to perform his/her job.
- Avoid phrases like "bad attitude"; "he's not a team player", and other subjective type comments.
- Explain the behavior that is a result of the attitude.
- > Don't inflate ratings. Inflation of ratings only inflates an employee's expectations.

#### Meet with the Reviewer



- ➤ Once the evaluation has been saved by the supervisor, the reviewer will have access to the evaluation in her/his P.A.W.S.
- > Meet with the reviewer for suggestions and opinions.
- > Supervisors will be able to edit the evaluation, if necessary.
- Finalize the evaluation and click "evaluation ready to be reviewed by employee."
- ➤ Give employee OK to review file in P.A.W.S.





Before conducting the evaluation take a moment to...

- List the employee's main areas of responsibility.
- ➤ **Identify** what the employee has done well.
- > Identify areas in which the employee needs to improve.
- > Identify what you can do to help the employee do a better a job.
- > Review self-evaluation, if applicable.

## Conducting the Employee Evaluation



- 1. Welcome the employee and put them at ease. Keep the discussion open for input.
- 2. **Discuss** evaluation with employee **emphasizing strengths** as well as areas that need improvement.
- 3. Set goals, expectations, and standards together for the next evaluation.
- 4. **Be honest** and **be prepared** to discuss <u>questionable</u> items.
- 5. Discuss training and development plans with the employee.
- 6. Summarize the session and end on a POSITIVE note.





#### **FOLLOW UP**



- Don't just criticize a deficient performer; set goals for follow up and improvement or development.
- Work together to create a plan of action to help the employee in deficient areas and to establish goals for the coming year.
- Set a follow up period and be sure to **re-evaluate** the employee at the appropriate time.

# Responding to Employee Reactions





## The employee who wants too much



- > Explain that promotions reward performance over time, perhaps years.
- > Make no promises to the employee.
- > Don't let the employee leave with unrealistic expectations.
- > Provide a realistic picture of future prospects.

# The employee who becomes defensive or makes excuses



- Listen to what the employee has to say and paraphrase back. Remain neutral.
- > Ask for specifics with open-ended questions.
- Try to determine the cause: "Tell me more." "How did you reach that conclusion?"
- > Ask how the employee will resolve the problem.





- Let him/her blow off steam but don't respond in the same manner. Stay calm and maintain eye contact.
- Listen and ask open-ended questions to find true nature of resistance.
- > State your point-of-view calmly. Avoid arguments.
- Bring discussion and focus back to performance and standards.
- Don't try to reach an agreement if the employee remains angry.
- > Schedule a second meeting.





- > Be patient and cordial.
- Show concern.
- > Stay silent and wait for the employee to say something.
- > Ask open-ended questions.



#### The Performance Evaluation REVIEW

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- Communicates organization & departments goals.
- **Builds** stronger working relationships.
- > Improves productivity.
- Provides understanding of HR policies and processes relative to compensation, performance, and career advancement.
- > Identifies poor or marginal performers.
- > Improves rapport and builds morale.
- > Identifies the employee's general training needs.
- Recognizes employee accomplishments.
- > Helps employee set goals and improve performance.
- Allows employee to discuss career goals and ask about opportunities for career development.





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