

## Change #5, Section XII, p. 112 of the 2010-2011 Handbook

Rationale: Adds new calendar for Distinguished Professor.

- (e) sustained evidence of great stature as a member of the department, college/school, university, and academic discipline;
- (f) evidence of a history of strongly positive evaluations; and
- (g) the extent to which minimum qualifications are exceeded.

### f) Distinguished Professor

**The Provost publishes the Eval-1-D Distinguished Professor Calendar by the end of January.**

#### (1) Criteria and Eligibility

The academic rank of distinguished professor is an extraordinary honor that may be accorded only those few teacher-scholars who have attained the rank of professor and who have excelled to an exceptional degree in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service. In exceptional circumstances, extraordinary administrative service may be considered as a criterion for award of this rank. It is the intent of the University that promotion to the rank of distinguished professor will be a rare event and that it will be a capstone of recognition for a highly distinguished academic career. Specific criteria for this rank include a record characterized by:

- (a) superior teaching skills of recognized breadth and depth in the discipline;
- (b) creative and extensive scholarly publication, establishing the nominee as a scholar of exemplary national or international reputation; and
- (c) distinguished public service, typically, but not exclusively, exemplified by the application of scholarship and/or creative and artistic endeavors in addressing the needs of the University, local, regional, or national communities.

- (1) Only full-time, salaried members of the faculty holding rank in one of the University's academic departments may hold the rank of distinguished professor. No more than three percent of such faculty may hold the rank of distinguished professor at any given time. No more than one member of any department may hold the rank of distinguished professor at any given time. Because the professional record of a distinguished professor must be one of extraordinary achievement sustained over time, any person recommended to hold this rank shall have first held the rank of professor for at least seven years at CNU.

#### (3) Review Procedures and Protocols

##### (a) Initiation and Departmental Action

- i. The person initiating a nomination for promotion to the rank of distinguished professor will inform the nominee and submit to the department chair of the nominee's department a letter of nomination accompanied by the nominee's current *vita*. The department chair will share the nomination, in confidence, with all full-time, salaried members of the department. Self-nominations will not be considered.
- ii. The department will review the letter of nomination and the *vita*, and will request supporting materials from the nominee. The nominee shall compile these materials into an orderly, organized dossier.
- iii. If the department supports the nomination, the department chair will write a letter of support and forward this along with the nominee's dossier to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate may establish and promulgate deadlines each academic year for receipt of all nominations to be considered in that academic year.
- iv. If the nominee is the department chair, then the dean of the nominee's college or school replaces the department chair in the processes described in this section.