

**RESOLUTION TO REVISE FACULTY HANDBOOK LANGUAGE
ON NOMINATIONS TO UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND ALUMNI
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

WHEREAS, University Distinguished Professor and Alumni Distinguished Professor are among Virginia Tech's most prestigious honored faculty appointments; and

WHEREAS, the university continues to attract, retain, and advance faculty members with distinguished academic careers who serve as exemplars in their discipline, in the university and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the president, executive vice president and provost, and college deans have opportunities to identify faculty members with distinctive national and international honors and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the university's Faculty Handbook outlines the processes by which eligible faculty members are nominated and selected for these honored appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Handbook be revised to include nominations for the honored appointment of Alumni Distinguished Professor to read as follows (revisions in red):

3.2.2 Alumni Distinguished Professor

Nomination and selection: ~~Each academic year~~ The provost, in consultation with the president and the Alumni Association, determines ~~the process for if there will be one or more~~ appointments to ~~the~~ Alumni Distinguished Professor ~~rank~~ and, ~~if so~~, issues a call to the academic deans for nominations. The deans, in turn, invite nominations from academic departments ~~or schools~~. ~~In addition, in special circumstances and in consultation with the appropriate dean, the president or the provost may nominate an eligible faculty member for consideration by the Alumni Distinguished Professor selection committee.~~

AND, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that that the Faculty Handbook be revised to include nominations for the honored appointment of University Distinguished Professor to read as follows (revisions in red):

3.2.3 University Distinguished Professor

Nomination and selection: ~~Each academic year~~ The president and provost determine ~~if there will be one or more~~ the process for appointments to ~~the rank of~~ University Distinguished Professor and, ~~if appropriate~~, issue a call to the academic deans for nominations. The deans, in turn, invite nominations from academic departments or schools. ~~In addition, in special circumstances and in consultation with the appropriate dean, the president or the provost may nominate an eligible faculty member for consideration by the University Distinguished Professor selection committee.~~

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the resolution on nominations to Alumni Distinguished Professor and University Distinguished Professor.

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