

Middle Tennessee State University

Board of Trustees Policy

Trustee Emeritus

Section 1. Purpose

This policy is to honor outstanding individuals for their commitment to the University, its mission and its goals, and to express appreciation to them for their long-standing dedication and exemplary service.

Section 2. Designation

Individuals who have previously served the University as Trustee and who have served the University with distinction may be elected as Trustee Emeritus.

Section 3. Criteria and Nomination

Trustee Emeritus is a status that is granted to individuals who have demonstrated significant dedication to the University. All individuals are eligible for nomination provided that they meet the stated distinguished and meritorious service requirements for Trustee Emeritus status as set forth below.

Section 4. Requirements

4.1 A full term as appointed by the Governor and approved by the legislature on the Board of Trustees, including consistent attendance, active participation, and sustained financial support or service to the University, the local community, or the global community with distinction.

4.2 Retired from active Board service for at least one (1) year.

4.3 Established record of exemplary commitment to the University through personal leadership, responsibility, and fund-raising and exceptional dedication and commitment to the mission of the University.

4.4 All nominations must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation and submitted to the Executive and Governance Committee of the Board. The Executive and Governance Committee will review each candidate's qualifications and present recommended candidates to the full Board for a vote. Any candidate receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor by the trustees present and entitled to vote will be awarded Trustee Emeritus status.

Section 5. Privileges and Responsibilities

Emeriti Trustees will be invited to participate in the life of the University, attend sessions of Board meetings and march at commencement.

Emeriti Trustees may, on occasion, be invited by the President of the University or the Chair of the Board to attend or participate in other activities or special events.

Emeriti Trustees shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office. Emeriti Trustees shall not be counted in determining the number of trustees required to constitute a quorum at the meetings of the Board.