SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Distinguished Professor Program

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The Distinguished Professor Program provides special recognition to professors of high achievement.

1. Distinguished professorships are awarded on the basis of sustained high-level achievement in the scholarly activities of teaching, research, or other creative endeavors, and service. The rank of distinguished professor is honorific and persons so designated will enjoy the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the rank of full professor.

2. The rank of distinguished professor will be used to identify selected individuals who meet all requirements for the rank of full professor and, in addition, have distinguished themselves by:

   A. performance that gives evidence of a high dedication to teaching as demonstrated by recognition from colleagues and students; and

   B. achievements that exemplify high quality research or other scholarly creative endeavors through recognition from peers of national and international status; and

   C. accomplishments that include evidence of high-quality, sustained service to the institution, community, region, or nation.

3. Not more than five percent of persons qualifying as faculty may be designated as distinguished professors.

4. Nomination for designation as a distinguished professor may be made by the appropriate department head and submitted to the Provost/Vice President or Academic Affairs before October 5th . The Provost/Vice President will prepare a recommendation of proposed action and forward his recommendation, along with the material provided in support of the nomination, to the appropriate Promotion and Tenure Committee by November 5th.

5. The Promotion and Tenure Committee will provide a recommendation of appropriate action regarding the nomination for distinguished professor to the President by February 1st.

6. The President will announce recommendations to the Board of Regents for approval of the awarding of the rank of distinguished professor by March 1st.