

Establishment of an Academy of Public Service Excellence

Policy Memorandum No. 117

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The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Extension, unanimously approved a resolution to establish an Academy of Public Service Excellence.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by Council.

WHEREAS, the public service mission is an integral part of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and focus attention on state employees who have contributed to the excellence of public service or outreach missions of the University, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to facilitate cooperation with the University in encouraging, promoting, recognizing and rewarding excellence in public service, and

WHEREAS, scholarly activities can be encouraged through sponsoring seminar speakers, visiting scholars and other activities which are examples of excellence related to public service.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University establish an Academy of Public Service Excellence to recognize state employees who have contributed outstanding efforts to this mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Academy be established to incorporate the purpose, membership criteria and justification detailed as follows.

Purpose

The Academy of Public Service Excellence will recognize and focus attention on those who have contributed to the excellence in public service or outreach missions of the University. It will also facilitate cooperation with the University in encouraging, promoting, recognizing and rewarding excellence in public service.

Responsibilities associated with the purpose of this academy include meetings and other communications with the University community to relate major Academy events and major accomplishments related to its membership. Possible activities include sponsoring seminar speakers, visiting scholars and other activities related to public service excellence.

Membership Criteria:

Initial membership in the Academy of Public Service Excellence will be composed of previous winners of the Alumni Extension Award who are currently employed by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Academy members will elect annually a maximum of four new

members which shall include the two recipients of the Alumni Extension Award and two at-large members who have made major contributions in public service. At-large members, who will be selected based on their outstanding public service record, can be nominated by any university employee. The annual election of at-large membership from the nominees will be conducted by those selected to Academy membership during the previous three years. All Academy members will retain their membership as long as they are employed by the University. Newly-elected members will have an "active service" status for three years. Future membership requirements may be revised through a change in the By-Laws of the Academy.

Selection criteria for Academy members include innovation and creativity, program results, subject-matter expertise, communication skills and professional activities in extension and public service. Further criteria will be provided through the By-Laws.

Justification

The Academy of Public Service Excellence is an important part of the University since it provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding public service by persons other than those with an Extension appointment. Public service has received increased emphasis in the Commonwealth and should be recognized to encourage excellence in the area. Membership in this Academy will provide additional prestige for those honored and will stimulate the planning of more scholarly activities for the membership and others involved with public service.

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