ACADEMIC RANKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PREAMBLE: This section defines the various academic ranks, both faculty and non-faculty (e.g. graduate student appointees and postdoctoral fellows), and their responsibilities. Subsections A, C, D, E, F, and I should be read in conjunction with the policy and procedures concerning granting of tenure and promotions in rank which are contained in 3520 and 3560 (subsection I only in conjunction with 3560). Most of the material assembled in this section was a part of the original 1979 Handbook. The material in section I was added July, 1987. The definitions of ‘postdoctoral fellow’ (J-5), ‘graduate assistant’ (K-3) and ‘research fellow’ (K-4) were revised in July 1996. Section J-1, voting rights for lecturers, was changed in July 2001. Section A was substantially revised in July 1994, so as to underline better the importance of both teaching and scholarship. At that time the so-called “Voxman Amendment” (the addition of ‘in the classroom and laboratory’ to the list of possible venues wherein the evaluation of scholarship might take place) made its first appearance. Section A underwent additional substantial revision in July 1998 and July 2006, always with the hope of creating greater clarity in a complex subject. Extensive revisions along those same lines were made to B (entirely new and in 2008 B was moved to 3570), C, D, and E, in July 1998. Further, less extensive revisions were made to C-1, D-1, and E-1 in July 2000. In July 2008, this section was reorganized to better reflect classifications as stated in FSH 1520 Article II, no substantive changes were made to policy. In 2009 changes to the faculty position description and evaluation forms integrating faculty interdisciplinary activities into the evaluation processes were incorporated into this policy as of January 2010. Ranks for Associated Faculty in F were removed because the promotion process as detailed in 3560 for faculty ranks was deemed excessive for associated faculty. Those currently holding a specific rank in adjunct or affiliate will retain that privilege. In July 2010 the affiliate and adjunct terms were switched to conform to national norms and rank of Distinguished Professor was added. In July 2011 voting for associated faculty was clarified and Clinical Faculty under ‘G. Temporary Faculty’ moved to ‘D. University Faculty’ as D-9 and was revised. In July 2012 edits were made to the Distinguished Professor under D-8 and to the qualifications for Emeritus status and a search waiver under E. Further information may be obtained from the Provost’s Office (208-885-6448). [rev. 7-98, 7-00, 7-01, 7-06, 1-08, 7-08, 1-10, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12]

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A. INTRODUCTION. [rev. 7-98] Changes begin in D-8, thus A-D7 are not included.

D-8. UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR: Acknowledgment of outstanding academic contributions to the university is appropriate and desirable. The rank of University Distinguished Professor\(^1\) is bestowed upon University of Idaho faculty in recognition of sustained excellence in teaching, scholarship\(^2\), outreach, and service. The rank will be held for the remainder of the recipient’s active service at the University; if the recipient leaves the University and is eligible for emeritus status, the rank will change to University Distinguished Professor Emeritus. The rank is highly honorific and therefore will be conferred on no more than three faculty members university-wide in any given academic year. Selection of University Distinguished Professors will reflect the diversity of scholarly

\(^1\) As a result of Development Fund efforts, endowment support eventually may be obtained for many University Distinguished Fellowships, in which case a donor’s name may be added to the title.\[ed. 7-12\]

\(^2\) Scholarship in this context includes scholarship of discovery, scholarship of pedagogy, scholarship of application and integration, and artistic creativity.
University Distinguished Faculty will receive a stipend of at least $5,000 per year for five years to be used to enhance salary or support professional activities (e.g., professional travel, student support, equipment, materials and supplies, etc.). Final discretion in conferring the rank of Distinguished Professor and the number of appointments in a given year resides with the President. [add. 7-10, rev. 7-12, 8-12]

**a. Selection Criteria:** In general, University Distinguished Professors will have received national and usually international recognition. They will have brought distinction to the University through their work. [ed. 7-12]

University Distinguished Professors will have achieved a superior record in the following areas: scholarly, creative, and artistic achievement; breadth and depth of teaching; and University service and service involving the application of scholarship, creative, or artistic activities to addressing the needs of one or more external publics. [rev. 7-12]

University Distinguished Professorships will be conferred on members of the University of Idaho Faculty who have attained the rank of Professor and have completed a minimum of seven years of service at the University, typically at the rank of Professor. [rev. 7-12]

**b. Selection Process:** University Distinguished Professorships will be awarded by the President upon recommendation of The University Distinguished Professorship Advisory Committee a standing committee composed of four faculty members and three deans. The committee members should reflect all dimensions of diversity in the university community. They will be appointed by the Provost to serve three-year terms on a staggered basis. Nominations will be made by Faculty Senate and the Academic Deans, in consultation with faculty and administrators of units. Committee members must be tenured professors who themselves have outstanding records of teaching, research and/or outreach. [rev. 7-12]

1. The Provost will request nominations from faculty, deans, directors and unit administrators annually. [rev. 7-12]

2. Written nominations will be submitted to the Provost and must include: [ed. 7-12]
   a. A nominating letter with a brief summary of the candidate’s achievements; [rev. 7-12]
   b. The candidate’s *curriculum vitae*, including a list of any significant previous awards;
   c. Letters of endorsement from the appropriate deans and unit administrators or director(s). The candidate may also include a maximum of three additional letters of support, as appropriate, from students, colleagues at the University of Idaho, and/or other institutions. Letters should describe the impact of the nominee on her/his field, evidence of external recognition, and the context of her/his work over the course of her/his employment. [rev. 7-12]

3. The University Distinguished Professorship Advisory Committee reviews the nominations and makes recommendations to the Provost for transmittal to the President. [rev. 7-12]

4. Because the rank of University Distinguished Professorship is intended to be highly honorific, it is possible that in a given year no candidates will be selected. [ed. 7-12]

5. The applications of nominees who are not selected in the first year of nomination will remain active for a total of three years. Nominators will have the opportunity to update their nomination during subsequent years in which their candidate is under consideration.

**D-9. CLINICAL FACULTY:** Clinical faculty may be appointed for the purpose of performing practicum, laboratory, or classroom teaching. Clinical faculty is a non-tenure track position. Clinical faculty positions are appropriate for professional disciplines having strong applied and/or clinical elements or those serving university units or academic departments in a supporting capacity. Appointment to clinical-faculty status constitutes a recognition of the appointee’s scholarly contributions and professional accomplishments, and confers responsibilities and privileges as stated in a below. Clinical faculty members may be appointed and/or promoted to the ranks of clinical assistant professor, clinical associate professor or clinical full professor. [rev. 7-11]

**a. Responsibilities, Privileges, and Rights:** A clinical faculty member has a primary employment responsibility in a UI unit. The relationship of a clinical faculty member to UI is essentially that of a collaborator with a UI unit, program, or faculty member. The guarantees afforded by the principle of academic freedom [see 3160] are extended to members of the clinical faculty. They have the same responsibilities and privileges as university faculty (FSH 1520 II 1) [rev. 7-11]
Clinical faculty members perform administrative, analytical, and research functions that complement UI’s mission in teaching, research, and service.

1. Clinical faculty members may have teaching as a primary or major responsibility; in addition, they may advise students on their academic or professional programs, participate in research projects, serve on graduate students’ supervisory committees, engage in outreach and engagement activities, and act as expert advisers to faculty members or groups. [rev. 7-11]

2. The nature and extent of the services to be rendered are determined jointly by the clinical faculty member, his or her immediate supervisor, and the unit administrator(s) concerned.

b. Qualifications. Assignment to a clinical faculty position is based on demonstrated knowledge and experience, academic degrees, scholarly contributions, or other professional accomplishments comparable to those expected of faculty within the unit. [ed. 7-11]

c. Promotion. Clinical faculty members are eligible for promotion after completion of time in rank comparable to that for tenure-track faculty, and upon evaluation by departmental, college and university promotion committees. Each unit will develop criteria for promotion of its clinical faculty. The promotion process will be consistent with that followed by the unit, college and university for tenure-track faculty. [See FSH 3560] [add. 7-11]

d. Conversion. Instructors and senior instructors who meet the qualifications for clinical faculty defined in D-9 b. may be considered for clinical faculty status upon the recommendation of the unit administrator and dean, subject to approval by the provost. Credit for prior equivalent experience may be granted by the provost up to a maximum of four years. Conversion of an existing tenure-track or tenure line in a unit to clinical status requires the approval of the dean and provost. A unit must demonstrate that a clinical position better advances the university’s strategic goals than a tenure-track position. [add. 7-11]

| E. EMERITI. (FSH 1520 II-2) | NO changes were made in E. |

F. ASSOCIATED FACULTY: Associated faculty members (see FSH 1520 II-3) have access to the library and other UI facilities. Reimbursement for travel or for services to UI is at the unit’s discretion. They are not eligible for sabbatical leave. [ed. 1-10]

F-1. AFFILIATE FACULTY: [ren. 7-98, 1-08, rev. 7-10]

a. General. The affiliate faculty consists of professional personnel who serve academic departments in a supporting capacity. Appointment to affiliate-faculty status constitutes a recognition of the appointee’s scholarly contributions and professional accomplishments, confers responsibilities and privileges as stated in subsection e below, and authorizes assignment of service functions as described in subsection e-2 below. It is also a means of encouraging greater cooperation between and among academic departments and other units. An affiliate faculty member holds a non-tenure-track faculty status in an appropriate academic discipline. [ed. 7-00, 1-10, rev. 7-10]

b. Employment Status. An affiliate faculty member may, by virtue of his or her employment, have either one of the following relationships with UI: (1) that of a UI employee, normally an exempt employee, who is [a] a member of the faculty or staff of a unit of the university other than the one in which he or she has affiliate-faculty status, or [b] a member of the professional support staff of the same unit of the university in which he or she has affiliate-faculty status; (2) that of an employee of a governmental or private agency who is assigned by that agency to a UI unit or to one of the agency’s units or programs that is officially associated with the university. [rev. 7-10]

c. Distinction between Affiliate and Adjunct Faculties. Members of the affiliate faculty have a more direct relationship with UI than do members of the adjunct faculty [see 1565 F-2]. Members of the adjunct faculty are not UI employees. An adjunct faculty member’s primary employment is with a unit or program that is not officially associated with UI. Thus, the relationship of a member of this faculty category to UI is essentially that of a collaborator with a UI unit, program, or faculty member. An affiliate faculty member, in contrast, has
a primary employment responsibility in a UI unit or in a non-UI unit that is officially associated with UI. In addition, he or she has a secondary relationship to another unit in a supporting role, or has a secondary relationship to the academic program in the same unit in which he or she has a primary employment responsibility. These latter relationships are the kind that are recognized by the affiliate faculty membership. [ed. 7-00, 1-08, 1-10, rev. 7-10]

d. Responsibilities, Privileges, and Rights. The guarantees afforded by the principle of academic freedom [see 3160] are extended to members of the affiliate faculty. They have substantially the same responsibilities and privileges as do members of the university faculty; however, their right to vote in meetings of their constituent faculties is limited in accordance with the provisions of 1520 II-3-b. (Those who, in addition to their affiliate-faculty status, have status as members of the university faculty [e.g., psychologists in the Counseling and Testing Center and regular faculty members in other academic departments] have, of course, full rights of participation in meetings of the university faculty and of the constituent faculties to which they belong.) [ren. 1-10., rev. 7-10, ed. 7-11]

Affiliate faculty members perform administrative, analytical, and research functions that complement UI’s mission in teaching, research, and service. [rev. 7-10]

1. Affiliate faculty members, as such, do not normally have teaching as a primary or major responsibility; however, with the approval of academic departments, they may teach classes, advise students on their academic or professional programs, participate in research projects, serve on graduate students’ supervisory committees (with approval by the dean of vice president for research and graduate studies), or act as expert advisers to faculty members or groups. [rev. 7-10, ed. 7-12]

2. The nature and extent of the services to be rendered are determined jointly by the affiliate faculty member, his or her immediate supervisor, and the departmental administrator(s) concerned. [rev. 7-10]

3. Affiliate faculty qualify for the faculty-staff educational privilege [see 3740] [ed. 1-10, rev. 7-10]

e. Qualifications. Assignment to an affiliate faculty position is based on demonstrating knowledge and experience, academic degrees, scholarly contributions, or other professional accomplishments comparable to what is expected of faculty within that unit. [ed. 7-00, rev. 1-10, 7-10]

f. Appointment.

1. Appointments to the affiliate faculty may be made at any time. They are reviewed by the dean of the college before publication of each issue of the General Catalog. No appointment should be continued unless the affiliate faculty member remains in UI employment or continues in his or her assignment to an entity that is officially associated with the university. [rev. 7-10]

2. A recommendation for appointment to the affiliate faculty normally originates in the appropriate academic department and requires the concurrence of the nominee’s immediate supervisor and the faculty of the appointing department. The appointment must be approved by the dean of the college, the president, and the regents. [rev. 7-10]

3. An appointment, termination, or other change in affiliate-faculty status is made official by means of a “Personnel Action” form. [rev. 7-10]