Faculty Policy

FACULTY EMERITUS STATUS

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Deans’ Council

The granting of faculty emeritus status is a time-honored way for a University to give tangible recognition to retired faculty members for distinguished service to the University. This status customarily carries with it a number of privileges normally accorded active faculty members, privileges such as recognition in the University Catalog, complimentary tickets (upon request) to University athletic and cultural events, participation in academic processions, and--when available--office space, parking space, research aides, etc.

Privileges such as library usage, invitations to departmental and University dinners, conferences, and similar social and professional activities are considered appropriate for all retired faculty members, and have not been listed as faculty emeritus privileges lest by inference they would be deemed restricted to faculty emeriti only.

The recommendations for faculty emeritus status shall originate with a faculty member's department. A simple majority vote of the members of the department is required.

Minimum qualifications for faculty emeritus status are:

1. Achievement of minimum age or service for full state retirement.

2. Ten years of continuous service at Millersville University up to the time of retirement.

3. In the event that a faculty member meets only one of the above criteria and has made distinctive contributions to the life of the University, emeritus status may be granted provided that:

   a. The department, by a three-fourth majority vote, recommends the member to the Faculty Senate for this recognition.

   b. A letter from the department chairperson specifying reasons for the exception accompany the recommendation.

4. A letter from the department chairperson shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate stating the distinguished service of the proposed faculty emeritus.
5. Such status will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate which will consider recommendations and will submit its recommendations through the University President to the Council of Trustees for final approval.