



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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Policy 2000-03-A: *Conferral of Emeriti Status*

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A. Background

Excellence in the State System of Higher Education requires the understanding and support of leaders who participate in defining the mission and goals of Pennsylvania public higher education, and devote time, talent and resources toward their fulfillment. Certain of these leaders have distinguished themselves in service to the State System by their accomplishments.

Accordingly, the Board of Governors recognizes such individuals at the conclusion of their service to the State System of Higher Education through the conferral of emeritus status. Such recognition is deemed to be an honor of the highest order and shall not be conferred as a matter of due course, but rather is reserved for those whose service is most exemplary.

B. Criteria

Criteria for emeritus status designation shall include:

1. An exemplary record of service through demonstrated commitments of time, talent and resources; and,
2. Documented leadership in advancing the mission of the State System of Higher Education in its service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. Demonstrated support for the State System's and its universities' mission, vision, and values.

C. Authority to Confer Emeritus Status

1. The Board of Governors may confer emeritus status to recognize the following levels of leadership:
 - a. Chairman Emeritus
 - b. Governor Emeritus
 - c. Chancellor Emeritus
 - d. President Emeritus

2. Designation will require the approval of the Board of Governors, and in each case, a two-thirds majority will be required.
3. Designation may be awarded only at the end or any time after active service has been concluded.

D. Rights and Privileges

Conferring authorities may grant non-monetary rights and privileges to emeriti designees so long as such benefits are consistent with other State System of Higher Education policies.

Emeriti may receive regular notification and materials related to the meetings of the authority that designated emeritus status at which the designee will be a welcome member of the audience.

Individuals to whom emeritus status has been conferred are eligible for volunteer service that is consistent with Board of Governors Policy 1991-04-A: *Volunteerism*.

E. Effective Date

This amended Policy is effective immediately.