
President Emeritus/Emerita Policy

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Purpose

To honour former Presidents of Athabasca University who rendered distinguished service while serving as president.

Definitions

Distinguished Service Service that goes beyond the normal duties and responsibilities of the appointment, and which has had extraordinary impact on Athabasca University and/or the broader community.

Policy Statements

1. All retiring Athabasca University Presidents who have served as President for a minimum of five (5) years are eligible to be designated as "President Emeritus/Emerita". Individuals so honoured must have rendered distinguished service to the University during the term of office.
2. Nominations for President Emeritus/Emerita may be made by any member of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall approve nominations for President Emeritus/Emerita based on recommendation from the Board Executive Committee. Any consideration of a



nomination for President Emeritus/Emerita by the Board of Governors shall be considered in closed session.

3. The conferring of the title honours the individual and the University. In addition to the benefits and privileges received by all retired faculty and staff, a university president granted emeritus/emmerita status shall be entitled to:
 - A resolution naming and honouring the university president as President Emeritus/Emerita;
 - Listing in the university course calendar (both print and online);
 - Use of the title “President Emeritus/Emerita” in community and professional activities;
 - Invitations to university events and activities;
 - Borrow materials from the AU library;
 - Search the on-line catalogue of materials, and other on-line resources (through an AU Library ID number);
 - Participate in reciprocal borrowing agreements between AU and other university libraries; borrowing privileges may vary from library to library; privileges from another library will prevail;
 - Access to interlibrary loan (ILL) services on a cost recovery basis. ILL will normally be limited to journal articles (the ILL of books may be included, subject to mutual agreement on delivery arrangements made between the requestor and the Athabasca University Library ILL office).
4. The appointment of President Emeritus/Emerita is for life.
5. The Board of Governors retains the authority to withdraw a President Emeritus/Emerita title at its discretion as it deems necessary and appropriate.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations

[Post-secondary Learning Act, S.A. 2003, c. P-19.5](#)

[Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25](#)

[Athabasca University Regulation](#)

Related References, Policies, Procedures and Forms

[President Emeritus/Emerita Procedures](#)

History

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