Exhibit A

G. Pretenure Period

1. Within Case Western Reserve University the pretenure period may vary with particular academic circumstances among the constituent faculties, but provision for a period beyond six years shall require specific Faculty Senate approval.

2. Each faculty member whose appointment leads to tenure consideration shall be considered for tenure in accordance with Section I, subsections I, J, and K no later than six to nine years after the date of initial appointment. The by-laws of the constituent faculty shall specify whether the maximum period is six, seven, eight, or nine years; and such period shall apply uniformly within that faculty. If after this period tenure has not been granted, reappointment may normally be made only for one additional year except where the provisions of Section I, H have been adopted.

3. Service at other institutions at the rank of assistant professor or higher may be taken into consideration in establishing the length of a faculty member's pretenure period.

4. Upon written notification by the care-giving parent or parents within one year after each live birth or after each adoption, an extension of one year of the pretenure period shall be granted by the provost.

5. Subject to the limitation in Section I, G, 8 below, individual extensions of the pretenure period of up to three years may be made for exceptionally worthy candidates in the event of unusual constraints in the University, or part or parts thereof, which would prevent tenure award at the end of the normal period. No guarantee is implied, however, that tenure will ultimately be granted. Such an extension shall require tenured faculty or appropriate constituent faculty body recommendation at the departmental or equivalent level, approval by the provost, and concurrence by the faculty member.

6. Subject to the limitation in Section I, G, 8 below, individual extensions of the pretenure period may also be made for the purpose of compensating special earlier circumstances disadvantageous to a candidate's tenure consideration. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, serious illness, family emergency, responsibility as a primary care-giver, or extraordinary teaching or administrative assignments. Such an extension shall require tenured faculty or appropriate constituent faculty body recommendation at the departmental or equivalent level, approval by the provost, and concurrence by the faculty member.

7. Any extension under sections 5 and 6 above requires: (1) positive or negative recommendations by the tenured faculty or appropriate constituent faculty body at the departmental or equivalent level, the department chair (in constituent faculties organized into departments), and the dean; (2) approval by the provost; and (3) concurrence by the faculty member.

8. Pretenure extensions may not be used to defer tenure consideration of a faculty member more than three years beyond the normal pretenure period except for provisions stated in Section I, G, 4. The normal pretenure period is determined by the by-laws of the constituent faculty body where the faculty member has his or her primary appointment.