

Florida Gulf Coast University Emeritus Faculty Criteria

Eligibility for Emeritus¹ Status

The designation of emeritus is awarded to retired faculty who have advanced the academic mission of Florida Gulf Coast University through meritorious teaching, scholarship and service.

Criteria for Emeritus Status includes:

- Obtained the status of full professor ~~or uer full librarian~~ university librarian upon retirement from FGCU
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching
- Demonstrated excellence in scholarship.
- Offered-Demonstrated service to the university, the community, and professional discipline.
- Demonstrated commitment to the mission of the University
- Provided a minimum of 10 years of service to the University
- Completed a minimum of 20 years of service to higher education.

Exception: a nomination for emeritus faculty may be made for a faculty member who has not attained the rank of Professor/University Librarian or has not achieved the minimum of 10 years of service, provided that the faculty member has made exceptional contributions to the university through teaching, scholarship, and service.

Procedures for Selection of Emeriti Faculty

Proposals-Nominations for emeritus faculty designation must be initiated by a faculty member ~~from the candidate's department/division/school/college~~ and submitted through the ~~department/division/school or college chairperson~~ head of the nominee's unit.

- The nomination, including the faculty candidate's current vita and supporting documentation, will be submitted for evaluation and recommendation to the College Peer Review Committee.
- The College Peer Review Committee makes recommendation to the College Dean.
- The College Dean recommends the ~~emeriti-emeritus faculty~~ candidate to the Provost.
- If the ~~emeriti candidate nomination~~ is sanctioned-endorsed by the Provost, then the recommendation is referred to the President for approval.
- The President forwards the nomination to the Board of Trustees for final approval.
- New emeriti faculty will be recognized at ~~the following~~ commencement.

¹ The terms Emerita or Emeritae (pl.) have been used in the past for women, but are rarely used today.

~~With approval of the President, a Peer Review Committee may accept nominations for emeriti faculty to hold the title Professor Emeritus when the faculty who on retirement has not attained the title of full professor or not attained the minimum of 10 years of service if it is determined that he or she has made outstanding contributions to the university in teaching, scholarship, and service.~~

Rights and Privileges of Emeriti Faculty

Emeriti are a valuable resource to Florida Gulf Coast University. Their collective knowledge and experience serves as an important asset to the academic mission of the University; and hence, they shall be afforded the following privileges to continue their relationship with the institution they have helped to advance:-

- Full faculty rights and privileges in the FGCU Library
- Full faculty rights and privileges to attend university social, cultural and athletic events;
- Invitations to participate in public ceremonies, commencement, processions, and convocation;
- Listing in the commencement program;
- Listing in the college catalog and other publications in which all faculty and administrators are listed;
- Attendance and privilege to speak at all Faculty Senate meetings;
- If space is available, access to and use of university office space and research laboratories;
- Placement on mailing list for university news publications;
- Permanent university ID card;
- ~~Eligibility to be listed as a Center for Positive Aging Distinguished Mentor, with bio and photo listed on faculty associates page;~~
- Eligibility for research and other grants with the approval and cooperation of the appropriate department;
- Eligibility to participate in campus seminars, colloquia, lectures, ad hoc committees, and other scholarly pursuits;
- Use of university recreational/social facilities in accordance with university policy;-
- Permanent university email address;
- Right to purchase a faculty/staff parking permit

Responsibilities of Emeriti Faculty

Emeriti Faculty are encouraged to be a resource for their department, college, and the university. The university encourages the voluntary continued participation of emeriti in the academic community.

- Emeriti are expected to follow university rules and regulations while exercising their rights and privileges on campus.

- Emeriti should be reasonably available to participate, when invited, in general university functions, such as commencement, alumni, department, and other events when their presence would benefit the institution.
- Emeriti should be reasonably available to act as mentors for faculty and students, when requested to do so, to confer their years of experience for the benefit of the college community.
- Emeriti should serve as good-will ambassadors for the university.

Titles of Emeriti

The emeritus title awarded will be the highest title held by faculty. For the purpose of address and listing in [university and](#) college publications, the title of Professor Emeritus ~~will~~ [or Librarian Emeritus will](#) be used. ~~for all faculty emeritus ranks.~~