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University Distinguished Professor

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I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

University Distinguished Professorships are awarded on the basis of continued outstanding professional contributions and responsibilities at all levels of professional activity. This is one of the University's highest faculty honors.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

State contributions include being an outstanding educator as demonstrated by breadth of knowledge and teaching responsibilities; by evidence of having had a strong constructive influence upon the careers of USD alumni; and by invitations to be a guest lecturer or Visiting Professor at other educational institutions and forums.

Scholarly contributions include continued distinguished original professional activity which is outstanding in quality and quantity as demonstrated; by publication of books, literature reviews, and original articles in refereed professional projects and programs which encompass more than the efforts of the single individual; by institutional, regional, national and international recognition of the individual as being among the most distinguished scholars in his/her field; and by continued invited presentations at the university, regional, state, national and international levels.

Service contributions include fostering the growth and success of students, colleagues, academic institutions and professional organizations as demonstrated by serving as catalyst and focal point in enhancing the intellectual climate; by continued service to the institution, community, state and nation through committees, consultantships, editorial and review boards.

Evidence of outstanding performance is not limited to the areas and activities listed. The rank of University Distinguished Professor is honorary and confers no additional privileges, responsibilities nor remuneration.

III. DEFINITIONS

Not applicable.

IV. PROCEDURES

The above criteria were approved by the University Senate with the recommendation that the nomination and review process be the same as that for promotion and tenure.

The Senate recommended that at least two outside persons and one student should be appointed to the Institutional Promotion and Tenure committee to review the application. These persons are to include an alumnus of USD and student of the candidate as well as an additional person who is an institutional colleague in the candidate's profession.

The Provost will call a meeting of this committee when needed to discuss a submitted nomination. The meeting will be at a time separate from normal promotion and tenure duties of the committee.

The recommendation of the committee will be forwarded to the Provost.

The Provost will review the nomination and the Promotion & Tenure Committee recommendation. The Provost will forward his/her recommendation to the President for approval/denial and Board action.

V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

Not applicable.