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GUIDELINES ON EMERITUS PROFESSORSHIP

Your attention is invited to the Commission Circular No. 960 dated 18.07.2011 on guidelines for granting Emeritus status to Professors.

2. The Commission noted that the CVCD has proposed privileges that may be accorded to and services that may be expected from, Emeritus Professors.

3. Accordingly, the Commission at its 1067th meeting held on 29.11.2021, decided to specify the guidelines on Emeritus Professorship as procedure for appointment, status, use of the title, privileges, services and restriction for use the title, as given below:

3.1 Procedure for appointment of Emeritus Professor

The Council of the University based on the recommendations of the Senate of the University and the Faculty Board concerned may award the title of Emeritus Professor for an academic member who may deem worthy of award of such title.

Criteria for evaluation of nominations:

(i) A retired Senior Professor/Professor or a Senior Professor/Professor, who has resigned from the university service,

AND

(ii) (a) has served as a teacher in the University for a period of not less than 25 years of which, at least 10 years as a Professor/Senior Professor

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(b) has served as a Senior Professor/Professor in the University for a period of not less than 15 years

OR

(c) has served as a Cadre Chair in the University for a period of not less than 5 years.

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3.2 Status

In so far as the printed order and the position in academic procession are concerned, Emeritus Professors rank is senior to Senior Professor and Professor, and junior to members of the Council.

3.3 Use of the Title

Emeritus Professors have the right to use the title in publications and official ceremonies.

3.4 Privileges

- (i) Admission to such staff amenities and privileges as the Council may, from time to time decide.
- (ii) Receipt of a University Identity Card.
- (iii) Invitation to attend General Convocations of the University.
- (iv) Receipt of scholarly publications of the University related to their field(s) of expertise.
- (v) Access to the University's library for reference purposes, access to e-resources of the library, Wi-Fi, and e-mail facilities, including an official email address.

3.5 Expected services

- (i) The University community is encouraged to benefit from the skills, talents and experience of Emeritus Professors, offered on a voluntary basis, where appropriate.
- (ii) May continue to supervise postgraduate students assigned to them prior to their retirement or resignation, until submission of theses and award of the degrees.
- (iii) May be appointed as co-supervisors, if appropriate expertise is not available among the permanent academic staff of the department concerned. However, they should not be appointed as principal supervisors of undergraduate or postgraduate research projects.
- (iv) If principal investigators of sponsored research projects, such Emeritus Professors may continue as co-investigators for a maximum of three years from the day of retirement or resignation.
- (v) Conduct of research and university-related activities with the same ethical standards expected from academic staff in active service.
- (vi) Emeritus Professors should not be assigned regular duties on a continuous basis and Emeritus Professorship is not a continuation of services rendered prior to the retirement/resignation.

3.6 Restriction for the use of title

A person may relinquish his honorary title of Emeritus Professorship if re-employment is offered by the University concerned.

4. Above mentioned guidelines on the Emeritus Professorship shall be followed in the University System.
5. Please note that the Commission Circular No. 960 dated 18.07.2011 is hereby rescinded and the provisions of this Circular will come into effect from 03.01.2022.
6. Please take action accordingly.



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