**Professors Emeriti**

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**Associated Documents**
Professors Emeriti Nominations Procedure

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**PURPOSE**
To govern the awarding of the title of Professor Emeritus or Emerita at Red Deer College.

**SCOPE**
This policy applies to the College community.

**POLICY**

**Eligibility**

1. This prestigious title is awarded upon or within six months of retirement from active academic duties to individuals who have served the College with great distinction. This honorary status is normally conferred at convocation.

2. The title is conferred only in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the President and upon recommendation of the Vice President Academic and Research.

3. Distinguished service shall consist of
   
   a. teaching performance recognized by colleagues and students to be of exceptional merit,

   b. extensive research and publication of unusually high quality,

   c. contribution to the administration and development of the College of a creative kind, or

   d. a combination of some or all of these, and
e. a record of professional conduct that indicates fair and ethical treatment of 
students and other members of the academic community.

Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities

1. The status shall carry no duties or obligations, but its holder may be called upon for 
advice and counsel. Retired members of the Faculty Association of RDC have no right of 
representation by the Association.

2. The College may provide various privileges to individuals holding emeritus or emerita 
status. The following privileges will be provided at the absolute discretion of the College 
and are subject to modification at any time:

   a. A listing of such individuals will be maintained in College digital and print 
documents.

   b. Their names will be retained on all appropriate mailing lists (e.g., for receipt of 
newsletters, announcements, seminars, events, social functions, etc.) subject to 
annual request for maintenance of their listing.

   c. They will have the right to participate in academic processions at convocation.

   d. They will be accorded the status of regular academic staff with respect to library 
services, however some restrictions may apply in respect to electronic resources 
in light of licensing agreements.

   e. They may use the College mailing address for scholarly purposes.

   f. They may retain a College email address upon request, renewable annually.

   g. While engaged in scholarly or academic work using their association with Red 
Deer College, they, like other members of the Red Deer College academic 
community, will comply with College policies including those related to research, 
and ethical and professional conduct.