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MEMORANDUM

To: CLAS Chairs and Directors

From: College Office

Re: Distinguished Professor Rank

A new professorial rank, titled Distinguished Professor, has been established at the University of Florida. It will be considered in CLAS by academic departments and the College Office as part of the normal Tenure and Promotion procedures. The provost's description of the new rank and criteria follows:

*Recommendations for the new rank of Distinguished Professor should be processed under the same procedures used for the recommendation for promotion. Nomination for this award is to be done by the appropriate administrator, normally at the request of the departmental faculty. Those faculty voting in the department shall hold the rank of full professor or above, or the equivalent in academic rank. We encourage you to review your faculty for possible consideration for the award of this title. The award of this title recognizes a distinguished and exceptional record of achievement beyond the level of professor in the areas of teaching, research and professional and public service. Distinction for the award of this rank means an academic performance appreciably better than expected for a full professor, with a strong national and/or international reputation in the field of endeavor.*

*Administrators of rank department chair or above are not eligible for promotion to the rank of Distinguished Professor while they hold their administrative title. Administrators are eligible for this promotion when they return to professorial rank and no longer have their administrative title and appointment.*

*Faculty who are promoted to this rank will continue to have the duties of a faculty member as assigned by the appropriate administrator, i.e., there is no reduction of duties associated with this rank. There is also no special funding of assistantships or other support associated with this rank. There is a promotional salary increase when the rank is first attained.*

It is important to note that the provost views these positions as relatively few in number, more in keeping with the designation of Graduate Research Professor, except that Distinguished Professors will be evaluated on a broader basis, as indicated in the provost's memo above. So while we have many distinguished professors in CLAS, only a small number will be Distinguished Professors.

Nominations will be made by the department chair; self nominations are not accepted. Submissions of portfolios from departments for promotions to Distinguished Professor must be in the College Office by November 21 (note: all other submissions are still due October 24).

Departmental nominations will be reviewed by the College T&P committee, which makes its recommendations to the dean. Those approved by the dean will be forwarded to the Academic Personnel Board for a final level of review.