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Memo

To: Deans, Executive Directors, Department Heads and Associate Deans Research
From: Jim Germida, Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations
Jim Basinger, Associate Vice-President Research
Date: January 8, 2013
Subject: **Call for Nominations: Distinguished Professorship**
(A component of the University of Saskatchewan Chairs Program)

The Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic in conjunction with the Office of the Vice-President Research are pleased to issue a call for nominations for the Distinguished Professorship Program (formerly Distinguished Chair Program). The revised and renamed program was approved by the Board on December 14, 2012. The intent of this program is to "honour and celebrate exceptional achievement in research, scholarly, or artistic work by University of Saskatchewan faculty or emeriti." Please see the attached Terms of Reference for details on changes to the program.

The title of Distinguished Professor is awarded to recognize senior faculty whose research has contributed significantly to the enhancement of knowledge, whose scholarly activity and accomplishments have enriched selected areas of research, who are recognized nationally and internationally for their impact and leadership, who set a high standard of research excellence, and who have achieved and sustained distinction in research. A maximum of 30 Professorships may exist at any one time. Distinguished Professors Emeriti will not be included in this quota.

The Professorship value is honorary, and does not replace faculty members' tenured appointments as governed by the University's standard policies and procedures. The title of Distinguished Professorship is retained for life.

Professors Emeriti or current members of the University of Saskatchewan faculty shall be eligible for appointment to the Professorship positions. Recipients must possess academic qualifications corresponding with appointment at the rank of Full Professor. There will be an annual nomination cycle, with selections made by an Advisory Committee, which will review nominations and provide advice to the Provost and Vice-President Academic on award of Distinguished Chairs until such time as thirty individuals hold the title.

Nomination packages should include the following:

- A statement of nomination from the Dean/Director of the College/School, including description of procedures undertaken to identify the nominee;
- Brief assessment of nominee's research record, including rationale for appointment (1500 word maximum);
- Current CV;
- Brief description of nominee's most important contributions to research, scholarly, or artistic work; and
- Letters of recommendation, including two from referees internal to the University of Saskatchewan and three from external assessors.

Additional information regarding the Distinguished Chairs program is available on the following website: http://www.usask.ca/researchawards/Distinguished-Chairs-Program.php

Nominations packages should be submitted to Anna Okapiec in the Office of Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations by **March 15, 2013.** For more information please contact Anna at 966-8490 or email at anna.okapiec@usask.ca.