

1. PURPOSE

- 1.01 The purpose of this academic policy statement is to provide guidelines for the appointment of carefully selected, uniquely qualified individuals who are willing to provide one-year terms of service to the University without remuneration.
- 1.02 Individuals appointed under the provisions of this policy will be designated as Visiting Scholars during their one-year term of appointment.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 The title, Visiting Scholar, is recognized as an honor that may be bestowed upon a scholar, professional, or artist by the University.
- 2.02 The appointment of Visiting Scholars is expected to result in an enhancement of the undergraduate, graduate, or research and professional programs of an academic department/school and/or college and to provide a significant contribution to the educational goals of the University.
- 2.03 Visiting Scholars will possess appropriate academic credentials (i.e., terminal degrees) and/or have a comparable distinguished record of service to society.
- 2.04 Visiting Scholars will be engaged in employment outside of the University or retired from such employment.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.01 Visiting Scholars must provide a specified service to the University. The specified service may consist of duties such as: presentation of seminars, guest lectures, serving on thesis committees, collaborating on research proposals, or any other educationally-related function mutually agreed upon by the University and the appointee prior to appointment to Visiting Scholar status.
- 3.02 The specific duties of each Visiting Scholar will be set out in a letter of appointment from the President of the University. The duration of each appointment will be for one year. Additional one-year appointments may be made at the discretion of the University. Appointment renewal will be contingent upon the quality and level of service provided by the Visiting Scholar to the University.

- 3.04 Subject to written approval by the appropriate academic dean, Visiting Scholars may co-supervise, in cooperation with a member of the regular academic faculty, one or more graduate students.
 - 3.05 Visiting Scholars will not have voting rights within the University community, (i.e., tenure elections, post-tenure review) but may serve on University committees as advisors/observers.
 - 3.06 Visiting Scholars may also serve as non-voting members on thesis and dissertation committees upon the recommendation of the thesis committee chair and with the written approval of the appropriate academic dean.
 - 3.07 Visiting Scholars will not receive remuneration from the University for any services performed during the term of appointment.
 - 3.08 Visiting Scholars may use their association with the University for purposes of submitting external applications for funding when such funding benefits the University. Such applications must be approved by the University and will be governed by the same regulations as apply to regular faculty research.
 - 3.09 Visiting Scholars are not employees of the University while serving during a visiting scholar faculty term of appointment.
 - 3.10 The University will not be obligated to provide working space, secretarial assistance, or other support to Visiting Scholars unless specifically approved by the appropriate academic dean for service to be performed in collaboration with a full-time faculty member.
4. PERQUISITES AVAILABLE FOR VISITING SCHOLARS
- 4.01 Visiting Scholars shall be accorded the following privileges and perquisites at the University during their term of service:
 - a. A temporary faculty identification card denoting their status as Visiting Scholar.
 - b. Faculty library privileges.
 - c. Use of University dining services on the same basis as active and retired faculty members.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

This academic policy statement (APS) has been approved by the reviewer(s) listed below and represents SHSU's Division of Academic Affairs' policy from the date of this document until superseded.

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