

Distinguished Service Award

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About This Policy

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Responsible University Office:

Office of the Provost

Scope

All faculty and librarians on the Bloomington campus.

Policy Statement

1. The Bloomington Faculty Council requests the Bloomington Provost to establish one or more awards to be presented annually to faculty members and librarians who have performed exceptionally meritorious service on a non-administrative appointment for the university, the state, its municipalities, the nation, the international community, or professional societies.
2. The President of the Faculty Council, with the assistance of the Budgetary Affairs Committee and the Foundation Relations Committee, shall assist the Provost in determining the appropriate source of funding for these awards. The President shall report to the Faculty Council during the Fall Semester of 1985-86 on the progress made toward implementation of this resolution.
3. The Faculty Affairs Committee shall be responsible for determining criteria and procedures for making such awards for service. Awards may be made on the following criteria:

A. Service to the University:

The award or awards may be given to a person whose service to the University has shown two qualities:

1. Consistently exceptional service, typically extending over a period of at least five years;
2. Greater effectiveness, efficiency, and/or visibility in an operation of the University as a result of the individual's efforts.

No distinction is made between persons who have been appointed to a service role and those who have not. However, the emphasis is on exceptionality in service in one or more roles. For example, a department chair must show continued exceptionality in the role by developing a national image for the department or by developing practices or procedures that are far above and beyond adequate management of a department.

B. Service to the Profession or Discipline:

The award or awards may be given to a person who has shown exceptional service to a particular profession or discipline. This person must have shown national or international involvement in one or more professional or scholarly organizations in a manner that has created a substantial impact on the ways the organization(s) serve and promote members' activities. For example, a candidate may be president of a national association of professionals or scholars; but unless his/her administration made an unusual impact on the affairs of the membership, the service would not be seen as exceptional.

C. Public Service:

The award or awards may be based on a faculty member's service on local, state, national, and/or international levels. It reflects continuing effort and unusual achievement in promoting the objectives of a public service agency or public service principle. For example, a person active in environmental affairs may be involved with several agencies, but the promotion of the principle of maintaining healthy environments would be the focus of the award.

D. Comprehensive Service:

The award or awards may be given to a person who shows exceptional achievement in service in more than a single area. For example, the recipient might be exceptionally productive in service to a profession, as well as show public service achievement. This award does not focus so much on the unique service in a single field as it does on both breadth as well as quality of service.

History

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Note: Title of policy was changed from "Service Awards" when policy was transferred into the database in 2016.

Related Information

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