West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) may confer upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the University the “Emeritus” title through distinguished service in administration, teaching, research and/or service. Persons granted emeritus status must comply with all WTAMU rules and procedures, as well as all Texas A&M University System policies and regulations. This rule outlines the criteria, titles, selection, privileges, and responsibilities of those granted the “Emeritus” title.

Rule

1. To be considered for emeritus status, a person must normally hold a tenured, full-time faculty appointment and have served the university for at least ten years and retired from West Texas A&M University.

2. Persons who have been granted emeritus status, however, may be reappointed for part-time service after official retirement in accordance with system policies and regulations. The payroll title for such appointments will be appropriate to service performed and will not include the term “Emeritus.”

3. Selections for nominations for emeritus status may be made to the emeritus selection committee. The nomination should be accompanied with supporting justification.

4. Emeritus status shall be confirmed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and conferred upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the university through long and distinguished service. When an individual is to be considered for emeritus status, the emeritus selection committee will begin the process to make a final decision. The decision for granting emeritus status must be
based on comprehensive consideration of career involvement at West Texas A&M University.

5. After the selection committee decision has been made, the president will then make a recommendation, which will be sent to the chancellor, who will make a recommendation to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents for their confirmation.

6. Emeritus personnel are encouraged to continue their participation in the many varied activities associated with West Texas A&M University and to use university facilities, when needed and consistent with established rules and policies. Emeritus personnel may be invited to participate in university activities and, with the president’s approval, to accept non-voting committee appointments.

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Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations, Rules or Requirements

*System Policy 31.08, Emeritus*
*System Regulation 31.08.01, Granting of Emeritus Status to Faculty and Staff*

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