

**POLICY ON EMERITUS STATUS FOR TENURED FACULTY**  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

The statements that follow have been prepared as a guide concerning policies and procedures for conferral of the emeritus rank and the privileges afforded those tenured faculty who have officially retired from Rensselaer.

**PROCEDURES**

During the fall term of each academic year, the Dean of each school will transmit to the Provost a list of all individuals eligible to receive emeritus rank upon retirement during the current fiscal or academic year. The Provost will recommend individuals to the President for approval.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The emeritus title honors those who have made significant contributions to Rensselaer through teaching, research, service, and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship. Emeritus rank will be conferred to faculty members holding professorial rank at the time of their retirement if approved by the President, according to the procedure above. The retirees must have had a period of ten (10) continuous years of full-time service at Rensselaer immediately preceding their retirement.

Tenured faculty members with less than ten (10) continuous years of full-time service who are nominated for emeritus rank will be referred to the Provost and the President at the discretion of the Faculty Committee on Promotion and Tenure.

**PRIVILEGES**

At the discretion of the Institute, persons appointed to emeritus rank may be granted the following privileges: (a) Purchase of tickets to athletic events at faculty/staff rates for retiree, spouse, and dependent children; (b) Use of University library facilities; (c) Use of University recreational facilities at faculty/staff rates; (d) Purchase of tickets to cultural, educational, and entertainment events at faculty/staff rates; (e) access to and use of Rensselaer's electronic mail system for retired faculty, in accordance with Institute policies governing use of university electronic communications systems.

Approved: Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President

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