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Policy Name: Emeritus Trustee Policy

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Owner(s) of Policy: Board of Trustees

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Policy Statement:

Trustee Emeritus is an honorary title conveyed by a governing board upon a former trustee of an institution to recognize exemplary service. The college’s Board of Trustees may elect individuals as Trustees Emeriti to honor retiring trustees who have provided distinguished and meritorious service, outstanding leadership, and exceptional contributions to the University over a period of years.

Reason(s) for Policy:

This Trustee Emeritus Policy (“Policy”) applies to all eligible individuals who have formerly served on the Finger Lakes Community College (“college”) Board of Trustees and have served the college with distinction.

Applicability of Policy:

A. Designation

Individuals who have previously served the college as a trustee with distinction may be elected as Emeriti Trustees.

B. Criteria and Nomination

Trustee Emeritus is a status that is granted to individuals who have demonstrated significant dedication to the college. All former trustees are eligible for nomination provided that they meet the stated distinguished and meritorious service requirements for Emeritus Trustee status as set forth below.

- Two (2) terms of service on the Board of Trustees, as defined in New York State Education Law 6306; and
- Established record of exemplary commitment and service to the college -- and the local, regional, or state community -- with distinction through personal leadership, high attendance, active participation, length of service, level of responsibility, service on committees, and demonstrated adherence to the Board of Trustee policies and code of ethics, exceptional dedication and active support of the college’s mission statement and strategic plan, or other significant accomplishments.

The Board of Trustees may consider trustees who have served less than fourteen (14) years, in its absolute discretion, if the individuals have made a unique contribution to the Board.

All nominations must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation and submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee will review each candidate’s qualifications and present recommended candidates to the full Board for a vote. Any candidate receiving a majority vote in favor by the trustees present and entitled to vote will be awarded Emeritus Trustee status.

C. Privileges & Responsibilities

Trustees Emeriti will be invited to participate in the life of the college, attend public sessions of Board of Trustee meetings, and march at commencement. Trustees Emeriti may be invited by the president of the college or the chair of the Board of Trustees to participate in other activities, committees, meetings, or special events. Trustees Emeriti shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office. Trustees Emeriti shall not be counted in determining the number of trustees required to constitute a quorum at the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

D. Term

All Emeriti Trustees shall have the privilege for life provided however, that the Trustee Emeriti may resign the title or have the privilege revoked in accordance with the Board bylaws.

Effective Date

This policy is effective on the date that it is signed by the Board chair and secretary, and shall be reviewed every five years.

Definitions:

None

Related Documents:

None

Procedures:

None

Forms/Online Processes:

None

Appendix:

None