Faculty Emeritus Status

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Procedure Statement

Every individual who, at the time of separation holds a tenured appointment at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and has served the University at least 10 years, must be considered for emeritus status unless the faculty member requests in writing that he/she not be so considered. Non-tenured faculty, or those who have served less than 10 years, may also be considered.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure emphasizes that the designation of “Emeritus” is one bestowed to recognize the achievements of a member of the faculty.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

1.1 The decision for granting emeritus status must be based on comprehensive consideration of career involvement in the institutional context. This is to ensure that contributions of faculty are evaluated in light of the conditions existing at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi during the whole career. Emeritus Status is not ordinarily awarded for a single accomplishment, but for a career pattern of distinguished service.

1.2 Significant contributions are defined as contributions in teaching, research or service that go beyond the normal duties and responsibilities of an appointment; Such contributions should include, but are not limited to actions that (a) bring credit to the University within the academic and/or broader community; (b) serve the University in times of need, change, or development; or (c) serve a particular department or constituency of the University not ordinarily associated with the duties of appointment.

2. PROCEDURE
2.1 The college shall provide the Office of the Provost all necessary documentation for a candidate that receives a recommendation for Faculty Emeritus status after the completion of the college’s respective Faculty Emeritus review process.

2.2 The Provost shall consider the recommendation of the college and, if appropriate, the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate (see Section 3) in making recommendations to the President. Recommendations from the President are sent to the Chancellor, who will make recommendations to the Board of Regents for their confirmation.

3. ROLE OF THE FACULTY SENATE ON EMERITUS STATUS

The Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate shall review all applications where the college and Provost are not in agreement on a candidate’s recommendation, or at the Provost’s request, and provide their recommendation to the Provost prior to the Provost’s final recommendation to the President.

4. PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Emeritus personnel are encouraged to continue their participation in the many varied activities associated with campus life and, consistent with established policies, to avail themselves of University facilities.

4.2 With appropriate approval, emeritus personnel may be invited to participate in faculty activities and to accept appointment on university committees.

4.3 The privilege of receiving an allocation of office space is dependent upon appropriate space being available and the extent to which the activity of the retired individual contributes directly to the instructional or research programs of the department involved. The department head is responsible for determining if suitable space is available. It is understood that this may be different space from that previously occupied by the emeritus person. If suitable space is deemed available, the department head may write to the appropriate Dean describing and requesting the allocation. The appropriate President’s Cabinet member shall be the final authority. The basic need of the college for the specific abilities and talents of the retired individual shall be the basis for all such allocations.

Related Statutes, Policies or Requirements

TAMU System Policy 31.08: Emeritus/Emerita Titles
TAMU System Regulation 31.08.01: Granting of Emeritus/Emerita Status to Faculty and Staff
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