APPENDIX 1

UNIVERSITY-WIDE PROFESSORSHIPS

Boyd Professors

The Boyd Professorship is the highest, most prestigious distinction awarded by the LSU System to a member of the faculty who has attained national or international distinction for outstanding teaching, research or other creative achievement. Conferring the title requires approval of the Board of Supervisors through administrative channels.

Eligibility. The nominations shall be limited to tenured faculty at the rank of full professor who do not hold an administrative position of the rank of director or above.

Criteria. Candidates for Boyd Professor are required to have attained national or international distinction for outstanding teaching, research or other creative achievement. Such distinction may be established in various of the following ways defined by the LSU System:

1. "Status as an outstanding teacher as indicated by:

   a. the esteem and respect of students and faculty associates;
   b. the quality of former/current students and their impact on the nominee’s field; and
   c. invitations to present seminars, lectures or workshops at other educational and research institutions;

2. Recognition by distinguished colleagues of the nominee’s competence, impact on the area and influence on related fields by productive scholarship or research as indicated by:

   a. publication of reports, articles, reviews, critiques, etc. in the most respected refereed journals;
   b. publication of monographs, books or chapters of books or monographs, etc., at the research level;
   c. frequent citation of works by others;
   d. editorship or membership on boards of editors of leading journals, symposia, conference reports, etc.;
   e. invited participation in professional symposia, conferences or congresses;
   f. creation of inventions and the acquisition of patents, production rights and control of methods of production or manufacture; and
   g. the production of works of art or music which are acclaimed by recognized critics and connoisseurs; and

3. Recognition of professional activities as indicated by:
4. Service to society and government as indicated by:

a. important positions in public service agencies;
b. activities as an expert consultant to business, industry, agriculture or governmental agencies; and
c. membership on important governmental advisory boards or panels."

Nomination Procedures. Nominations originate with the academic dean or director of the unit in which the nominee holds professorial status. In cases where the nominee holds a split appointment, the nomination shall be submitted jointly by deans/directors of both units.

Confidentiality. Boyd Professor nominations, reviews and recommendations are confidential until submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. In no case should the nominee be notified that she/he has been nominated. The dean/director and appropriate campus administrators shall be confidentially notified in writing of the status of the nomination.

Selection Procedures. The nomination should be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies who shall review the nomination, provide comments and forward to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, who will do likewise and forward to the Chancellor. The Chancellor will review and forward to the LSU System Office of Academic Affairs with his/her recommendation for consideration by the Boyd Professorship Review Committee.

The Boyd Professorship Review Committee is chaired by the chief academic officer of the System and membership is comprised of two emeriti members and three faculty members appointed by the President from throughout the University System. In the review process, the Committee shall seek the confidential objective opinion of editors and editorial board members of relevant refereed journals, of suggested colleagues, and of other authorities regarding the professional stature of the nominee as to the suitability of her/his appointment to a distinguished professorship.

The Committee may recommend to the System President that the nominee not be designated Boyd Professor, resulting in the nomination being returned to the Chancellor disapproved. The Committee may recommend to the System President that the nominee be designated Boyd Professor and, if the President agrees, the nomination is presented to the Board of Supervisors for final action. Finally, the Committee may table or defer the nomination for an indeterminate period.
Monetary Consideration. An appropriate salary adjustment accompanies appointment to a Boyd Professorship. Additionally, a $16,000* annual research stipend is provided. An $8,000* annual support fund may be made available to Boyd Professors who continue to be active in research after retirement.

Term. Appointment as a Boyd Professor is indeterminate.

LSU Alumni Professors

The Alumni Professorship is an honorific title awarded in recognition of a tenured full professor who has a reputation for excellence in instruction.

Request for Nominations. The call for nominations is issued by the Office of Academic Affairs, after notification from the LSU Alumni Association or the LSU Foundation that funds are available for an Alumni Professorship.

Eligibility. The nominations shall be limited to tenured faculty at the rank of full professor whose teaching load is normative for his/her rank and discipline. Boyd Professors shall not be eligible for consideration. Foundation Professors and occupants of named chairs or professorships may be nominated for consideration for Alumni Professorships with the understanding that the chair or professorship must be forfeited if the Alumni Professorship is accepted.

Criteria. An individual nominated for an Alumni Professorship shall possess the following attributes:

1. a reputation for excellence in instruction, especially in undergraduate teaching;
2. a record of active and continuing interest and participation in areas of professor/student relations;
3. dedication to his/her academic field; and
4. outstanding professional relationships with other faculty and staff members.

Nomination Procedures. Nominations may be initiated by individual faculty members, department chair/heads, deans, or directors. All nominations must be channeled through the nominee’s department chair/head. The department chair/head will forward to the dean or director all nominations of faculty members from the department, with comments pertaining to the nominations. Deans/Directors will review the nominations, provide comments and forward them to the Office of Academic Affairs.
Selection Procedures. Nominations will be reviewed by a special committee appointed by the Chair of the Division of Instructional Support and Development Advisory Council. The Committee’s recommendations shall be submitted to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, who will review the nominations with the Executive Committee of the LSU Alumni Association or LSU Foundation prior to submission of recommendations to the Chancellor, the President and the LSU Board of Supervisors. Final appointment of an individual to an Alumni Professorship shall be made by the Board of Supervisors.

Monetary Consideration. Faculty named to Alumni Professorships receive a base salary increase of $5,000 and a $2,500 per year academic support fund.*

Term. Appointment as an Alumni Professor is ongoing unless the holder chooses to accept another named professorship or chair. An Alumni Professor who accepts another named professorship or chair automatically forfeits the Alumni Professorship and the associated academic support fund.

LSU Foundation Professors

LSU Foundation Professorships are established by the LSU Foundation to recognize distinguished scholarship.

Criteria. Foundation Professorships are conferred on full-time members of the faculty who have achieved national and international distinction in their fields.

Selection Procedures. As LSU Foundation Professorships become vacant, the Provost, with input from deans and department chairs/heads, makes a recommendation for appointment to the LSU Board of Supervisors and System President through the Chancellor.

Monetary Consideration. The funding level of LSU Foundation Professorships is $26,000 per year. Of this amount, $10,000 is usually allocated for an increase in the base salary of the professorship holder and $16,000 for support purposes such as graduate assistants, clerical assistance, travel, and equipment.*

Term. LSU Foundation Professors are appointed for an indeterminate period.