

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Faculty Designations

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A. PURPOSE

To establish faculty designations meant to bestow distinction upon a current or retiring faculty member who has held academic rank while serving in an academic, administrative or professional position or to a retiring academic administrative staff member who has served in a position integral to the academic mission at one of the institutions under the control of the Board of Regents.

B. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Distinguished Professor/Scholar:** Those faculty members with a record of performance ranking them among the most outstanding researchers, teachers and/or educators in their disciplines, as reflected by their accomplishments as both scholar and teachers. Traditionally these individuals have received national and international acclaim in recognition of outstanding achievement.
- 2. Emeritus:** Status granted to faculty or administrators who retire from an institution in good standing allowing the retention of the rank or title acquired prior to retirement.

C. POLICY

- 1.** The conferring of the title of emeritus is an honorary award only, and separate institutions may grant certain privileges to individuals holding this title.
- 2.** The conferring of the title of distinguished professor/scholar may include a stipend.
- 3.** Each institution shall develop their own criteria for determining emeritus or distinguished professor/scholar designations. Such designations shall be approved by the institutional president.

FORMS / APPENDICES:

None

SOURCE:

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