



The University of Akron
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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TO: Joseph Uργο
Interim Executive VP & Provost

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SUBJECT: Distinguished Professor Guidelines and Criteria

The attached guidelines have been approved by the faculty of the School of Communication on Friday, January 24, 2020.

I have approved all attached guidelines and criteria.

If you concur, we ask that you also approve the guidelines and criteria.

School Director

Date

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Exec VP & Chief Admin Officer

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Distinguished Professor Guidelines

Criteria for accomplishments in teaching, research, and service:

1. **Teaching:** The candidate for Distinguished Professor shall have excelled at teaching while at the University of Akron. Excellence in teaching shall be demonstrated through a combination of accomplishments from among the following:
 - A. Generally excellent scores on student evaluations of teaching;
 - B. Generally excellent peer evaluations of teaching;
 - C. Prizes, awards and/or grants;
 - D. Curricular innovation;
 - E. Direction of completed honors projects, master's theses/projects;
 - F. Evidence of other relevant activities.

2. **Research/Creative Activity:** The title of Distinguished Professor requires that the candidate will have established a national and/or international profile as a scholar in the field. Such a profile shall be demonstrated through a combination of accomplishments from among the following:
 - A. Invited presentations at professional conferences at the national and/or international level;
 - B. Peer reviewed scholarly publications at a level significantly beyond the expectations of a Professor;
 - C. Invited scholarly publications, and/or lectures;
 - D. Impact of research/creative activity on the discipline and/or wider community;
 - E. Prizes, awards and/or grants;
 - F. Reviews of the candidate's published scholarship and/or performance;
 - G. Evidence of other relevant activities.

3. **Service:** Consideration may be given to a candidate's service in that individual's discipline. Such a profile may be demonstrated through a combination from among the following:
 - A. Editorship (or associate editorship) of journal(s) in the candidate's field;
 - B. Participation on editorial boards;
 - C. Reviews of scholarship, textbooks, ancillary course materials, etc.;
 - D. Service to the discipline;
 - E. Service to the community;
 - F. Leadership and/or administrative duties in service to the School, College, and/or University;
 - G. Mentoring/advising students;
 - H. Evidence of other related activity.

External Review Guidelines

Candidates applying for the title of Distinguished Professor must submit their documentation for External Review. The following are the procedures for the External Review for candidates in the School of Communication.

External Reviewers

Procedures for external review shall follow Article 22, Section 3 in the CBA. These guidelines shall be followed in selection of External Reviewers for Candidates for the title of Distinguished Professor in the School of Communication.

1. External Reviewers shall have nationally recognized expertise in the discipline of Communication.
2. External Reviewers shall focus primary attention to address the context of the candidate's work as it relates to the discipline of Communication.
3. External Reviewer for Candidates applying for the title of Distinguished Professor shall be one of the following:
 - a. Hold the rank of Professor;
 - b. Hold the title of Distinguished Professor;
 - c. Hold the title of Professor Emeritus;
 - d. Hold the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus.