1-103.1 Regents’ Distinguished President Award

Revision Dates
2/9/2023 (adoption date)

A. The board may honor a sitting university president as a Regents’ Distinguished President. This title serves as recognition of the highest merit and of extraordinary contributions and service to the university, the State and to the institution of higher education.

B. The title may be conferred only upon a sitting president of Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. To be eligible for the recognition, a president must:

1. Serve continuously as president for at least 15 years.

2. Make significant and recognizable contributions to the advancement of the university and its students.

3. Make significant and recognizable contributions to Arizona higher education.


5. Demonstrate distinguished service in the national advancement of higher education.

C. The award is commemorated by a medallion that may be worn as part of the president’s official university regalia.

Policy History
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Related Information