I. Statement of Purpose and Expectations

The purpose of the award of a named professorship is to recognize and provide support to an Old Dominion University faculty member who has exhibited sustained excellence in teaching and/or research as well as a continuing, exemplary commitment to the University.

Appointments to named professor positions are for a five-year period, and they are renewable based on an in-depth performance review. Each named professor shall receive a document from the Dean, with input from the department/school chair or center director where appropriate, outlining research, teaching, and service expectations over the next five years. The recipient will serve as a model of professional accomplishment and commitment to the mission of the University.

The recipient must hold a full-time faculty or senior research appointment at Old Dominion University.

II. Selection Procedures

The selection and appointment procedures will be as follows.

A. The candidate will be recommended by the department's Promotion and Tenure Committee.

B. The college Dean will forward the nomination and his/her recommendation to the Provost along with:

1. A letter stating the rationale for the nomination and addressing the criteria for the named professorship.
2. The nominee’s curriculum vitae.
3. A narrative description of the nominee’s record of accomplishments meriting the appointment.
4. A statement of the perceived relation of the appointment to achieving the University’s mission and goals and strategic plan.
5. A brief statement of the nominee’s interests, the future direction of his/her pursuits, and perceived benefits to the University, college and department/school.
6. The Dean should provide an indication of the expected financial commitment.
C. The Provost will consult the Named Chair Committee and recommend to the President who will make a recommendation to the Board of Visitors for final approval of the appointment.