

Distinguished Professorships¹

Distinguished Teaching Professorship: 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.

- Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Professor may originate with any faculty member or department/school and shall be made to the Provost and Senior Vice President. Nominations shall carry the endorsement of the faculty member's dean.
- The Provost and Senior Vice President shall appoint a faculty committee to receive and review nominations for Distinguished Teaching Professor. 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 from internal or external sources it considers to be appropriate and shall make a recommendation to the Provost and Senior Vice President on each nomination.
- The Provost and Senior Vice President consults with the Council of Deans and forwards a recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
- The title is awarded by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one or two awards should be made in any given year, but none has to be made each year.
- The title is conferred by the President at one of the regular University commencement exercises or at a special convocation.
- Distinguished Teaching Professors are given special recognition and accorded other honors and privileges the President and the Board of Trustees deem appropriate.

Distinguished Research Professorship or Distinguished Professor of the Arts: 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.

- Nominations for Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts may originate with any faculty member or department/school and shall be made to the Provost and Senior Vice President. Nominations shall carry the endorsement of the faculty member's dean.
- For nominations for the Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts, the Provost and Senior Vice President shall solicit from internal and external sources a list of names with national and international reputations as specialists in the nominee's academic field. The Provost and Senior Vice President shall then appoint a faculty 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 and Senior Vice President on each nomination.
- The Provost and Senior Vice President consults with the Council of Deans and forwards recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
- The title of Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts is awarded by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one or two awards should be made in any given year, but none has to be made each year.
- The title is conferred by the President at one of the regular University commencement exercises or at a special convocation.
- Distinguished Research Professors and Distinguished Professor of the Arts are given special recognition and accorded other honors and privileges the President and the Board of Trustees deem appropriate.

Distinguished University Professorships: 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 for their enduring impact in their broader discipline of interest that goes well beyond their primary disciplinary area.

- Nominations for Distinguished University Professor may originate with any faculty member or department/school and shall be made to the Provost and Senior Vice President. Nominations shall carry the endorsement of the faculty member's dean.
- Nominations for Distinguished University Professor shall be sent to the Provost and Senior Vice President accompanied by a list of names of persons from aspirant universities 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).
- Nominations for Distinguished University Professor are evaluated upon the sum of their creative professional achievements earned throughout the totality of their career. Criteria include: distinguished performance in the areas of scholarship/creative work, teaching, and professional service; a consistent level of extraordinary performance across the professional career; a record of national and international recognition in one or more areas of scholarship/creative work, teaching, and professional service; and unqualified positive endorsements by three or more persons in the general field of the nominee's interest, with one or more recognized for international achievements, and all from universities to which BGSU aspires, indicating that the nominee's record of accomplishment would have earned distinction and honor at their institutions.
- The Provost and Senior Vice President consults with the Council of Deans and forwards recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
- The title is awarded by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one or two awards should be made in any given year, but none has to be made each year.
- The title is conferred by the President at a special convocation at which the Distinguished University Professor is invited to address the University and the community at large.
- Distinguished University Professors are given special recognition and accorded other honors and privileges the President and Board of Trustees deem appropriate.

¹ The definitions, application process, and review guidelines for Distinguished Professorships comply with Article 28 in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.