
Posthumous Emeritus/a Faculty Policy

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Responsible University Official: Provost

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1.0 Introduction and Purpose

Saint Louis University may confer the honorary designation of **Posthumous Emeritus/a** upon deceased faculty members whose records of distinguished service to the University merit special recognition, consistent with the standards traditionally applied to emeritus/a status.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to deceased faculty members who meet the eligibility criteria below and are recommended for the honorary title within one year of their passing.

3.0 Definitions

Posthumous Emeritus/a Status. Posthumous emeritus/a status is an honorary designation that may be conferred upon a deceased faculty member whom, at the time of death, record of distinguished service warrants recognition. Posthumous emeritus/a status is honorary in nature and does not confer any additional benefits.

4.0 Eligibility

Faculty eligible for consideration normally will have:

- Demonstrated distinguished service to the University, their discipline, students, and/or the broader community
- A record of contributions reflecting the standards of excellence traditionally associated with emeritus/a designation
- Full-time status; however, those who were in phased retirement remain eligible

5.0 Procedures

A recommendation for posthumous emeritus/a status must be submitted to the Office of the Provost by the dean within one year of the faculty member's passing.

The submission must include:

- A letter describing the faculty member's distinguished service and impact
- The most recent curriculum vitae available
- A list of significant honors and recognitions

The recommendation will be reviewed and endorsed by the appropriate college/school rank and tenure body and approved by the dean, before being forwarded to the Provost for final determination. The Provost's decision is final.

6.0 Recognition

Posthumous emeritus/a faculty may be recognized in University communications, ceremonial observances, and historical records consistent with institutional and departmental/school practice.

7.0 Approvals

This policy was:

1. Endorsed by CADD: March 25, 2026
2. Approved by the Provost: March 26, 2026