A. PURPOSE
To establish faculty designations meant to bestow distinction upon a current or retiring faculty member who has held academic rank while serving in an academic, administrative or professional position or to a retiring academic administrative staff member who has served in a position integral to the academic mission at one of the institutions under the control of the Board of Regents.

B. DEFINITIONS
1. Distinguished Professor/Scholar: Those faculty members with a record of performance ranking them among the most outstanding researchers, teachers and/or educators in their disciplines, as reflected by their accomplishments as both scholar and teachers. Traditionally these individuals have received national and international acclaim in recognition of outstanding achievement.

2. Emeritus: Status granted to faculty or administrators who retire from an institution in good standing allowing the retention of the rank or title acquired prior to retirement.

C. POLICY
1. The conferring of the title of emeritus is an honorary award only, and separate institutions may grant certain privileges to individuals holding this title.

2. The conferring of the title of distinguished professor/scholar may include a stipend.

3. Each institution shall develop their own criteria for determining emeritus or distinguished professor/scholar designations. Such designations shall be approved by the institutional president.

FORMS / APPENDICES:
None

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