Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business
Journal Ranking Process

Policy

The Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business is committed to encouraging high quality scholarship throughout the school. This policy supports our AACSB accreditation bid by providing guidance to faculty as they pursue their publication goals.

Faculty members in each discipline decide on the peer-reviewed journals to be included on the discipline-specific journal ranking lists, as well as the tiering of journals on those lists. The ABS and ABDC journal rankings are used as a starting point for the tiering. Division faculty may also consider other ranking systems to support their division’s ranking of peer-reviewed journals.

Procedure

1. Division faculty members review and update their discipline-specific journal rankings annually during fall semester.

2. Because faculty from any discipline may publish in pedagogy or applied business journals, these journal ranking lists are reviewed and ratified by faculty in all disciplines.

3. Faculty members who wish to add a journal to a discipline-specific ranking list or change the tiering of a journal already on the list may present a brief written description of the addition or change requested along with rationale and documentation to division faculty. The documentation may include published journal rankings, published reviews of the journal to be added, information on the journal’s editors, descriptions of the journal’s selectivity or reputation, or similar documents.

After reviewing the supporting documentation, division faculty vote on whether to ratify the requested addition or change.

If no documentation is provided to support the tier for a journal to be added to a ranking list, the default assignment will be tier 4.

4. To ensure consistent standards are used across the school, the assessment and accreditation committee is charged with reviewing the journal ranking lists for each division. This includes reviewing the journals on the lists, the tiering of all journals, and the tiering of journals added to the list. The assessment and accreditation committee is also charged with ensuring that journal ranking lists do not include predatory journals or journals published by predatory publishers.

5. If the assessment and accreditation committee identifies any concerns in the journal ranking lists, they work with division faculty to discuss and resolve the concerns. Any concerns that cannot be resolved will be forwarded to the dean for resolution.

6. Once the assessment and accreditation committee has reviewed and approved the journal ranking list, the approved journal rankings are posted on the BVGSB faculty/staff resources Web page.