

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**GOVERNING POLICIES
Article VI, approved May 7, 2021**

ARTICLE VI. HONORIFICS, HONORS AND AWARDS

SECTION 1: AWARD OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS/EMERITA TITLE

- a) The purpose of this policy is to recognize the service of any University president who has honorably served the University as president for at least five (5) years and is retiring, or has retired, as president from the University. The title should be reserved for those whose performance meets or exceeds the expected duties and responsibilities of the post as determined in the Trustees' sole discretion. Factors the Trustees may consider in awarding this honorific include, but are not limited to, the individual's success in enhancing the University's reputation, furthering the University's mission, objectives and goals, contributing to society, and exemplifying the personal and professional standards of integrity, civic responsibility, vision, and leadership.
- b) Any Trustee may bring a motion to award the title after twelve (12) months have passed since the candidate's retirement. The motion will pass upon a simple majority vote.
- c) In addition to any benefits and privileges otherwise available to a retiring president, a president granted this title shall be entitled to:
 - i. All the rights and privileges of Professor Emeritus/Emerita as determined by University policy;
 - ii. A Board resolution declaring the award;
 - iii. A listing in the University catalog and website; and
 - iv. Use of the title "President Emeritus" in their personal and professional capacities.
- d) The Board may grant President Emeritus/Emerita status to any University president who is retiring or has retired from that office, even if such person remains employed by the University (for example, as a member of faculty). The title may be awarded posthumously.
- e) A retired or retiring president may decline the title in his/her discretion. Further, the Board retains the authority to withdraw the title at its discretion. The motion will pass upon a simple majority vote. The title confers no remuneration, benefits or rights, except as expressly stated in this Policy.