



EMERITUS FACULTY

The College of Marine Sciences & Maritime Studies will follow Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M System policies with respect to Emeritus and Emerita appointments.

[University Rule 31.08.01.M2](#) states that “every individual who, at the time of separation holds a tenured appointment at Texas A&M University and has served the University at least 10 years, must be considered for emeritus status unless the faculty member requests in writing that he/she not be so considered. Non-tenured faculty, or those who have served less than 10 years, may also be considered.”

For faculty without tenure or who have served the University for fewer than 10 years, see [System Regulation 31.08.01](#), which indicates the process for this situation.

Nomination Process

Emeritus titles are conferred upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the university through long and distinguished service in administration, teaching, research and/or service while holding their position. In addition, the individuals must have conducted themselves, throughout their career, in a manner consistent with the code of ethical conduct found in [System policy 07.01 Ethics](#).

Faculty titles eligible for Emeritus status include Professor, Associate Professor, Instructional Professor, Professor of the Practice, Research Professor, Instructional Associate Professor, Associate Professor of the Practice, Associate Research Professor, Principal Lecturer and Senior Lecturer.

See the Office of Faculty Affairs website for the [instructions and coversheet](#) for nominating a faculty member for emeritus status.

Departments should work with their faculty to identify the criteria for granting faculty emeritus status.

Emeritus Status Granted

Emeritus status carries the following responsibilities and privileges, in addition to the benefits and privileges of all retired faculty, once an individual is granted Emeritus status.

a. University Expectations

Emeritus faculty are expected to continue to assist the University in the areas of their competence when requested to do so in an advisory fashion. In addition, Emeritus faculty are encouraged to continue their participation in the many varied activities associated with campus life.

b. Allocation of Office Space

Office space for Emeritus faculty may be accommodated only when possible and may be a different space from that previously occupied by the faculty member. The privilege of receiving an allocation of office space is dependent upon appropriate space being available and the extent to which the activity of the retired individual contributes directly to the instructional or research programs of the department involved.

The Department Head is responsible for determining if a suitable space is available and asking the Dean, in writing, to request the space allocation.

Office space previously assigned to an Emeritus faculty member may be reassigned when requested by academic units to house permanent faculty. The Dean shall have final authority over Emeritus faculty space allocations.

c. *Graduate Activities*

With approval of the Dean and the Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Emeritus faculty may be invited to participate in graduate faculty activities and to accept appointment on graduate committees.

d. *Facilities*

Emeritus faculty may use University services and facilities, including the library, mail and parking privileges, in accordance with University rules.

e. *Other Activities*

Emeritus faculty may be invited to attend University functions. In addition, Emeritus faculty may be invited to attend faculty meetings and extended the privileges of the floor, but have no vote, all at the discretion of the Dean.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Policy 31.08.01 Granting of Emeritus Status to Faculty and Staff](#)

[Standard Administrative Procedure 31.08.01.M2 - Faculty Emeritus Status](#)

[Faculty Affairs Guidelines for Emeritus Nomination](#)