

SECTION E: SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

A faculty member may be honored by a special appointment based upon outstanding performance as a teacher, a national reputation as a scholar, or dedicated service as an administrator. The emeritus appointment is awarded at the time of retirement. These appointments are described under this Section.

1. Special Professorships

a) Distinguished Teaching Professorship

- (1) The title of Distinguished Teaching Professor shall be conferred upon select members of the faculty already holding the rank of Professor whose extraordinary achievements as effective teachers in their discipline or in interdisciplinary fields deserve special recognition.
- (2) The VPAA shall appoint an appropriate committee, including faculty members, to identify and recommend nominees for this Professorship. The single standard of evaluation shall be agreement within the committee that the nominee, beyond reasonable debate, is and has been for an extended period of time an extraordinarily effective teacher. The committee shall solicit information on which to base its judgment from internal or external sources it considers to be appropriate and shall make its recommendations to the VPAA.
- (3) The VPAA shall consult with the academic Deans regarding the recommendation of the committee and forward a recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
- (4) Award of the title of Distinguished Teaching Professor will be by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one such award should be made in any year, but none need be made in any year.
- (5) Conferral of the title shall be made by the President at one of the regular University commencement exercises, or at the annual fall meeting of the faculty, or at a special convocation.
- (6) Distinguished teaching professors shall be so identified in official publications, shall be given precedence along with other distinguished professors in academic processions and convocations, and shall be accorded whatever other honors and privileges the President and the Board of Trustees deem appropriate.

b) Distinguished Research Professorship or Distinguished Professor of the Arts

- (1) The title of Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts shall be conferred upon select members of the faculty who already hold the

rank of Professor and who have established outstanding national or international recognition through research and publication or creative/artistic achievement in their disciplines.

- (2) Nominations for the appropriate professorship may be made to the VPAA during the fall semester and shall carry the endorsement of the faculty member's department/school colleagues. In the absence of departmental/school affiliation, the nomination shall carry endorsement of the college. The VPAA shall solicit from internal and external sources a list of names with national and international reputations as specialists in the nominee's academic field of interest.
- (3) The VPAA shall appoint a faculty committee to receive and review nominations. This committee shall solicit the opinions of persons with national and international reputations, consult additional appropriate references, and make a recommendation to the VPAA on each nomination.
- (4) The VPAA shall consult with the academic Deans regarding the recommendation of the committee and forward a recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
- (5) Award of the title Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts shall be by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one such award should be made in any year, but none need be made in any year.
- (6) Conferral of the title shall be made by the President at one of the regular University commencement exercises, or at the annual fall meeting of the faculty, or at a special convocation.
- (7) Distinguished Research Professors and Distinguished Professor of the Arts shall be so identified in official publications, shall be given precedence along with other distinguished professors in the University in academic processions and convocations, and shall be accorded whatever other honors and privileges the President and Board of Trustees deem appropriate.

2. Distinguished University Professorships

- a) The title of Distinguished University Professor shall be conferred upon members of the faculty already holding the rank of Professor, whose creative professional achievements are such as to have won them national distinction or recognition beyond the limitations of a narrow field of interest.
- b) A nomination shall normally originate with the nominee's department, but a nomination may originate with any faculty member or department. Nominations shall be sent to the VPAA accompanied by a list of names of persons with national

- reputations in the general field of the nominee's interest; e.g., scientists, rather than botanists; humanists, rather than philosophers; musicians, rather than violinists; etc.
- c) All Distinguished University Professors and Regents Professors, active and emeriti, shall constitute a committee to receive and review nominations. This committee shall solicit the opinions of the persons listed as references, consult additional references believed appropriate, and make recommendations to the VPAA on each nomination.
 - d) The VPAA, in consultation with the Council of Deans, shall consider the recommendations of the committee and forward a recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
 - e) Award of the title of Distinguished University Professor shall be by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one or two such awards should be made in any year, but none need be made in any year.
 - f) Conferral of the title of Distinguished University Professor shall be made by the President at a special convocation at which the Professor so honored shall be invited to deliver an address to the University Community and to the community at large.
 - g) Distinguished University Professors shall be so identified in all official publications, shall be given precedence in all academic processions and convocations, and shall be accorded whatever other honors and privileges the President and Board of Trustees deem appropriate. The title, however, shall carry no special stipend or other remuneration.

3. Trustee Professorship

Trustee Professorships may be designated by the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President and VPAA, for senior administrative officers (Deans or above) who have served with distinction at those administrative levels for ten years or longer, who hold tenured academic opportunities in a department or school, and who are leaving full-time administrative service and are either returning to full-time teaching duties, or are participating in the supplemental retirement program (SRP). The designation carries no salary supplement. Office arrangements and related support will be coordinated by the VPAA at the time the administrative officer leaves administrative service.

4. Emeritus Faculty

a) Criteria

- (1) The Faculty member must be retired and must have served at BGSU for at least five years.

- (2) Under normal circumstances, the retiree must have served at least ten years at BGSU. Time spent on authorized leaves of absence shall be included in the indicated time as service. Faculty members who retire early, due to a disability, are eligible to receive the emeritus title.
- (3) Designation as an emeritus member of the University shall be made under the authority of the Board of Trustees, acting with the advice of the President and VPAA. Nominations to emeritus status may be made by these officers or the appropriate college Dean and/or school Director and/or department Chair and/or the University Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives. A retiring president may be designated emeritus by the Board directly.
- (4) The title emeritus may attach to any position that the retiree has occupied in the University and for which a preference is indicated, provided that there is appropriate administrative concurrence in the choice.

b) Privileges

All privileges accorded to members of the regular faculty shall be accorded to emeritus faculty wherever appropriate and feasible.

c) Procedures for Appointment

The University Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives shall examine the list of nominations as made under *B-I.F.4.a*) and make recommendations to the VPAA, who shall then transmit them with a recommendation to the President for approval and transmittal to the Board of Trustees.

Once emeritus status has been approved by the Board of Trustees, the emeritus faculty member will be presented with the following materials by the President and the VPAA formally at a public occasion, open to the press and interested persons:

- (1) A formal document, signed by the officers of the Board and the President of the University, designating the retiree as ". . . -emeritus" and expressing appreciation for distinguished service. This document should be suitable for framing.
- (2) A letter from the VPAA, expressing appreciation for distinguished service, and enclosing all appropriate membership cards, I.D. cards, etc., needed to implement the privileges noted above.
- (3) An attractive folder or case including these and other pertinent documents, such as letters from the Dean, department Chair, other associates, students, and alumni.