

# University of the Virgin Islands

## Policy on Conferring Emeritus Status for Trustees

### Background

A Trustee who has distinguished himself or herself in an exemplary manner during his or her years of service on the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands may, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Trustees of the Board of Trustees, be granted the status of Trustee Emeritus by majority vote of the Board of Trustees at any meeting. Those having served as Board Chair may be granted the status of Board Chair Emeritus.

### Criteria

Emeritus Status shall be granted only to a Trustee whose term has expired after serving at least one term (preferably two or more) and who has distinguished himself or herself by significant contributions to the Board, providing Committee leadership over a period of years, making a major gift to the University, or spearheading some equivalent contribution.

### Process for Granting Trustees Emeriti Status

1. The Committee on Trustees will nominate to the Board of Trustees persons for Trustee Emeriti status based on the above criteria.
2. Following the nomination by the Committee on Trustees, the nomination shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for the granting of Trustee Emeritus status by majority vote of the Trustees at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

### Benefits and Privileges Accompanying Emeritus Status

1. An election to the status of Emeritus shall be for life, or until resignation
2. Appropriate citation from the University.
3. Invitation to attend, and/or notification of all Board meetings, as a non-voting trustee and who is not counted for the purpose of a quorum.
4. Utilization of Library and other research facilities on an as-available basis.
5. Invitations from the President to sporting events /concerts/performances, etc., including complimentary tickets

### Encouragement of Continuous Engagement

1. Remains on the Advancement and Public Relations mailing lists of the University.
2. Receives copies of publications and updates on university developments.

3. Encouraged to attend special celebratory events.
4. Occasional invitation from the President, on an individual or group basis, for consultation or for lunch or dinner.
5. Invitations from the President and Board Chair to events hosted by the Board

### **Responsibilities**

1. To act, in general, as a good-will ambassador for the University of the Virgin Islands.
2. To assist, to whatever extent possible, in the recruitment of students, faculty, and staff.
3. To keep the University informed of his or her current address and professional activities.
4. To continue to financially support the University and serve as representation of the Board in the cultivation and solicitation of major gift prospects as well as at key cultivation events.
5. To assist with new trustee orientation.
6. Provide a historical perspective on board policy and procedures upon request.

### **Revocation of Trustee Emeritus Status**

The Board of Trustees may terminate the status of Trustee Emeritus granted to any Trustee convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, or whose conduct adversely affects the University or brings disgrace to the University.

The Committee on Trustees will periodically review the criteria for election of Trustees Emeriti /Board Chair Emeriti and update as necessary.

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