Emeritus Status

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SECTION 1: Purpose and Scope

1.1 The purpose is to assign Professor Emeritus status to qualified retiring faculty.

1.2 The scope of this policy is for all qualified retiring faculty.

SECTION 2: General Information

2.1 In accordance with West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Series 9, emeritus status is an honorary title awarded to a retiring faculty member or administrator for extended meritorious service. There is no salary or emolument attached to the status other than such privileges as the institution may wish to extend.

2.2 Emeritus status may be extended at any time following the retirement from active service to the University.

2.3 Faculty members or administrators may be proposed for bestowal of emeritus status by the President of the University, the Provost, the Faculty Senate, or the Staff Council. Each faculty member proposed for emeritus status shall have a minimum of 10 years of full-time service at West Liberty University and will be evaluated by the President of the University. The President will have the sole authority to award emeritus status, in consultation with the appropriate Chair or Program Director, Dean, and the provost. 2.4

2.4 Privileges afforded to West Liberty University Emeriti shall include the following:

2.4.1 **Parking.** WLU Emeriti may park on campus without fee.

2.4.2 **Library.** WLU Emeriti will have the same on-campus library privileges permitted to full time faculty or staff.

2.4.3 **Office.** WLU Emeriti may request office space on campus by written request to the President, who will honor such requests in the order received and assign office space as available, in consultation with the appropriate Chair or Program Director, Dean, and the provost. Office equipment may be provided by the University as available, in consultation with the appropriate Chair or Program Director, Dean, and the Provost. The Emeriti making use of University office space must provide their own support equipment and supplies. Postage and consumables will be provided by Emeriti.

2.4.4 **Computer.** WLU Emeriti will have the same computer system privileges permitted to full time faculty or staff, but Emeriti will be required to provide their own software, hardware, or peripherals necessary to achieve connection to and use of WLU computer system(s). If any fee is charged to the University as a direct result of Emeritus use of WLU computer system(s), such fee(s) must be paid by the Emeritus system user.

2.4.5 **Admission.** WLU Emeriti will have the same admission privilege to University-sponsored events as do full time faculty or staff.

2.5 WLU Emeriti are accountable to the President of the University. At the request of the President, they will report on past and potential future emeritus activities.

2.6 The President, in consultation with the appropriate Chair or Program Director, Dean, and the Provost may, at any time, rescind the emeritus status of an individual.