In the Spring 2010, the Faculty Senate recommended changes in BSU Policy 7000 to add a faculty title of distinguished professor. These individuals would carry the title "Boise State University Distinguished Professor." The Distinguished Professor title at Boise State University constitutes one of the highest honors that can be accorded to a faculty member. Because the designation is a mark of distinction, it is consequently very exclusive. Membership in this category will reflect the diverse range of scholarly activities at Boise State University.

The title, Boise State University Distinguished Professor, will be conferred on select members of the Boise State University faculty to recognize distinguished achievement in the combined areas of teaching, research and public service. The very nature of the title "distinguished" implies that there will be a limited, select group of faculty members (no more than approximately 5% of the tenured faculty at any one time should hold this designation unless there is a compelling case to do so) who are leaders in their respective fields as attested to by national or international recognition and/or their significant professional public service achievements.

By nature of their appointment as Boise State University Distinguished Professors, these individuals are expected to make special contributions to the intellectual advancement of their home departments and colleges, as well as to the institution as a whole.

Designation of this title shall be made only when a clear indication exists that individuals so appointed will provide exemplary academic and intellectual leadership and continue their professional activities in such a way as to maintain national and international recognition and a commensurate level of accomplishment. Once designated as such, a Boise State University Distinguished Professorship title will be held for the remainder of the recipient's active service at Boise State University as long as the faculty member continues to exhibit the qualities of selection. It may be held simultaneously with an endowed chair or named professorship. The title Boise State University Distinguished Professor Emeritus will be conferred upon retirement.

Individuals with a Boise State University Distinguished Professorship title will receive, in addition to their salary, $3,000 a year to support scholarly activities for themselves, department, college or university.

**Criteria for Selecting University Distinguished Professors**

In general, Boise State University Distinguished Professors will have been recognized nationally and often internationally for the importance of their achievements. They will also have demonstrated the breadth of interest characteristically encompassed by the traditional role of professor as teacher, scholar, and public servant.
The Boise State University Distinguished Professorship title will be conferred on members of the Boise State University faculty whose achievement has already been recognized by the University with the rank of full professor.

Selection Process

1. No later than November 1st each year*, the Provost will request nominations for Boise State University Distinguished Professorships from members of the faculty, deans, and academic department chairpersons.

2. Written nominations will be submitted to the Provost no later than February 1st, will include:
   a. A cover letter making or supporting the nomination and providing a brief summary of the candidate's achievements;
   b. The candidate's curriculum vitae;
   c. Letters of endorsement from relevant deans and chairpersons or directors.
   d. Letters of support from faculty and other colleagues not only at Boise State University, but also other institutions, assessing the candidate's record of achievements in teaching, research, or public service;
   e. Letters of support from present and former students will be encouraged when appropriate.

3. All nominations will be reviewed by the BSU Committee of Distinguished Professors (a subcommittee self-appointed by all BSU distinguished professors). In the inaugural year of the program (FY11) the nominations will be reviewed by the Vice President for Research and the Provost.

4. No later than March 15th, positive recommendations will be forwarded to the Provost, Vice President for Research, and President for final approval.

*Exceptions to this timeline can be made based on special circumstance.

Recognition

1. Boise State University Distinguished Professors will be recognized annually at spring commencement.
2. Recipients' photographs will be prominently displayed on campus.