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A. Emeritus Status

The president of each institution may confer upon retired faculty members who have served the institution for a substantial length of time the title of "Emeritus" and may list their titles in this way in the rosters of the institution.

B. Regents Professors

1. Definition

The title "Regents Professor" is reserved for faculty members with exceptional achievements that have brought them national or international distinction. The title serves as recognition of the highest merit and unusual contributions to the quality of the individual's university.

2. Eligibility

The title may be conferred only on tenured individuals who occupy positions in academic units and carry the rank of professor, or an equivalent rank, and individuals who are to join academic units as tenured professors, or an equivalent rank.

3. Terms of Appointment

- a. Appointment as a Regents Professor shall be made by the president of the university and will be reviewed and forwarded to the full board for approval by the Academic Affairs and Educational Attainment Committee of the Board of Regents. Each university shall establish procedures for the nomination and selection of suitable individuals. These procedures shall provide for reviews at the department and college levels.

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- b. Regents Professors will receive a salary increment, to be added to their base salary at the time of appointment, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.
- c. Appointment to this position involves service to other universities in the Arizona University System. The service may include lecturing, consulting on curriculum, and research matters, advising administrative officers, or other similar activities.

4. Number of Incumbents

At any one time the number of Regents Professors at a university shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the total number of tenured and tenure-track faculty members.

5. Criteria

Each university shall develop specific criteria that take into account the following expectations:

- a. A history of sustained and continuing professional accomplishments in research, scholarship, or creative endeavor;
- b. Acknowledged high-quality contributions in teaching or public service responsibilities; and
- c. Demonstrated national or international recognition among leaders in the field.

6. Revocation

The conferring of the title of Regents Professor does not create a property right or entitlement in the holder. The board reserves the right to revoke the title, if, in its sole judgment and discretion, it is in the best interest of the Arizona higher education enterprise to do so. The revocation of the title of Regents Professor is normally initiated by a recommendation from the appropriate university

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president to the board chair. However, in circumstances where a Regents Professor's misconduct has come directly to the attention of the board and the board is considering revocation, such action would occur only after consultation with the appropriate university president.