SOP 16 - Procedure for Selection of UnNamed Professors of Distinction

When selecting recipients for unnamed Distinguished Professors or unnamed Distinguished University Professors (defined in REG 05.20.17 Professors of Distinction) the College of Sciences will carry out the following procedures prior to the university procedures described in the regulation.

The current incumbents of this type of Professorship of Distinction are listed on the Provost’s web site at http://www.provost.ncsu.edu/awards-honors/professors-of-distinction.php

In the regulation the criteria for these professorships is clear as to scholarly achievement requirements, but it also states candidate must be an outstanding faculty member. The College of Sciences defines “outstanding faculty member” as one who is respected and contributes in all aspects of their faculty position. These aspects most often include, but are not limited to, teaching and mentoring of undergraduates and/or graduate students, extension and engagement with constituencies outside the university, e.g. public science, service in professional societies and service within the University at the departmental, college or university level.

The Dean will initiate the selection process by an announcement to the Department Heads/Chair. The Dean will stipulate how many nominees will be accepted from each department. The number may vary by size of department.

Each Department Head/Chair may then proceed as they deem best for their department to determine their nominees. The names of the nominees will be kept confidential and submitted to the Dean.

Nomination packets will consist of the candidate’s curriculum vita, nominator’s letter, and a letter from the Head/Chair affirming the nomination and including a description of the “outstanding faculty member” attributes beyond the scholarly achievement if this is not included in the nominator’s letter.

The Dean will give the nomination packets to the college committee constituted per the regulation. From this point forward, the university regulation procedure will be followed.