

R211, President Emeritus Designation¹

R211-1 Purpose: This policy provides direction and criteria for when the Utah Board of Higher Education (“Board”) may grant a former Utah System of Higher Education institutional president emeritus status.²

R211-2 References

2.1 [Utah Code § 53H-1-203](#), Establishment of Board - Powers, Duties, and Authority

R211-3 Emeritus Status

3.1 Board Designation: The Board may grant a former institutional president emeritus status at its discretion or at the request of an institution’s board of trustees.

3.2 Emeritus Status: Emeritus status is an honorary designation available to former presidents who have served the institution with honor and success, who have contributed to the institution in other capacities for an extended period of time, and who meet the criteria in subsection 3.3. A former president who receives emeritus status shall be granted the title “President Emeritus”. The title signifies the institution’s lasting respect and gratitude. Emeritus status, however, does not grant any authority or benefits such as salary, employment benefits, office space, tenure, or other terms of employment.

3.3 Required Criteria for Emeritus Status: To be eligible for emeritus status, a former president must meet the following criteria:

3.3.1 The president was in good standing with the Board and with the institution at the time of resignation or retirement.

3.3.2 The president served the institution as president and/or in other senior administrative capacities for a total of at least ten years.

3.3.3 The president has expressed their intent to effectively retire from future institutional leadership and either return to a faculty position or formally retire.

¹ *Adopted May 18, 2018; amended June 6, 2024.*

² *Technical edits December 1, 2025.*

3.4 Duration of Emeritus Status: The president emeritus status is generally a lifetime designation. However, the Board may withdraw emeritus status at its sole discretion.

3.4.1 An individual with president emeritus status shall not serve in an administrative capacity at the institution but may serve as a faculty member. If an individual with president emeritus status is subsequently appointed to an administrative position at the institution, they will no longer be designated as president emeritus.