

To: SUNY University Faculty Senate
From: Programs and Awards Committee
RE: To Change Length of Service for Distinguished Professorships
Date: 181st Winter Plenary, January 17-19, 2019
Location: SUNY Cobleskill

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the Distinguished Professor designation constitutes the highest system tribute conferred upon SUNY faculty; and

WHEREAS the Distinguished Faculty Rank programs encourage ongoing commitment to excellence, kindle intellectual vibrancy, elevate the standards of instruction and enrich contributions to public service; and

WHEREAS all four Distinguished Professorship ranks should reflect sustained outstanding service to the State University of New York.

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate recommends that the Chancellor adjust the criteria for promotion to distinguished professorships to read: "Candidates for all four Distinguished Professorship Ranks must have held the rank of Professor or Librarian for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution."

BACKGROUND:

Program	Length of Service (2017-2019)	Proposed Length of Service
Distinguished Professorship (DP)	Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for at least five years and must have at least one year of full-time service at the nominating institution.	Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.
Distinguished Service Professorship (DSP)	Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for five years, must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution, and must have completed at least ten years of full-time service in the State University of New York.	Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.
Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP)	Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for five years, have completed at least three years of full-time teaching on the campus that recommends the appointment and ten years of full-time teaching in the State University of New York.	Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.
Distinguished Librarian (DL)	Candidates must have completed at least five years of full-time service at the rank of Librarian (or full Professor with direct library responsibilities at a community college), have completed three years of full-time librarianship on the campus that recommends the appointment, and at least ten years of service within the State University of New York.	Candidates must have held the rank of Librarian for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.

Note: This resolution would amend the policies as currently stated for Distinguished Professor and Distinguished Librarian in “Policies and Procedures, Academic Years 2017-18 and 2018-19

cycle (pp. 5-8).