

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Distinguished Professor Designation

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

1. The designation of distinguished professor is awarded on the basis of sustained high-level achievement in all areas of the scholarly activities of teaching, research or other creative endeavors, and service.
2. The designation of distinguished professor will be used to identify selected individuals holding the rank of full professor, who, 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. No more than one such designation may be made annually, and there will be no requirement to make such a designation in any year.
4. Nominations for the designation of distinguished professor may be made by the department heads. Letters of nomination must address each of the criteria in 2.A – C, and include a complete curriculum vitae for the nominee. This material shall be delivered to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs by November 15th for review, comment, and forwarding to the institutional Promotion and Tenure Committee.
5. The institutional Promotion and Tenure Committee will provide a recommendation of appropriate action regarding the nomination for distinguished professor to the Provost and President by January 20th.
6. Following the institutional Promotion and Tenure Committee's recommendation, the Provost, with the agreement of the President, will select the recipient of the distinguished professor designation.

SOURCE: Institutional Promotion & Tenure Committee and Office of the Provost, Revised
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BOR Reference: BOR Policy 4:43 Faculty Designations