Purpose

To recognise former Professors of the University who have shown distinguished service to the University.

To recognise former Chancellors of the University who have shown highly distinguished service to the University.

Scope

This policy applies to Emeritus Professors and Emeritus Chancellors of the University awarded by the University Council.

Legislative Context

University of Ballarat Act 2010.

Statute 3.6 – The Professoriate and Visiting and Adjunct Staff.

Definitions

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<td>a. served as a Professor of the University for at least five (5) years with a sustained commitment to the University during this period; and</td>
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<td>b. shown distinguished service to the University either through scholarly excellence in a specific field of study; or brought academic distinction to the University through the general development of a specific</td>
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| field of study nationally and/or internationally; or by contribution to the overall development of the University.

Emeritus Chancellor: Emeritus status awarded by Council through an absolute majority vote of its members to a former Chancellor of the University who has:

a. served as a Chancellor of the University for at least five (5) years with a sustained commitment to the University during this period; and

b. shown highly distinguished service to the University and contribution to the overall development of the University; and

c. is still living.

Policy Statement

Emeritus Professor

Emeritus Professor status is awarded by Council only to persons who have been a member of the Professoriate of the University, whether appointed to the position of Professor by the University or, when appointed to the University, already held the rank of Professor.

Awarding of Emeritus Professor status would usually only occur after a person has left the service of the University.

The awarding of Emeritus Professor status is an honour and will usually only be awarded to highly distinguished candidates.

Emeritus Professor status does not entitle the Emeritus Professor to exercise any normal administrative functions associated with the rank of Professor nor does it entitle him/her to membership of the Academic Board or any other body or committee of the University.

On University ceremonial occasions, an Emeritus Professor will rank with Professors.

Emeritus Professors are not remunerated for their service.

Emeritus Chancellor

Emeritus Chancellor status is awarded by Council only to persons who have been a former Chancellor of the University.

Awarding of Emeritus Chancellor status would usually only occur after a person has left the service of the University.

The awarding of Emeritus Chancellor status is an honour and will usually only be awarded to highly distinguished candidates.

Emeritus Chancellor status does not entitle the Emeritus Chancellor to exercise any normal administrative functions associated with the rank of Chancellor nor does it entitle him/her to membership of the Council or any other body or committee of the University.

Emeritus Chancellors are not remunerated for their service.
Supporting Documents
Emeritus Award Procedure

Responsibility

Members of Council or members of the University Professoriate may nominate a person for the award of Emeritus Professor or Emeritus Chancellor status.

The Vice-Chancellor will present nominations to the Council Executive Committee or Appointment Committee on a confidential basis.

Nominations assessed by Council Executive Committee or Appointment Committee as meeting the relevant criteria will be recommended to Council for consideration.

Council will vote on a nomination and award Emeritus Professor or Emeritus Chancellor status to a nominee where an absolute majority of its members votes in favour of the award.

The Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor’s nominee is responsible for the review and implementation of this policy.

Implementation

The Emeritus Award Policy will be implemented throughout the University via:

1. an Announcement Notice under ‘FedNews’ on the ‘FedNews’ website and through the University Policy - ‘Recently Approved Documents’ webpage to alert the University-wide community of the approved Policy;

2. inclusion on the University Policy, Procedure and Forms website;

3. notification forwarded to Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, and all Deans and heads of department;

4. Council minutes distributed and published.