

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NEW AND REVISED LANGUAGE IN FACULTY HANDBOOK REGARDING ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

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WHEREAS, the standards for and expectations of current and recently appointed Alumni Distinguished Professors have evolved with the vision of Virginia Tech as a global land-grant university; and

WHEREAS, the description and criteria for selection in Section 3.2.2 of the Faculty Handbook are no longer accurate in describing how the rank has evolved; and

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WHEREAS, the Alumni Distinguished Professor embodies the university's mission by contributing extraordinary scholarly work across all three mission areas of the global land-grant university: teaching, research and/or creative activities, and engagement; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the new and revised language in the Faculty Handbook regarding Alumni Distinguished Professors be approved for inclusion in the university's 2018 – 2019 Faculty Handbook as attached below.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the resolution.

June 4, 2018

Included below:

- Revised ADP Language for Inclusion in 2018 – 2019 Faculty Handbook
- Current ADP Language in 2017 – 2018 Faculty Handbook
- “Tracked” version of new and revised ADP language in 2017-2018 Faculty Handbook

Revised ADP Language for Inclusion in 2018 – 2019 Faculty Handbook**3.2.2 Alumni Distinguished Professor**

General conditions and definitions: The Alumni Distinguished Professorship (ADP) is a preeminent faculty appointment, reserved by the Board of Visitors for recognition of faculty members who demonstrate extraordinary accomplishments and academic citizenship through substantive scholarly contributions across all three of Virginia Tech’s core mission areas of teaching, research or creative activity, and engagement. The provost determines the number of Alumni Distinguished Professors in consultation with the president and the Alumni Association. There is no quota by college or department.

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Responsibilities and perquisites: Each Alumni Distinguished Professor shall continue making scholarly contributions in teaching, research or creative activities, and engagement at the same high level evident at the time of appointment. This includes continued contributions to the department and college and may include contributions to other departments, colleges, and units, subject to the professor’s interests and the ability of the department head or chair and college dean to accommodate such latitude. Alumni Distinguished Professors may also elect, in a given term, to divert energies from the usual activities or responsibilities to other valued scholarly pursuits appropriate to this university-level appointment.

Alumni Distinguished Professors embody the university’s land-grant mission in their scholarly work and are also crucial faculty ambassadors within and beyond the university community. As such, they may be called upon from time to time, individually and as a group, to share their scholarship with university alumni or other interested groups, as well as to render special service or to offer particular advice to the university at large.

Each Alumni Distinguished Professor receives a base salary supplement from the endowment established by the Alumni Association and operating funds for scholarly support, as available, from eminent scholar programs.

Given the high level of performance expected of this select group of faculty members, university and college administrators are cognizant of the particular needs of each individual Alumni Distinguished Professor for appropriate support personnel and sufficient space, within acknowledged fiscal and physical constraints.

Nomination and selection procedures: Each academic year the provost, in consultation with the president and the Alumni Association, determines 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. Screening procedures at departmental and collegiate levels involve appropriate personnel or executive committees. Nominations dossiers include a current curriculum vitae, letters of nomination from both the departmental and collegiate screening committees, letters of support, and other evidence attesting to the quality of the nominee's scholarly contributions.

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The Board of Visitors confers upon an individual the rank of Alumni Distinguished Professor for a period of 10 years; the appointment may be renewed.

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Current ADP Language in 2017 – 2018 Faculty Handbook

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Eligibility and criteria for selection: Since the hallmark of the Alumni Distinguished Professorship is distinguished contribution—over time—to Virginia Tech, newly arrived faculty are not eligible for nomination. And while there is no specified minimum number of years of service required for eligibility, the selection committee places strong emphasis on the magnitude and character of the candidate's impact on academic programs at Virginia Tech. Nominees should also have established outstanding personal records of accomplishment in creative scholarship.

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**Commission on Faculty Affairs
Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Section 3.2.2: Alumni Distinguished Professor
Resolution CFA 2017-18A**

Approved by Commission on Faculty Affairs:	April 13, 2018
Faculty Senate Review:	Waived
First Reading by University Council:	May 7, 2018
Approved by University Council:	
Approved by the President:	
Approved by the Board of Visitors:	
Effective Date:	Upon Approval

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Faculty Handbook Section 3.2.2: Alumni Distinguished Professor be updated as attached:

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