R04.04.070. Emeritus Status, Faculty

A. Emeritus status is an honorary designation conferred upon retirees to recognize their significant accomplishments and contributions to the university over the course of their career.

B. The chancellor, in his or her sole discretion, may confer emeritus status on a tenured or special rank faculty member who has attained the rank of full professor and who has retired after a minimum of 10 years of honorable service at the University of Alaska immediately prior to retirement may be honored through appointment as professor emeritus. Recommendations for conferring emeritus status may be made up to six months prior to retirement date by the appropriate dean or director to the appropriate Promotion Committee. Recommendations will be evaluated on the basis of the criteria for promotion to the rank of full professor, with the added caveat that the position of professor emeritus is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a retiring faculty member. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the chancellor whose decision is final and non-reviewable.

C. In exceptional circumstances, the chancellor, in his or her sole discretion, may confer emeritus status on meritorious faculty other than full professors who have provided a minimum of 10 years of honorable service at the University of Alaska immediately prior to retirement.
Recommendations for conferring emeritus status may be made up to six months prior to retirement date by the appropriate dean or director to the appropriate Promotion Committee, with a criterion for evaluation being that recommendations will be evaluated to assess whether accomplishments and contributions to the university are exceptional, with the added caveat that the position of emeritus faculty member is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon retiring faculty. The committee’s recommendations will be forwarded to the chancellor, whose decision is final and nonreviewable. As appropriate to their faculty position and rank, candidates promoted to emeritus status under this regulation will have titles including “adjunct professor emeritus”, “instructor emeritus”, “assistant professor emeritus”, or “associate professor emeritus”.

D. The chancellor, in his or her sole discretion, may confer emeritus status on senior administrators and officers of the university who served as University of Alaska faculty prior to their executive administrative appointment, who otherwise meet the criteria for professor emeritus appointment as faculty members, full professors, and who retire from the University of Alaska may be honored through appointment as professor emeritus. Recommendations for conferring emeritus status may be made by the appropriate dean or director up to six months prior to retirement date to the appropriate Promotion Committee. Recommendations will be evaluated on the basis of the criteria for promotion to the rank of full professor with the added caveat that the position of professor emeritus is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a retiring faculty member. The committee recommendations will be forwarded to the chancellor whose decision is final and nonreviewable.

E. Privileges available to emeritus faculty members may include the following:
   1. Listing in the appropriate university directory and catalog.
   2. Invitations to major university functions.
   3. Notice of campus functions and social gatherings.
   4. Use of library, gymnasium and food facilities on the same basis as active employees in their category.
   5. Access to electronic mail, office space, laboratories and/or research facilities (where such access is available at no charge to the
university and does not displace other faculty, staff, and/or students).

6. Receipt of an identification card.
7. Waiver of tuition for courses in which they themselves are enrolled.

F. Emeriti will be designated by the proper title Emeritus/Emerita.

G. Emeritus status may be revoked when, in the sole discretion of the chancellor, a continuing connection with the university is no longer in the best interest of the university. The chancellor shall inform the affected individual, after providing advance notice to the Board of Regents, the president, and the appropriate dean, director or administrative officer.

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P04.04.070. Emeritus Status.

Emeritus status is an honor conferred by the chancellor, president, or Board of Regents upon the outstanding employees of the university upon retirement or separation and is not an automatic recognition of services rendered. The perquisites of emeritus status will be as provided by university regulation.

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