

**POLICY ON THE CONFERRAL OF THE EMERITI TITLE BY  
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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PREAMBLE

The designation of Emeriti indicates that an eligible individual is retired or has left the institution and retains the title as an honor. It recognizes exemplary service to Concordia University (the “University”) as President and Vice-Chancellor (“President”), Chancellor or member of the Board of Governors (“Governor”).

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all individuals having occupied the position of President, Chancellor and Governor. The conferral of the title of Professor Emeriti and Distinguished Professor Emeriti are not subject to this Policy.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the mechanism and criteria for conferring the Emeriti title.

POLICY

1. Conferral by the Board of Governors (the “Board”) of the Emeriti title shall not be forthcoming to all retiring Presidents, Chancellors or Governors. It shall be limited to those who, in the judgment of the Board, have provided active and distinguished service to the University.
2. The Board may confer the Emeriti title to honor former Presidents, Chancellors and Governors in recognition of their outstanding service to the University.
3. Recommendations for conferral of the Emeriti title shall be submitted to the Board by the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Board, as set out in the University By-Laws.

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4. The Board may confer the Emeriti title to honor former Presidents and Chancellors who have completed at least one full term of office in recognition of their exceptional service to the University during their term of office.
5. The Board may confer the Emeriti title to honor former Governors who have served no less than 6 years on the Board in recognition of their exceptional service during their service as Governor.
6. Exceptional service shall have been demonstrated by active participation and engagement in the affairs of the University and in the activities of the Board, and by significant contribution to the life and development of the University.
7. The Emeriti title shall be purely honorific and shall not carry with it any entitlement to authority, rights, resources or privileges, other than the privilege to participate as a member of the platform party at all convocation and installation ceremonies.
8. The term for an appointment under this Policy shall be for the life of the individual, unless otherwise specified in the resolution of the Board conferring the title.
9. A list of all individuals holding this title shall be maintained by the University Secretariat.
10. In rare and exceptional circumstances, if the behavior of a recipient or maintaining their Emeriti title may harm or undermine the University's reputation or may be found to be inconsistent with the mission and values of the University, the title may be revoked or withdrawn in accordance with the Policy on *Revocation of Awards and Other Types of Recognition* ([SG-15](#)).
11. The overall responsibility for implementing and recommending amendments to this Policy shall rest with the Secretary-General.

Approved by the Board of Governors on March 11, 2020, and amended on December 16, 2021.