



**PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR  
EMERITUS PROCEDURE**

<b>Policy Type:</b>	Board	<b>Initially Approved:</b>	April 25, 2022
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<b>Approver:</b>	Board of Governors		

**A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this procedure is to outline the process for awarding the honorary emeritus designation in recognition of former presidents and board chairs of Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts) who have a demonstrated record of outstanding service to the University and community. The emeritus title is intended to honor exemplary leadership, while providing an opportunity to the selected individuals to continue their involvement with AUArts.

**B. SCOPE**

This policy applies to former presidents and board chairs.

**C. PROCEDURES**

**1. Eligibility**

- 1.1 All former presidents who have completed one full term of office will be eligible to be designated as “President Emeritus”. Where appropriate the title may be held concurrently with the title Professor Emeritus.
- 1.2 All former chairs of the Board of Governors who have completed one full statutory term of office as Chair of the Board will be eligible to be designated as “Board Chair Emeritus”

**2. Process**

- 2.1 There is no nomination or application process required. Following a president or board chair term end the Governance and HR Committee will complete a review assessing the past president’s and board chair’s contributions to:
  - i. Institutional advancement toward strategic priorities
  - ii. Financial and risk stewardship
  - iii. Governance leadership
  - iv. External advocacybased on this review, the Governance and Human Resources Committee shall make a recommendation to the Board regarding the granting of emeritus status.

Conferral of the designation by the Board will not occur until an individual has retired or resigned from the University.

2.2 There is no limit on the number of persons who may hold this designation.

### 3. Rights and Honours

3.1 The emeritus title is honorific, no remuneration or formal duties are attached to the title, it does not carry with it any entitlement to authority, rights, privileges, or resources. Name and designation will be listed on the AUArts website provided the individual agrees to have the status listed.

3.2 Presidents and board chairs emeriti are welcome to continue their involvement with AUArts in a manner to be agreed upon but are not obligated to do so and will receive appropriate courtesies, such as invitations to various AUArts' activities and events.

3.3 The recipient may, at their discretion, use the title 'emeritus', 'emerita', or 'emeriti'.

### 4. Term

An appointment made under this procedure is for the lifetime of the individual, unless otherwise specified in the Board resolution establishing the appointment or as outlined in section E.

### 5. Termination of the Designation

5.1 A president or Board chair emeritus who brings AUArts into disrepute may have the title and its privilege removed for cause by the Board of Governors. The Board's decision shall be final.

In such situations, the Governance and HR Committee will be asked to review the facts of the situation and will advise on and/or make a recommendation to the Board of Governors accordingly upon which the Board may issue a special statement or revoke the title of emeritus.

## D. DEFINITIONS

AUArts                      Alberta University of the Arts.

Emeritus/a                Preferred term of any gender.

President term            Five (5) years.

Chair Term                Three (3) years or as defined in the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*.

Alberta Post Secondary Learning Act      The Post-secondary Learning Act, together with the regulations, governs the Alberta post-secondary system.

Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act      The Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act (APAGA) provide mechanisms to ensure that public agencies are governed appropriately and in the public interest.

**E. RELATED POLICIES**

- Emeritus Policy

**F. RELATED LEGISLATION**

- Alberta Post Secondary Learning Act
- Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act

**G. REVISION HISTORY**

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Description of Change	Sections	Person who Entered Revision (Position Title)	Person who Authorized Revision (Position Title)
	New Policy	All	University Secretary	Andrea Power
2026-05-12	Revised to simplify process and bring into line with other Alberta PSIs. Associated Policy is rescinded and fall under institutional Emeritus Policy	A, C, E	University Secretary	Board of Governors