Guidelines for Professor of Service or External Engagement Excellence

The title of Professor of Service or External Engagement Excellence shall be conferred upon members of the faculty already holding the rank of Professor, who have established outstanding national and international recognition through professional service, public service and/or external engagement through their work at the University. It is expected that the service/engagement has extended over multiple years and involves the application of the faculty member’s scholarly and research interests to issues of public/professional concern. The title will be awarded for a period of three years with an annual stipend of $5,000 ($3,000 salary stipend and $2,000 for professional development). Faculty members who currently hold a recognition from BGSU that provides them with additional funding and was awarded based upon excellence of teaching, research and/or service, shall not be eligible for this professorship.

Nomination procedures:
- Nominations for Professor of Service or External Engagement Excellence may originate with any faculty member or department/school and shall be made to the Provost. Self-nominations are acceptable. Nominations shall carry the endorsement of the faculty member’s dean.
- For nominations for the Professor of Service or External Engagement Excellence, the Provost shall solicit from internal and external sources a list of names with national and international reputations in service and external engagement in the nominee’s academic field and/or area of service/engagement.

Criteria of public service/external engagement:
The basis for review will be the nominee’s comprehensive record of substantive and influential contribution to public service and/or external engagement accomplishments as measured by such factors as:
- Significance and impact of the service and/or external engagement
- Innovation of approaches to the service and/or external engagement
- External state/national/international recognition of the service and/or external engagement
- Length of service and engagement
- Alignment of service and engagement with faculty member’s scholarly/research expertise

Committee assessment:
- The Provost shall then appoint a committee to receive and review the nominations. This committee shall solicit the opinions of the listed persons with national or international reputations, consult additional appropriate references, and make a recommendation to the Provost on each nomination.

Professorship Recommendations:
- The Provost consults with the Council of Deans and forwards a recommendation to the President for action.
- No more than two professorships should be awarded in any given year, but none has to be made each year.
- Professors of Service or External Engagement Excellence are given special recognition and accorded other honors and privileges that the President deems appropriate during their term.

Deadline for receipt of nomination and supporting materials: December 16, 2016
Materials should be sent to Lori Ritchie (lritchi@bgsu.edu) in an electronic format.