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## **SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **POLICY**

#### **FACULTY EMERITUS STATUS**

1. Emeritus means “retired from active service, usually for age, but holding an honorary title corresponding to that held immediately before retirement.”
2. A faculty member shall be considered for emeritus status within six months before or one year after the effective date of full retirement.
3. To be eligible, the faculty member must have a record of distinguished academic service to the University.
4. The faculty member must have a minimum of ten years service to SMSU to be eligible for emeritus status.
5. Nominations for emeritus status must originate from the faculty. Nominations will be taken from the floor at a meeting of the Faculty Assembly. At a later meeting of the Faculty Assembly, there will be time for discussion of the nominees followed by a secret ballot. Nominees receiving a simple majority of those voting will be recommended to the administration for emeritus status.
6. The names of those faculty recommended for emeritus status shall be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for forwarding to the President. Conferring of emeritus status shall be done by the President or his/her designee.
7. Privileges of emeritus status at the University shall include access to the University library and admission to University-sponsored events. The institution will also seek to provide the recipient with secretarial assistance, office space, and other privileges, if the emeritus recipient so desires.