POLICY: Emeritus Status

A. Purpose & Scope:
To describe the process and procedure for awarding emeritus status to a retired faculty member of administrator

B. Definition(s):
Emeritus: Retired but retaining an honorary title corresponding to that held immediately before retirement.

C. Policy:
Emeritus status signifies dedicated service to the University and demonstrates that, although retired from the University, the emeritus professor or emeritus administrator maintains a valued relationship with California University of Pennsylvania. Those with emeriti status are encouraged to continue their professional relationship with their still-active colleagues, as well as to join and actively participate in the California University of Pennsylvania Emeriti Faculty Association. More information regarding the Emeriti Faculty Association may be obtained by calling the university Alumni Relations Office.

Emeriti faculty and administrators retain some privileges, such as admission to campus events, as well as other privileges that may be agreed upon. Emeriti faculty and administrators have the same library borrowing privileges as guest patrons with the exception that they are not charged a fee. Access to databases is not available to emeriti faculty and administrators from off-campus sites; however, they can be used in the library.

D. Procedure(s):
The honorary status of emeritus professor or emeritus administrator is awarded to retired members of the faculty or administration of the University by the President and the Trustees of the University. The process must be initiated within the appropriate academic department or administrative council and culminates when written notification of the award is sent to the candidate by the University President. Intermediate steps in the emeritus faculty award process include endorsement by the appropriate academic dean and the Provost.

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