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 policies 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. In July 2013 definitions for research and teaching assistants were more clearly defined. In January 2014 the time necessary to qualify for Emeritus status was redefined and in July 2014 the cap on non-tenure track faculty appointments in a unit was adjusted and promotion processes clarified and revised. Further information may be obtained from the Provost’s Office (208-885-6448).

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Changes are to E-4only.

E. EMERITI (FSH 1520 II-2)

E-1. ELIGIBILITY. A board appointed, benefit-eligible member of the university faculty who holds one of the ranks described in 1565 D and who leaves the university and has a minimum of 8 years of service, has attained 55 years of age, and attained the rule of 65 (age plus years of service is at least 65), is designated as “professor emeritus/emerita,” “research professor emeritus/emerita,” or “extension professor emeritus/emerita,” as applicable. A faculty member without such rank has the designation “emeritus” or “emerita,” as applicable, added to the administrative or service title held at the time of retirement. [ed. 7-00, 7-02, 1-08, rev. 7-12, 1-14]

In exceptional circumstances the provost, with the concurrence of Senate Chair, Vice Chair and Faculty Secretary, may suspend the above eligibility rules and award or deny emeritus status to a faculty member. [add. 1-12]

E-2. RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES. Emeriti are faculty members in every respect, except for the change in salary and in certain fringe benefits, the obligation to perform duties, and the right to vote
in faculty meetings. They continue to have access to research, library, and other UI facilities. Emeriti may take an active role in the service and committee functions of their department, college, and the university. UI encourages the voluntary continued participation of emeriti in the activities of the academic community.

E-3. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. [add. 1-12]

a. Emeritus faculty may hold a part-time position at the University of Idaho after retirement, but not a full-time one. When it is in the university’s interest, exceptions may be made and the full-time employment limitation may be waived by the president. [ed. 1-14]

b. Units wanting to employ emeritus faculty without a search must request, in writing, a search waiver from the Director of Human Rights, Access & Inclusion.

c. Search waivers granted to emeritus faculty remain in effect for three full years. Units need only notify Human Resources if they want to continue to employ an emeritus faculty member while the search waiver is in effect. However, a unit is not obligated to employ the emeritus faculty member during this three year period.

E-4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR EMERITUS PARTICIPATION. [ren. 7-12]

a. Departmental mail boxes continue to be available to emeriti who reside locally.

b. A list of emeriti and their mailing addresses is maintained at each level–department, college, and university (Human Resources). [ed. 7-06, 1-08]

c. The director of human resources is responsible for supplying information about emeriti for the Campus Directory.

d. Emeriti who have campus mail boxes receive University of Idaho publications by campus mail or upon request by email. [ed. 7-12]

e. Emeriti who have departmental mail boxes receive full distribution of notices; otherwise, special requests may be made to the departmental administrator.

f. Ordinary office materials and supplies are available under the same issuing procedures applicable to other members of the department.

g. Departmental postage may be used for professional mail.

h. Offices for emeriti are provided on a space-available basis.

i. One, free non-transferable gold parking permit each year. [rev. 1-08]

j. Any discounts available to other members of the faculty and staff through various UI agencies are available to emeriti.

k. Emeriti are included in appropriate university, college, and departmental faculty-staff functions.

l. In the appointment of committees, administrators at all levels and the Committee on Committees consider the availability and desire for significant service of emeriti.

m. There are many areas of activity, professional and other, such as service to the community and special groups within the community and university, in which emeriti may have the time and the inclination to make continuing contributions (e.g., guest lectures, research design, and consultation). In connection with such services, emeriti are not excluded from the travel budget, though they may generally have a lower priority.

n. E-mail accounts are available to emeriti without charge. [add. 7-09, ren. 1-08, ed. 7-12]

n. Emeriti who elect to maintain an active computing account will retain access to services provided by Information Technology Services (ITS) including electronic communications (e.g. – email, instant messaging, etc.), technical support, and offered software.

E-5. LISTING OF EMERITI IN THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM. Names of faculty members who retire after meeting the eligibility requirements stated in E-1 are listed in the program of the commencement exercises held during the fiscal year in which their UI duties end; also, those whose service obligations are to end on or before August 31 following a given commencement will be listed in the program for that commencement. [ed. 1-10, ren. 7-12]

E-6. MAINTENANCE OF TIES WITH EMERITI. The Faculty Senate has urged UI units periodically to review their contacts with emeriti and to take steps to ensure that the provisions of this section–particularly b and c, above–are being carried out; moreover, the senate has urged all members of the UI community to seek additional ways of maintaining ties with emeriti and to provide opportunities and the means for them to continue to be a part of, and of service to, the university. [ed. 1-08, 7-09, ren. 7-12]

No further changes from here on.