

## **SPECIAL UNIVERSITY/DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIPS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Special University/Distinguished Professorships is to recognize and reward superior faculty at Drake University and to attract outstanding persons to Drake University for faculty appointments.

### **II. METHOD OF SELECTION**

- A. Any tenured full professor at Drake University (or one attracted from another institution) may be considered for this honor.
- B. Deans may nominate candidates for the honor (and provide a record of their accomplishments) from their schools or colleges. Letters of support are not permitted.
- C. The Selection Committee, appointed by the Provost, will be comprised of at least five faculty members who currently hold Special University/Distinguished Professorships.
- D. The Selection Committee sends recommendations to the Provost. The Provost has the authority to say yes or no to each recommendation.
- E. The Provost will recommend the nominees to the President and the Board of Governors for appointment.
- F. Appointment is normally for a five-year term.

### **III. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- A. The criteria include:
  - 1. Teaching effectiveness
  - 2. Professional contribution through scholarly activity, leadership role, and consulting activities.
  - 3. Contributions to the mission of the department, college and university.

### **IV. REVIEW OF APPOINTMENT**

- A. The Provost in consultation with the dean of the appropriate college will review the performance of an incumbent.
- B. Faculty members and their deans will be informed of reappointment for a new term or non-renewal of the professorship by March 1 of the final year of their current terms.

### **V. PROGRAM REVIEW**

- A. The Provost will report periodically to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees on the program.
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  - 2. The Academic Affairs Committee may make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for expansion or refinement of the program.