

1. GENERAL

- 1.01 Appointment to a Distinguished Professorship is a special honor conferred upon active faculty in recognition of an extended period of service marked by unusual and exemplary contributions to the University community. These contributions may take the form of teaching, research, service, or a combination of these.
- 1.02 The designations and titles discussed in this academic policy statement are not entitlements. The designation is not a next step of promotion in the faculty ranks beginning with assistant professor and ending with professor.
- 1.03 Upon the recommendation of the Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs (hereinafter Provost), the President may bestow the title of Distinguished Professor on a very select number of tenured faculty members.
- 1.04 The title

4. DURATION

Consistent with the Texas State University System (TSUS) policy, honorary titles are intended to be held in perpetuity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in APS 860425, conferring any such title does not create a property right or entitlement in the holder, and revocation thereof is subject to TSUS Rules and Regulations.

5. THE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Distinguished Professor Review Committee is appointed by the President from nominations submitted by the Provost; the committee reports to the Provost. The Distinguished Professor Review Committee assesses the credentials of candidates for Distinguished Professor and makes the appropriate recommendations. The committee con



- v. A letter from the dean (or administrative equivalent) (will be added after the dossier has been forwarded to the college-level evaluation).

The documentation specified in Section 6.03 a d must be submitted in electronic form as one document (e.g., a combined reduced-size pdf).

6.04 All

- 6.09 By the first Monday in April, the Distinguished Professor Review Committee will forward its recommendation to the Provost.
- 6.10 The Provost will evaluate and forward all nominations and review materials, along with a written recommendation, to the President. The President makes the final determination regarding whether or not to bestow the title of Distinguished Professor upon the nominee(s).

APPROVED:                     < signed >                      
Alisa White, Ph.D., President

DATED:                     7/01/2022                    

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

This academic policy statement (APS) has been approved by the reviewer listed below and represents SH \_\_\_\_\_ m the date of this document until superseded.

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Review Date:     Spring 2027

Approved:                     < signed >                      
Michael T. Stephenson, Ph.D.  
Provost and Sr. Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

Date:                     6/30/2022                    

\*Effective January 2018, Academic Policy Statements will be reviewed on a rotating 5-year schedule. To transition to a distributed review load, some policies may be reviewed prior to the 5-year timeframe, with subsequent reviews transitioning to the 5-year schedule.