Emeritus Status

Certain University employees are eligible for emeritus status as specified below. It is the responsibility of the department chair to initiate appropriate personnel forms for the awarding of this status.

1. Faculty. Emeritus status will be automatically conferred upon any faculty member of professorial rank who elects to retire after ten years of faculty service to the University and who meets the criteria for retirement under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi.

2. Administrative Personnel. Emeritus status may be conferred upon administrative personnel who have served at the University in a department head (or equivalent) capacity for a minimum of ten consecutive years and who meet the criteria for retirement under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi.

Requests for the awarding of emeritus status, not automatically conferred, will be coordinated by the Director of Human Resources through consultation with the respective vice chancellor and Provost or the Chancellor, as applicable.

Privileges accorded to persons with emeritus status include the following:

a. Inclusion of names in the University directory and in applicable lists of faculty/staff.
b. Eligibility to receive parking decals.
c. Eligibility for full library and technology privileges.
d. Eligibility to receive faculty/staff discounts (if any are available) on campus activities and events.
e. Eligibility of children for faculty/staff scholarships.
f. Eligibility for office space when available.
g. Eligibility for further education. Enrollment should be during the late registration process to ensure that regular students are not deprived of the opportunity to take their selected courses.